

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



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Dear Church Family,

We can learn a great deal about the church by looking at Acts chapter two

The church was founded close to two thousand years ago and despite all the reports we hear today the church is still flourishing. The church is doing well because God continues to bless it, direct it and find favor with it. What He blesses he prospers.

This is so amazing because the church is made up of people. Guess what, we are not perfect, we admit we make mistakes yet the world calls us hypocrites because that's their perception of God's people. I'm far from perfect yet every day I believe God is working to get me more perfect, He may be working overtime.

Nearly two thousand years after its inception, the church continues to flourish. Throughout the centuries God, in His goodness and grace, has seen fit to pour out His blessings upon His elect. And though the church is constructed with the lives of imperfect people, we proceed in growth.

The church was founded because of the powerful preaching of Peter at Pentecost. Paul set forth a plan and foundation for the church. He was bold in what he said and how he said it.

A Church that is healthy has people devoted to it at all costs. Luke tells us the early church was devoted to teaching. The church taught Jesus where they put their trust in what Paul was saying to them about Jesus. They believed in each other knowing each had a ministry to fulfill and did not complain because one had a different gift than the other. They welcomed people into their fellowship

Paul says that a healthy church is one that gives. Can you imagine living in that day and seeing the Spirit move and the church grow? Paul said they not only gave of themselves but also even sold their property and gave the proceeds away. They depended on God for all things.

Paul said they were united, that is, they were of "one mind." He even took it a bit further and "day by day they were of one mind." A spirit of unity.

Paul talked about how their worship was set on praising God. Love is what made the early church so successful in its worship. They followed the command of God to love one another.

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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### Lay Leader:

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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 Gilman at [dgilman22@gmail.com](mailto:dgilman22@gmail.com)



Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant: Office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.**

Please send your e-mail address  
to [emily.fs.adams@gmail.com](mailto:emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) if  
you would prefer to receive your  
issue of The Ross Community  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter by e-mail.

# TRUSTEES



Submitted by Wayne Estep

For many years we have had a problem with the shed behind the church. The shed was settling too close to the ground, the siding was deteriorating due to moisture and also groundhogs found it to be a very convenient place for them to build their tunnels and nests. Thanks to trustee Butch Foster and his heavy equipment, the shed was removed to a temporary spot on the lawn. He brought in crushed stone and leveled the area very nicely as a base for the shed. He also placed several railroad ties to elevate the shed so that the siding would no longer touch the ground. The next job was to move the shed back in place. With the help of Trey Foster, Todd Taylor, Pastor Larry and myself, we were able to maneuver the shed back into its higher and drier place. This was all done under the watchful eye of Molly, the wonder dog. Thanks to all for a job well done. The shed should continue to serve our purposes for many years to come.

Our church was built 27 years ago with nine air conditioners and nine furnaces. Trustee Roger Creasy has done a great job over many ears in keeping them in working condition. He is currently replacing an air conditioner that was no longer functioning properly with one of our older units that has not been used in many years. By doing this, he is saving us a lot of money. Thank Roger.

One of our major expenses every year is the heating of our church. Thanks to Roger Creasy for informing us of a program that is offered by Premier Energy, our propane provider. In this program you can save a substantial amount of money by prepaying for a whole year. For our church, that would be a yearly savings of \$420. Debbie Gilman checked our finances and decided that it would be feasible to prepay. Debbie, our hard working treasurer, will only have to write one check this year for propane. The trustees try to be frugal whenever we can to save. It's a blessing to serve our church.



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



Submitted by Judy

The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the church.

This year, starting October 22, the women will again be selling Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy. Pre-sales will start on October 15. There will be a list of items, with prices, showing what we will be selling.

We are having the annual Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 7, 2017. The praise band will be playing Christmas carols. Mark your calendars.

If anyone wants to give a prayer shawl to a sick person, please see Carol Farmer, Brenda Oliver or Judy Creasy.

The following women's meeting will be Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

We are beginning to make plans and to establish our Leadership Team committees for 2018, and we're looking for those who might be interested in serving. Our standing committees are Finance, Nominations, Safe Sanctuary, Trustees, Worship, and Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations. Most committees meet every two months or when needed, and during the summer months we streamline our schedule to accommodate travel and other activities. If one of those teams looks interesting or if you'd like more information, please let me know.

We are also in need of a Finance Chair. We thank Bill Oliver, who has served so well and faithfully for many years and who will be stepping down at the end of December.

I would love to have you consider being a part of our Leadership Team as we move forward in 2018.

Now that school is back in session, it's an excellent time to resume regular church attendance. Just as there is always a multitude of things to keep us away during the summer, let's look for a multitude of reasons to get back to church this fall!

See you Sunday,

**PASTOR LARRY**

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We praise God for Leroy Hogeback's successful heart surgery. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick, uneventful and complete recovery. If you'd like to send a card or note, his address is 105 Donna Avenue, Hamilton 45013.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

06	Addy Rheinfrank	12	Nichole Auffinger
06	Sharon Mortimer	14	Jeanine Biggs
07	Tim Zecher	21	Sandy Hogeback
07	Jo Anderson	24	Robin Montgomery
08	Gabrielle Truman	25	Don Rechel

*Editors Note: If you wish to have your Birthday or Anniversary date noted in the newsletter please furnish your name and the month & day to Emily at: [emily.fs.adams@gmail.com](mailto:emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) Thank You.*



## October Anniversary's

15	Todd & Tiffany Truman
19	Doug & Nancy Beckman
20	Dave & Judy Wilson
27	Chip & Melissa Schoepf

# Worship Leaders

### October

- 01 Debbie Gilman
- 08 Debbie Kunick
- 15 Tom Bevington
- 22 Tim Zecher
- 29 Chip Schoepf

### November

- 05 Roger Creasy
- 12 Jim Rechel
- 19 Nancy Beckman
- 26 Debbie Gilman

### December

- 03 Debbie Kunick
- 10 Tom Bevington
- 17 Tim Zecher
- 24 Chip Schoepf
- 31 Roger Creasy



### Food Pantry

Food and personal hygiene items are needed on an ongoing basis. **We especially need canned meat and tuna**

## Church Family Picnic

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 8, 2017** for our annual church family picnic at the Carl Dozier Memorial Park, National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 426 at 3727 Hamilton Richmond Road, Hamilton, OH. The gate will be opened by 4:00 pm and we will eat at 5:00 pm. This will be a pot-luck dish with the church providing the meat. **Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share, your beverage of choice and lawn chairs.**



# Halloween

Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

Copied from:

<http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>

Ross Community United Methodist Church  
Ad Council Minute Meetings  
September 11, 2017

**In Attendance:** Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Judy Creasy; Wayne Estep; Vicky Foster; Larry Gallahe; Sandy Hogeback; Sharon Mortimer; Bill Oliver; Brenda Oliver.

**Absent:** Linda Estep; Debbie Gilman; Jan Gump; Jim Lynch; Jim Rechel.

**Miscellaneous**

- Devotional - Phil Brown - People who use bad things happening in the world to say these are the end times when bad things have been happening all through time. Compliments to Larry on Sunday's service.
- Devotional for next meeting (November 13, 2017) - Larry Gallahe
- Minutes from July 12, 2017 meeting stand approved as read. Brenda Brown moves that the minutes be accepted. Judy Creasy seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Opening Prayer** (Phil Brown)

**Opening Remarks (Pastor Larry)**

- Touch-A-Truck - went well - learned a few things - shorten the length of time. Sent thank you notes to everyone. Plan to do it again.
- Robin Montgomery - update - Larry visited Robin at Drake Center, 151 West Galbraith, Cincinnati, OH 45216 - address will be included in communications so we can send a card.
- New Ministries
  - Grief Share - September 20 - Know of anyone to be included, let Larry know
  - One on one with District Superintendent - talk about where we are, plans for the future, look at statistics.
  - Charge Conference - chose November 12 as the date to target. Larry to confirm. Will plan lunch again. Pizza - ?
  - Vision Team - open it up - Judy Mitchell suggested a cooking class for kids. Invite anyone who wants to come with ideas. Plan one activity each month. Movie night - The Shack. Bonfire, open for any ideas.
  - Larry will be taking some continuing education classes over the next few months.
  - Attendance - what can we do to spark attendance? People have been traveling. Give it some thoughts - ideas? Why is attendance down? What is causing it?
    - Follow-up to those who aren't in church with a phone call, note, personal touch.
  - Children's Moments - limit it to the smaller children
  - Suggestion to leave the buckets by the church doors after the children collect on Loud Sunday - versus taking up to the altar.

**Ad Council Chair (Phil Brown)**

- Church picnic at NALC property - October 8, 2017 - Gates open at 4 pm; eat at 5 pm
- Firewood - could have a fire.
- Butch checking to see if his friend is available to roast the hog on October 8. If not, will go with chicken.

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**UM Women**

- Women's annual church Christmas dinner -
  - December 7, 2017
  - Good idea to do it on Thursday because Praise Band is here.
  - Menu - women discussing tomorrow. Plan is lasagna / salad from Millillos.

**SPRC**

- Nursery & custodial pay discussion - met with SPRC and finance committee to discuss whether to pay Robin while she is off. Decided for one month, will pay Robin for the nursery and custodial duties. Will also pay Nancy Beckman for cleaning; no need to pay Vicky for nursery duties. - will revisit in a month to see how Robin is. There is the possibility Robin may not be able to come back in a month. Robin will be paid monthly as opposed to weekly.

**Trustees** (Wayne Estep)

- Paver Walk - is in - looks great!! Very pleased with it.
- Republic Waste Removal -Renewed the contract - \$24 per month. Gave us a new box. Driver sometimes forgets to lock the box. Have discussed with Republic.
- Premier Heyob Propane - Good news - Thanks to Debbie Gilman - by pre-paying for the year, save \$420 - Debbie only has to write one check (\$4700) Assured that if we get to the end and need a little bit of propane - they will sell us a few hundred gallons.
- Church Air Conditioner - Roger has the new unit set, but needs to blow out the lines. No huge bill forthcoming. Will pay Roger for time / materials he has purchased.
- Siding coming down on one end of the building. Wayne has contacted Chris Foxx to repair it.
- Thanks to Butch for taking the fence down; moving the shed; and getting rid of the groundhogs.
- Thanks to Debbie Kunick for the great job on the flowers for the altar.
- Scott Armstrong would like to have a battle of the bands - Larry sent a note to Kim K to see if we can generate interest - suggested Dick Roemer - he participates at St. Mark's in Fairfield.
- Any ideas for repairs or improvements, please let Wayne know.

**Finance Committee** (Bill Oliver, Judy Creasy)

- Debbie not here - Debbie provided financial reports. Thanks, Debbie - great job as usual!!
- July - lawn mowing bill of \$910. Have requested the service present their bills more timely.
- Landscape and mulching bill of \$1,005.
- Offering is under budget to date - always the case during summer months. Not overly concerned. Expenses are under budget too.
- We are in good financial health. Want to do what is right, but also what we can afford.

Closing Prayer (Pastor Larry)

**Next Meeting - November 13, 7 pm**

Copy of original minutes and the treasurer's report posted on bulletin board in secretary's office.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

