

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



November  
2018



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Dear Church Family,

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

14 It happened one Sabbath, when He went for a meal at the house of one of the ruling Pharisees, that they were watching Him closely and carefully [hoping to entrap Him]. 2 And there in front of Him was a man who had [a]dropsy (extreme swelling). 3 And Jesus asked the lawyers and the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" (Luke 14:1 - 3)

The people of Jesus' time were watching every move He made hoping to catch Him doing something wrong or against the rules of the Sabbath. The Pharisees were intent to find fault in everything He did. They didn't care if someone was healed, their sins forgiven, or a miracle occurred. Their message was "let's find fault."

People today watch us, some to condemn anything we do as Christians as they did Jesus. Some are just interested in why we are different from what they do. Can they find fault with us? What are they seeing when they watch us?

I hope they are seeing us being honest, being fair, being kind, showing mercy. Doing the things that Jesus did. He did say we would do greater things than He did. What are we doing?

I hope they're seeing us walk out our doors on Sunday morning on our way to church. Words are important, but actions really talk, and they talk loudly. What are our actions saying to those around us?

I just want to encourage us to be followers of Jesus, learn from His Word, follow His guidance as the Holy Spirit leads us. It may be radical but so was what Jesus did, but that is Jesus. He changed the world by doing the will of His Father. Maybe we can't change our world, but we can sure do a great deal in our communities, in our neighborhoods, in our church. We have everything at our finger tips to do His will. Look it up in the Bible to see what great and miraculous things He has in store for you.

Pastor Larry

# Information Page

## Ross Community Church

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE +

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday's during summer)

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#### Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

### 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

@ 9:00 a.m.

### CONTACTS

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#### Church Council:

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

#### Pastor Parish Chair:

Brenda Brown 513-868-2338

#### Trustees:

Wayne Estep 513-896-5851

#### Sunday School Superintendent:

Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

#### Nursery Attendant: (Ages birth through four years)

Robin Montgomery 513-892-2295

#### Prayer Chain:

Vicky Foster 513-738-3748

#### Newsletter:

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:djklykbutterfly@gmail.com).



Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant: Office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
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issue of The Ross Community  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter by e-mail.

Ross Community  
U.M. Women  
Faith, Hope & Love  
In Action



*Submitted by Judy Creasy*

The next UMW women's meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2018 in the church at 10:00AM. Debbie Kunick will show the women the table decorations for the Christmas dinner.

In November, the women will be selling Thanksgiving paper tablecloths, along with selling the Terri Lynn nuts and candy. All the proceeds of these sales will go to the Dorothy Gard Scholarship fund. Watch "This Week at Ross" for more details.

We are hoping the whole church will attend the Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. The dinner will be grilled chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, etc. The UMW women are bringing Christmas cookies for dessert, with a cookie exchange after dinner. The praise band will be playing Christmas carols. Linda Estep will be selling dinner tickets at \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 10.



On December 2, 9, 16, and 23, Jan Gump will be available to take your flower dedications for 2019. So, please be thinking about it and be ready! It will be \$20 again in 2019 and you can select as many Sundays as you would like to honor your family, friends, birthdays, anniversaries, other special days and occasions or whatever you choose.

*Submitted by Jan Gump*

## Hall & Door Monitor

### November

**4** Jim Rechel  
**11** Phil Brown  
**18** Roger Creasy  
**23** Butch Foster

### December

**2** Doug Beckman  
**9** Judy Creasy  
**16** Sharon Mortimer  
**23** Wayne Estep  
**30** Jim Rechel



# VETERANS DAY!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



**Veterans Day  
November 11, 2018**

## Worship Leaders

### November

**4** Tim Zecher  
**11** Nancy Beckman  
**18** Jim Rechel  
**25** Debbie Gilman

### December

**2** Chip Schoepf  
**9** Sally Rechel  
**16** Tom Bevington  
**23** Greg Conrad  
**30** Debbie Kunick

### January

**2019**

**6** Roger Creasy  
**13** Tim Zecher

# November Birthdays



06 Tom Bevington	26 Allyson Cecil
07 Lynnette Rheinfrank	26 Judy Wilson
10 Frank Auffinger	27 Tari Halcomb
19 Wilma Spurlock	27 Ashley Snow
24 Randy Anderson	27 Kara Broughton

# November Anniversary's

	23 Jim & Sally Rechel	
	25 Jim & Lois Lynch	



## Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2018



### From Pastor Larry

**Sunday Worship:** We will continue our series on prayer with a message titled "Secret Weapon." We all possess secret weapons we can call on during times of intercession. We'll talk about how to access and use them. Please begin to prepare for worship by reading the Scripture references: Exodus 27:8-13 and Ephesians 6:12-17.

If you ever miss the message, you can view it (and the entire Sunday service) any time on our website at <http://rosscommunitymethodistchurch.org/>

**REVISED DATES: "I Can Only Imagine" Film and Study -- now begins Wednesday evening, November 7** at 7:00 pm and will continue for three additional sessions on November 14 (Wednesday), November 20 (Tuesday), and November 28 (Wednesday). The only cost is \$15 for the study materials. Please let me or Debbie Kunick know if you would like to sign up but have not yet done so.

**November 4 – Annual Meeting:** Our annual church meeting will begin at 1:00 pm, with lunch between worship and the meeting. Pizza and salad will be provided; please bring cookies or a dessert to share if you can. This is an important time to review our past year and plans for 2019. The meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes to an hour.

**November 6 – Election Day:** Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 6. When we don't vote, we have no voice. Elections give us the opportunity to actively participate in our democracy and determine the shape of our country's future for years to come. Exercise your right.

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### Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, October 28: ORV Connecting Points Program (General Session at 2:15 pm)
- Sunday, November 4, 11:45 am: Lunch and Annual Church Conference
- Tuesday, November 6: Election Day
- Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 pm: "I Can Only Image" Study Series begins (**Postponed from October 24 and 31**)
- Sunday, November 11, 10:15 am: Veterans' Observance and Flag Burning Ceremony

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The date for the November Admin Council meeting has been changed from November 12 to Monday, November 5 at 7:00 pm. If you have anything for the Council to discuss, please let [Phil Brown](#) know.



**Ross Community United Methodist Church**  
**Ad Council Minute Meetings**  
**July 9, 2018**

*In Attendance:* Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Judy Creasy; Linda Estep; Wayne Estep; Vicky Foster; Larry Gallaher; Debbie Gilman; Sandy Hogeback; Sharon Mortimer; Bruce Armstrong; Donna Armstrong; Helen Armstrong; Olivia Armstrong.

**Miscellaneous**

- Devotional - Pastor Larry
- Devotional for next meeting (Sept. 10, 2018) - Jim Rechel
- Minutes from May 14, 2018 meeting stand approved as read. Brenda Brown moved that the minutes be accepted. Wayne Estep seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Opening Prayer** (Pastor Larry)

**Opening Remarks** (Pastor Larry)

- Northern Lights Emmaus monthly gathering will be at our church on Friday, July 13, 2018. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30PM. Wayne discussed how the tables will be setup for the dinner. There should be around 30 persons for the fried chicken potluck dinner and meeting.

**Ad Council Chair** (Phil Brown)

- The Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 4:00PM. It was decided to have fried chicken, with Potluck dinner.

**UM Men** (Wayne Estep)

- July 28th is next men's meeting, 9:00am.

**UM Women** (Judy Creasy)

- On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM the women are having a UMW Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast. The women are bringing hot breakfast casseroles, fruit salads, doughnuts, biscuits and gravy, cereal and juices. Since all the Dorothy Gard scholarship money has been used, they need to start making money for the Scholarship Fund.

**SPRC** (Brenda Brown)

- Nothing to report

**Trustees** (Wayne Estep)

- Nothing to report

**Finance Committee** (Debbie Gilman, Judy Creasy)

- Finances are doing well.
- The offering is under the budget, but expenses have been even lower; so we had a surplus.
- No lawn care bill yet.

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- **Touch-a-Truck** will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.
  - Bruce and Larry are calling companies to bring trucks: Premier, Safety Clean, Salty Dog Museum in Shandon. Butler County Sherriff police car, Rumpke garbage truck, Fire truck, ambulance, trucks with sleepers, farm trucks, lift trucks and Butch's trucks.
  - Food: hot dogs, chips, drinks, water, will be served.
  - Kona ice truck will be back.
- **Car show** held on June 9, started at 1:00 and awards were presented at 4:00.
  - This was an outreach opportunity; we did have a good crowd.
  - The Praise Band played and sang for the car show, picking Christian and 60s songs.
  - Parking - we put the show cars out front on the grass, which was cooler with shade trees to sit under.
  - Olivia handled catering - food was cheap, \$1 and .50 each.
  - Two awards - best car and best motorcycle were awarded.
  - Will send thank you notes, with post cards enclosed with questions & recommendations.
  - Next year ideas:
    - Need to put a tent near the driveway entrance, so greeters have a way to get out of the hot sun.
    - Rain date will be week later.
    - Will have more car categories and trophies.
    - We may not have motorcycle class.
    - Need to mark the grass better, with more spots for show cars.
    - Tell participants to bring canopies, to get out of sun.
    - Kona truck will also be invited.
  - It was a fun day, meeting a lot of people with great cars.
- **New- Choir Robes:** Trying to decide if the robes will be used in the near future. If not we should clean them and pack them up for future use.
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- Beverly Papet's memorial service will be on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.
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- Brenda Brown made a motion to close the Ad Council Meeting - Wayne Estep seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
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- **Closing Prayer** (Pastor Larry)
- **Next Meeting - September 10, 2018, 7 pm**

**Ross Community United Methodist Church**  
**Ad Council Minute Meetings**  
**September 17, 2018**

*In Attendance:* Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Wayne Estep; Vicky Foster; Larry Gallaher; Debbie Gilman; Sharon Mortimer; Jim Rechel; Bruce Armstrong; Donna Armstrong; Helen Armstrong.

**Miscellaneous**

- Devotional - Jim Rechel - Psalm 23 - Why was it written? A still point in a turning world.
- Devotional for next meeting (November 12, 2018) - Larry
- Minutes from July 9, 2018 meeting stand approved as read. Larry Gallaher moves that the minutes be accepted. Jim Rechel seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Opening Prayer** (Jim Rechel)

**Opening Remarks (Pastor Larry)**

- Faith and Freedom Coalition - November ballot issues
  - They will send sample ballots and we will make them available
- Larry Carpenter of the Gideons reached out to Larry and would like to come back to the church and speak -
  - In agreement that someone from the Gideons can come for a short presentation (10 minutes or so)
- World Communion Sunday Offering - October 7
  - We will take up an offering to help students - Emily didn't get envelopes - will mention it and people can write on the offering envelope if they want to donate to the cause
  - Suggestion to have the kids collect after Children's Moments
- "Connecting Points" meeting with district - October 28, 2018
  - District wants to use our facility on October 28.
  - Need Sanctuary space for about 100. Starts at 1:00.
  - The District would like us to supply light refreshments - cookies.
- Annual Church Meeting will be on November 4
  - Plan is to get pizza and hold the meeting right after church - similar to last year
- Entertainment Requests
  - Tony Wolf - Christian comedian, musician, and speaker - has offered to come to church and entertain free of charge
  - Denise Dittman Cook - gospel singer that Emily knows - she and her husband are putting together a concert series - would be a 50/50 split love offering - able to sell their CDs
  - Larry is going to explore and check on the dates they are available early next year. Suggestion to do a special music Sunday in conjunction with our Praise and Worship Band.

**Ad Council Chair (Phil Brown)**

- Smoke House event in spring - 2019
  - Fire department smokehouse - good event for elementary school kids. Better if held before school lets out. Teach them how to get out of the house ... provide free hotdogs.

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**Ad** Beverly Papet Memorial Service - thanks to all who helped.

- Northern Lights Emmaeus - July 13 - thanks to everyone who helped. Got a lot of positive comments from people who attended.
- Touch A Truck - Numbers down - but good event - possibly skip for a year
- Larry will send out a list -- car show, first responders, smokehouse- will sit down in November and put dates to the events for 2019
- Church Picnic - September 23

**UM Men**

- September 29 is next men's meeting, 9:00.

**UM Women**

- December 6, 2018 - Reserve church for "Christmas in the Country"
  - Larry will have Emily reserve the date
- Will begin taking pre-orders of Teri-Lynn nuts and candy on Sunday, September 30. Will sell pecan halves, pecan pieces, mixed nuts, whole cashews, milk chocolate pecan clusters, dark chocolate mint patties, sweet and salty trail mix and milk chocolate jumbo raisins

**SPRC**

- Nursery Attendant -
  - Brenda plans to discuss the possibility of hiring a nursery attendant with SPRC at meeting on October 10, 7 pm
  - If we stick to the guidelines, most of the time, we don't have children who would be in the Nursery.

**Trustees** (Wayne Estep)

- Nothing to report

**Finance Committee** (Debbie Gilman, Judy Creasy)

- Not much has changed except offering for August is down, but so is attendance. Hasn't gone up yet in September. Will keep an eye on September. Good news is we're not spending more than we're bringing in.
- We'll have a propane bill in September.
- Good news for Workers Compensation, we got a refund.
- Stewardship Sunday - Will do last Sunday in November

**New Business**

- Last Supper for Easter 2019 -
  - Larry will contact principal at high school to check on drama club or extra credit for community service.
  - Jim will include \$750 in budget if we decide we want to do it.

**Hospitality / Outreach** -

- Car show event - very successful
- Flea Market type event
  - Spring and Fall type event - Charge a nominal amount - \$5 - First Saturday of month - last Saturday of month. Get revenue with basically no expense.8-noon.
  - How to grow church - can't be just events - become ingrained in the fabric of the community - Larry and Bruce are going to knock on doors!!
- Brenda Brown made a motion to close the Ad Council Meeting - Wayne Estep seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Closing Prayer (Pastor Larry)

***Next Meeting - November 12, 2018, 7 pm***