

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



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Church Family,

In our Experiencing God class we have been discussing how God speaks to us, how we know if He is calling us to do something? Christians have been asking this question for centuries.

The Bible has several things to say about how God calls us to hear His call. Each of His calls can be found in scripture.

1. There is a call to do general work.

This is a call that he makes to all mankind to turn from their sin and follow Him. This call goes to everyone in some form or another. Before we can follow through on any other calling He has for us we must make this our first step, surrender. Romans 8 says "Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death." He calls us to live for Him.

2. There is a call to life's work.

We can find this calling in the Bible also. Romans says it this way "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function." He has a call on all our lives, but it will vary from person to person, not all are called into fulltime ministry but are a called.

John Calvin said that every man and woman has a calling to fulfill in this life. The circumstances in our lives affect our calling. As we look back into the Old Testament we see where Abraham was called by God to move to another city a great distance from his homeland, not something we are called to do.

Of course, this doctrine brought enormous joy to the humble workers of that day, as it should today. Look at the call of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She had a special calling that no other woman could experience hers was unique to her. Billy Graham had a unique call to spread the gospel to the world, our call may be on a smaller scale, yet equally important to the kingdom.

We are all called to be part of the kingdom, we are all called to minister to those in need, we are all called to share the message of salvation, how are we doing on our calling?

We find our calling through prayer, maybe adding fasting to the prayer for total discernment. Remember, we all have a calling but we're all not Billy Graham.

Pastor Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE +

Sunday School

9:15 – 10:00

(For All Ages)

+

Fellowship

10:00 – 10:30

+

Church Service

10:30

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

+

Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

+

United Methodist

Women

Second Tuesday of the month

@ 10:00 a.m.

+

Trustees – Nurture & Missions

First Tuesday of the month

@ 6:30 p.m.

+

Church Council

Second Monday of odd months

@ 7:00 p.m.

+

United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 9:00 a.m.

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

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

Prayer Chain

To have someone placed on the
Prayer Chain please call Vicky Foster
at 513-738-3749 or email
vfoster@zoomtown.com.



If you wish to be added to the Prayer Chain
send Vicky your email address.

COMMUNION

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



"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

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar,
in memory or in honor of someone, please
contact Debbie Kunick at 513-490-0381 or
djklykbutterfly@gmail.com.

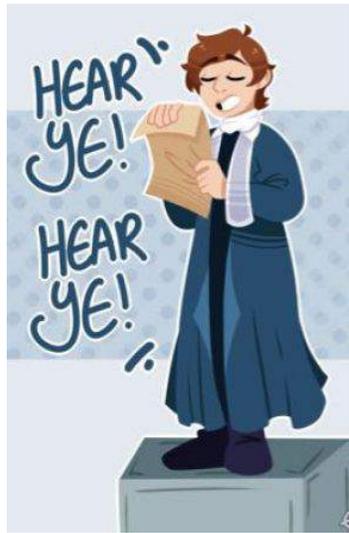


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Submitted by Judy Creasy



This Week At Ross

Mother & Special Others Dinner is on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30PM. Remember to invite your mothers, daughters and special others and buy tickets for everyone in your group. Linda Estep is selling the tickets for \$15.00; the children's tickets are \$5.00 each.

The **theme** for the dinner is: **"Coming up Daisies"**. Dale's Grilling is catering the meal with Grilled Chicken, green beans, JoJo potatoes and desserts. The **entertainment** will be **Woman's Gospel Quartet** singing. There will also be a **silent auction** where Carol Farmer's afghan and other items will be auctioned off to help fund the **Dorothy Gard Scholarship Fund**.

The next UMW women's meeting will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the church to set the tables for the dinner.



Upcoming Events

Our **Men's Group** will have their regular meeting this Saturday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m. Food, fellowship, and a lively discussion are always on the agenda.

Also on Saturday at 9:00 am, Sandy Hogeback is leading a **women's Bible study**. Consider joining the group's meetings on the last Sunday of each month for a time of learning and friendship.

Mothers and Special Others: The UMW's annual Mothers and Special Others dinner will be held Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm. This year's event will be a chicken dinner catered by Dale's Grilling, with entertainment by a women's gospel quartet. There will also be a silent auction as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund which provides assistance to our students each year. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-10; **deadline for purchase is this Sunday, April 29**. If you can make up a gift basket or donate another item or service, please contact Judy Creasy. Use your imagination—the sky's the limit!

Membership Sunday: We will be receiving new members into our fellowship on **May 20**. If you are interested in joining the church or know someone who would like more information, please let me know. (Please note the change of date from May 13.)

Help Wanted

Do you feel called? We need several volunteers to help with the **children's Sunday School class**. If you can sign on for one week a month or just whenever you can, it would be a great blessing to you, the children, and the church. There is a signup sheet on the classroom door.

I received a call from someone needing a **ride from Hamilton to church** on Sundays. Call me if you might help, so I can give you more information.

We're in need of several kinds of **food pantry items**, especially canned meat, canned beans, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, toilet tissue and shampoo. The RAMM ministries program also needs jelly. All these items are greatly appreciated by our neighbors who come to us for help.

Our collection of **toothpaste and toothbrushes for the homeless** in Over-the-Rhine continues. You've already been generous, but if you still would like to contribute, a collection basket is outside the sanctuary. Dollar General has perforated packs of three brushes for the price of one.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays, Pastor **Larry**

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Thanks to Greg Conrad who has set up **live streaming** of our services, bringing our message not just to members who cannot come to church, but to friends anywhere in the world! The Sunday service can be accessed anytime on the RCUMC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rossumc> or <https://fb.me/rossumc>. View the Thursday services at your convenience at <https://fb.me/gregconrad> or <https://www.facebook.com/gregconrad>.

Worship Leaders

May	
6	Debbie Kunick
13	Tom Bevington
20	Kara Broughton
27	Chip Schoepf
June	
3	Brenda Brown
10	Greg Conrad
17	Roger Creasy
24	Tim Zecher

Hall & Door Monitor

May	
6	Sharon Mortimer
13	Wayne Estep
20	Jim Rechel
27	Phil Brown
June	
3	Roger Creasy
10	Butch Foster
17	Doug Beckman
24	Judy Creasy

**Ross Community United Methodist Church
Ad Council Minute Meetings
March 12, 2018**

In Attendance: Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Judy Creasy; Wayne Estep; Vicky Foster; Larry Gallaher; Jan Gump; Sharon Mortimer; Jim Rechel.

Miscellaneous

- Devotional - Jan Gump - Mornings with Jesus - Book of Psalms - Reflection on Retirement
- Devotional for next meeting (May 14, 2018) - Jim Rechel
- Minutes from January 15, 2018 meeting stand approved as read. Brenda Brown moves that the minutes be accepted. Judy Creasy seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

Opening Prayer (Jan Gump)

Opening Remarks (Pastor Larry)

- Car Show - Show and Shine - June 9, 1-4 - Larry talked to Bob Conrad who has a Model T - he will put the word out. Sharon will have Gary put the word out with the Corvette club. Plan to hand out a couple of awards.
- Touch a Truck -set date of August 11 - 1-4.
- Church Picnic - September 23, gates open at 4:00 - eat at 5:00 (rain or shine)

Ad Council Chair (Phil Brown)

- Brenda Oliver wishes to resign as Chair of "Members At Large"
- Tin Can Sailors OKI Meeting - March 22 - Future meetings 4th Thursday of each month
 - 12 confirmed for March 22

UM Men

- Next meeting - March 31, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - Need to let Sandy know so she can coordinate with the ladies.

UM Women

- Next women's meeting - March 13 - should have 10-12 - will plan the Mother's and Special Other's Dinner. Nancy has gospel singers lined up as entertainment for the dinner. Will decide on food tomorrow.
- Mother's and Special Others Dinner - May 8, 6:30 pm

SPRC

- Allison Cecil advised Brenda she can no longer serve on SPRC as Jason is being transferred to Indianapolis and they will be moving soon.

Trustees (Wayne Estep)

- No problems.
- Butch is to work on the doors to the yard barn - out of align.

Finance Committee (Debbie Gilman, Judy Creasy)

- Collected \$1,373 for Robin. She is at UC Hospital.

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New Business -

- Sharon is working on book for 2018. She has three finished books - 2015, 2016 and 2017. Is she capturing the right information in? Is it of interest? Is it duplicate?
- Sharon put sections in for each year - directory in the front, includes newsletters, bulletins, agendas and minutes from ad council, from ladies group, men's group, any flyers we've had for special events, deaths. Emily provides copies of things that need to be included - awesome!! Add photo directory from 2016 - Sharon will ask Emily for a copy.
- Agreed to have the children in the sanctuary each Sunday until after Children's Moments (unless there are small children).
- Flower update - a lot of the Sundays are filled ... will list the open weeks in the This Week At Ross e-mail.
- Easter Lilies-will order around 20 - if individuals wish, they can purchase the lilies

Jim Rechel made a motion to close the Ad Council Meeting - Wayne Estep seconded the motion. **Motion carried** to close the meeting.

Closing Prayer (Pastor Larry)

Next Meeting - May 14, 2018, 7 pm

(An original hard copy of the minutes are posted in the Secretary's Office on the bulletin board.)



5/02 Kyle Rheinfrank	5/14 Karen Riehle
5/06 Bishop Cecil	5/20 Del Foster
5/06 Katie Rheinfrank	5/21 Grant Montgomery
5/09 Carolyn Foster	5/23 Joyce Jones
5/11 Linda Wright	5/27 Micky Eppich
5/14 Nicole Eppich	5/27 Vicky Foster



May Anniversary's

5/03 Jason & Allyson Cecil
5/07 David & Lynette Rheinfrank
5/21 Dell & Carolyn Foster

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day?

Memorial Day, according to the U.S. Department of **Veterans** Affairs, is a **day** for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, while **Veterans Day** is set aside to honor all those who served honorably in the military, whether in war or peace.

Why Do We Celebrate Memorial Day?

By [Tessa Berenson](#)
May 24, 2015

It's easy to forget what Memorial Day actually means while you're sitting by the pool and looking ahead at summer vacation—but the day signifies much more than just a three-day weekend.

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, started after the Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate dead.

It's unclear exactly where the holiday originated—Charleston, S.C., Waterloo, N.Y., Columbus, Ga. and other towns all claim to be the birthplace of the holiday. The event in Charleston that may have precipitated the holiday offers poignant evidence of a country struggling to rebuild itself after a bloody war: 257 Union soldiers died in prison in Charleston during the Civil War and were buried in unmarked graves, and the town's black residents organized a May Day ceremony in which they landscaped a burial ground to properly honor the soldiers.

In the years following the Civil War, Memorial Day celebrations were scattered and, perhaps unsurprisingly, took root differently in the North and South. It wasn't until after World War II that the holiday gained a strong following and national identity, and it wasn't officially named Memorial Day until 1967.

The final event that cemented the modern culture of Memorial Day in America was in 1968 when Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act, designating Memorial Day as the last Monday in May rather than May 30, as it had previously been observed. This ensured a three-day weekend and gave the day its current status as the unofficial beginning of summer, mixing serious reflection with more lighthearted fun.

FIRST ANNUAL CAR AND BIKE SHOW



SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Live Music at 2:00 PM

**“Best of Show” Bike and “Best of Show” Car
Presented at 4:00 PM**

**Food and Refreshments Available
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 10)**

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