

Our Mission
"Centered in Christ"
"Strength for Today"
"Hope for Tomorrow"



Late April - May
2016



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April 2016 is here, how blessed we are to be able to enjoy a new day, a new month and just flat out enjoy life to the fullest.

We have concluded another Lenten season and Jesus is the same as he always has been and always will be. It is comforting to know that we have that assurance. He never changes, that brings peace.

I read this on Sunday and it made me appreciate life. In Revelation 1:18 the writer said "I am the Living One: I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" That is reality, the Savior said He is alive forever and ever, what peace that brings to us.

I have had many opportunities to talk to people about life and death. Just on Saturday March 26th between Good Friday and Easter I was talking to someone who has cancer and they told me that they were sent home to die. That does not have to be our end unless we so choose to make it the end. Jesus has promised a future of eternal glory.

When we face death Paul said "to die is gain." Far too many people believe that death ends it all; I actually believe that some Christians believe that also. It takes faith to believe anything! For those of us who plant flowers in the spring we believe that they will grow, that is why we plant them, not bury them. When we live believing and knowing that Jesus has forgiven us, the sin is buried never to grow again and we become a plant placed in the ground to bear fruit for the Master.

Jesus offers us life, peace, joy all the fruit of the Spirit that Paul talks about. That becomes the alternative to what we have outside of Christ. Let us live as though we have the very best to look forward to that we may enjoy heaven on earth as God originally intended for us to live.

Pastor Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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Sunday School

9:15 – 10:00

(For All Ages)

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Fellowship

10:00 – 10:30

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Church Service

10:30

(Children's Church 1st & 2nd Sunday's during summer)

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Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Music Director:

Pianist:

Karen Auffinger 513-738-5225

Nursery Attendant: (Ages birth through four years)

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Visit the Ross Community United Methodist Church web page at: <http://www.rossumc.org/>

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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United Methodist Women

Second Tuesday of the month

@ 10:00 a.m.

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Trustees - Nurture & Missions

First Tuesday of the month

@ 6:30 p.m.

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Church Council

Second Monday of odd months

@ 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 8:00 a.m.

"Prayer Shawl Ministry"

Please spread the word:

-----If anyone has a family member, friend, etc. that is gravely ill, please let me know in the Sunday service, or email me at www.carolfarmer90@yahoo.com.

Also contact me for more information. This program is 100% voluntary, and the Church has not spent a penny. We can also use more volunteers. Have a great day in the Lord.

Submitted by Carol Farmer

COMMUNION



If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev Larry Gallaher, Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Lay Leader Wes Flannery will return your call.

ALTAR FLOWERS



We pray that you enjoy the beautiful flower bouquets on the

Church Altar on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to have special flowers to commemorate or in memory of a special occasion or person please contact Debbie Gilman @ 513-923-9457 at least two weeks prior to the date you wish the special flowers to be displayed.



Please send your e-mail address to rcumnewsletter@gmail.com if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail.

Thank You, Editor

Ross Community Church
 United Methodist
 Women
 Faith, Hope & Love
 In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next women's meeting will be on Monday May 9th at the church at 10:00 a.m. We will be preparing for the Mother & Special Others Dinner.

Our Mother's and Special Others Dinner will be held on May 10th. The program will be called: "Fashions through the Years" with a goofy fashion show. Sharon Niehoff is planning the display of old wedding and prom dresses. Linda Estep is collecting old pictures showing fashions through the years. Invite your Special Others and buy tickets from Linda Estep for the banquet.

We received seven Dorothy Gard UMW scholarship applications. They were from Carolyn Conrad, Sarah Hogeback, Clint Oliver, Heather Rheinfrank, Emma Schoepf, Maggie Schoepf and Sarah Winsted. The scholarships will be given out early June, on Graduation Sunday.

The following women's meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the evening at an undetermined restaurant. Watch the Facebook Ross Community UM Church page for more information.

Volunteer Needed

After publishing the June 2016 RCUMC newsletter it is my intention to step down as the editor. I have been preparing the newsletter for several years and I just need a break from it. I am praying that someone will come forward and take over the newsletter publishing. I will help in any way that I can to get the next editor started.

Peace, Phil

Small Groups

F.I.F.

What is . . .

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F.I.F. is . . . FRIENDS IN FAITH

FRIENDS IN FAITH is a small group of members or friends from Ross Community Church who get together monthly for fun and fellowship *AND you are invited.* Our upcoming events are:

Sunday, May 15 - Group will meet after church for **LUNCH.** Please let Sharon Niehoff know if you would like to attend. (Restaurant to be announced.)

Friday, June 3 - 6:30 p.m. **SAUSAGES AND S'MORES** at the Niehoffs. Bring a side dish. Just fun and fellowship and getting to know those you sit next to on Sunday morning.

Saturday, July 9 @ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **FUN AT THE CAMPGROUND** hosted by Jan Gump and Sandy and Leroy Hogeback. The group will be meeting at Heritage Hills Campground in Liberty, IN (just 40 minutes from Ross) for golf cart rides, food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday, August 7 - 4:00 p.m. at the Church - **POTLUCK DINNER** and a **MOVIE**

More food, more fun, more fellowship

April & May Anniversary's

	April
15	Grant & Ann Montgomery
	May
7	David & Lynette Rheinfrank
21	Dell & Carolyn Foster

The following is copied from an email received by Pastor Larry from Pastor Don Vanneman.

Larry,

Thank you for asking me to fill in for you this weekend. It was a really enjoyable experience for both my wife and me. It was a rare thing after I fill in at a church to hear my wife go on about all the positive things she took away. The congregation was very gracious and God's Spirit was all over the room before we ever started. Some churches you feel like you have to inject the Spirit into the congregation and other churches bring Him with them. You're blessed with the latter and they really love you! They kept going on and on about how they never had a pastor who joined in with the activities of the church before. If Anne and I were searching for a church home, we would certainly revisit Ross Community UMC.

You were certainly right about speaking down front. That platform seemed a hundred miles away. It was much more comfortable for me to be up close and personal with the congregation while I preached. One added blessing was that I know Greg Conrad from Emmaus. He did a GREAT job as worship leader and after the lady got done with the children's message we could have stopped right there and been good! She did a great job too.

Well, my brother, you are in my prayers and I hope the Lord will mend you fully quickly. I don't know if whether the congregation will feel the same way, but in the future, as far as my wife and I are concerned, if you need someone to fill in for you again- please don't hesitate for a moment to ask me. It would be my blessing.

Your Friend and Brother in Christ,
Don

Editors Note: Those in attendance very much enjoyed the message brought forth by Don.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church; Our Church Family; Our military personnel; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet; Gary & Larry Brown (brothers of Phil); Vicki Hilton; Steve Jacobs; the family of Jake Phelps; Jo and Randy Anderson & great grandson Tyson and family; Don and Annette Hegner; Earl Whirls; Prentice Family; Melissa Schoepf; AJ Pittman and family; Denzil & Helen Burch; Dick and Jan Stewart and family; and Special prayers for Pastor Larry as he recovers from his surgery.



If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster @ 738-3748. Provide your e-mail



	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Greeters / Ushers</u>
Apr		
24	Phil Brown	Bud & Judy Kottman
May		
1	Tim Zecher	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster
8	Roger Creasy	Tari Halcomb & Karen Riehle
15	Nancy Beckman	Wayne & Linda Estep
22	Leroy Singleton	Butch & Trey Foster
29	Debbie Gilman	Roger & Judy Creasy
June		
5	Tom Bevington	Bill & Brenda Oliver
12	Tim Zecher	Jim & Sally Rechel
19	Greg Conrad	Phil & Brenda Brown
26	Jim Rechel	Bud & Judy Kottman

April

Birthdays

4/2	Cindy Gallaher
4/4	Craig Eppich
4/4	Zach Foxx
4/4	Taylor Rechel
4/5	Helen Burch
4/10	Levi Taylor
4/10	Lori Campbell
4/15	Lois Lynch
4/15	Samantha Lightfield
4/20	John Guliano
4/22/	Karen Auffinger

May

Birthdays

5/2	Kyle Rheinfrank
5/6	Katie Rheinfrank
5/6	David Flannery
5/9	Carolyn Foster
5/11	Linda Wright
5/14	Nicole Eppich
5/19	Brenda Huber

5/20	Del Foster
5/21	Grant Montgomery
5/23	Joyce Jones
5/24	Lois Gleason
5/27	Micky Eppich
5/27	Vicky Foster

Boy Scouts & Ross Church

Meet Justin Macke, Eagle Scout

For over fifty years boys from Ross and neighboring communities have enjoyed many activities and learning skills thru Cub Scouting Dens at Ross Church. Troop 923 meets here on a monthly basis. Leaders carry out many activities instructing boys in safety skills, giving them opportunities to interact with professional public servants, camping, and Pinewood Derby just to mention a few. I'm certain many of us have supported the popcorn sale annually.



From Cubs many move on to greater opportunities thru Boy Scouting and some dedicate themselves to achieve the Honorable Rank of Eagle Scout. There are many requirements to be met to achieve Eagle Scout and we're privileged to be the recipient of one of those by now Eagle Scout, Justin Macke. Justin approached church trustees early in 2016 requesting permission to place benches around our newly installed campfire pit which was completed by the Scouts with support of their leaders. Thru much preparation, supplying prints to Boy Scout Council for approval, arranging for supplies, which were donated by Watson Gravel and Butler Lumber, Justin installed the benches, which are easily viewed from the church parking lot. The fire ring is placed close enough to the parking lot so a safe spot for lawn chairs is easily accessible to the ring.



We thank Justin for his dedication to scouting and for the benches around the fire ring. We plan to put these to use not only for the scouts, who had their fall campout in that area, but also for church activities.

Bud and Judy Kottman

Annual Spring Yard Sale

McGonigle-Millville UMC
2370 Lanes Mill Road (off US 27)
McGonigle, OH

Yard sale will be on Friday, April 29 (8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 30 (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Lots of bargains; furniture, clothes, hardware, antiques, homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts, etc. Free parking is available. Please call 863-6388 for more information. We are a handicap accessible facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April & May 2016

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Wednesday, April 27, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Ohio River Valley UMW Meeting
Ross Community UMC

We are hosting this women's meeting for the Ohio River Valley UMW. All women of the church are invited. This meeting includes all United Methodist Women in the areas of Hamilton, Oxford, Harrison and Ross. Besides offering our church for the meeting, we also volunteered to provide cookies and drinks for refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet for cookies if you would like to donate.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

UMW Mothers, Daughters & Special Others Banquet
Theme "Fashions Through The Years"

Sara Hogeback will cater an old-fashioned meal. The United Methodist Women will prepare a variety of puddings for dessert. A slide show will be shown of our congregation's family photos, which will include fashions throughout the years. If you have family photos to share of weddings, proms, Christmas, Easter, school events, parties, etc. please contact Linda Estep. There will be a sign-up sheet for puddings if you would like to donate for dessert.

Ticket for Sale – See Linda Estep

GET INVOLVED

Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

Church Administrative Council Meeting

Our **next** Church Ad Council **meeting** will be the evening of **Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.** All members of our congregation are welcome to sit in on this meeting of your church council.

We have several positions, which need to be filled to relieve others who are already carrying a heavy load for your church.

If you wish to address the church council I will need advance notice of the topic you wish to discuss so that it can be added to the agenda for the meeting.

Phil Brown, Church Ad Council Chairperson