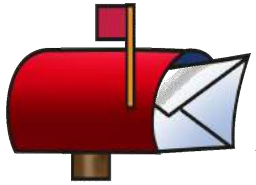


Ross Community UM CHURCH



Our Vision

*Centered in Christ
Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev Larry Gallaher pastor@rossumc.org

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever thought about all the ministries we have going on at your church that you are a part of in reaching people for the kingdom?

Last Sunday we collected our monthly offering for the Heifer Fund. Monies raised from these offerings for our birthday and anniversaries go toward the purchase of farm animals on the mission field. I cannot remember the exact amount that Debbie reported but I believe it exceeded one thousand dollars for 2015. This is for many families and villages and is the only they can have any animals. This ministry provides food as well as milk and eggs for these families.

We also support Linda Kunick and her calling to go to Nicaragua. Each year through last year we had a talent show. This year will be a bit different but man do we have some wonderful talent listed for the event. Linda has lined up some talent and our Praise band will be sharing some of the music they have done during the Sunday and Thursday services. A blessing we can all share in with Linda.

Our loose change and quiet bills collected on the last Sunday of the month goes toward our Benevolent Fund. We receive calls for people needing assistance with their utility bills, gasoline, car repairs and any other need they may have. Your generosity is always wonderful and it is vital to healing families in need.

Our Food Pantry is filled by Jim Lynch which is a ministry that God has laid on Jim's heart and we thank him for doing this. As with the Benevolent Fund we receive calls for families that have little or no food. Although we do not collect food or money for food you are always welcome to designate any gift for this fund.

Nancy Beckman's call is the Sharing Closet. This ministry provides new and gently used clothing for those in need. Similar to the Food Pantry we get many calls from parents needing clothing for their children for school. If you are planning on cleaning out your closet let me encourage to consider gifting it to the church to be used in the Sharing Closet.

I know many of us are familiar with Operation Magi which provides Christmas gifts for families in need. This ministry is the ultimate giving at Christmas time to families who have little or nothing. Nancy works with the Ross Schools to find those families in need and we have the opportunity to provide the gifts for these families.

Thank you, and may God richly bless you, for your help,

Pastor Larry

Announcements:

New Members Welcomed

This week we welcomed new members to the congregation, the Cecils from Hamilton, Jason, Allyson, and Bishop.



Administrative Assistance

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant to cover some office duties at the church for three days a week. Although not confirmed we anticipate the days would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the hours approximately 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a compensated position. If you are interested or know of someone please let Pastor Larry know.

Serving Opportunity

As the church year approaches an ending the Nominating Committee will be meeting to recommend those persons willing to serve for the calendar years of 2017 through 2019. Our committee members normally serve for three years. Certain positions require church membership others do not. If you are not willing to serve please let Pastor Larry know so your name will not be considered. If you have a particular interest in a committee, please also let Pastor Larry know.

News Letter (Ray Niehoff niehoffray@yahoo.com)

For those who do not have email, hard copied will be available at church. Please email your input to me, by the 25th of the month, for next month's edition.

Friends in Faith

Sunday ,September 11, 2016, 4 PM, At Ross CUM Church, All are welcome!

Potluck Dinner-Pulled Pork BBQ will be served.

Movie- Woodlawn

Fire pit after the movie.

Please sign up to bring a side dish.



Who's in the Pews

June Niederman

June is a "farm girl". Her life is connected to "God's Green Acres". She mows grass, gardens vegetables and manages the farm accounts. During her early years of marriage to Lester, she raised chickens, along with a delivery egg route.

Additionally, for 23 years she was employed with Hamilton High/Garfield Schools as Custodian of Funds. June was a member of Zion Lutheran Church for 57 years. She has been a faithful RCUM Church Adult Sunday school participant the past 4 years and a UMW member. June was married to Lester for 61 years and blessed with 3 children, Kent, Scott, and Lynette

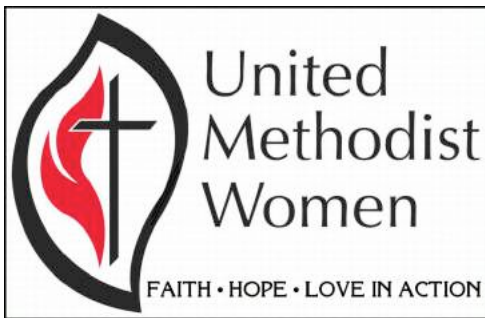


Lynette Niederman Conrad

Lynette's childhood home was on the Niederman Farm, with 4-H summers spent at the Butler County Fairs. She was elected the Fair Queen in 1981. After high school she attended Miami University receiving a BS in System Analysis. She enjoys music, especially singing. Her family is rewarded by her cooking skills, specializing in their favorite, Jambalaya. Lynette has been married to Greg for 30 years, and mother to Carolyn and Melody.

Melody Conrad

Melody is a young woman with many accomplishments. She received Butler County Fair's first place Blue Ribbons for sewing the past two years. Additionally, winning awards at the Ohio State Fairs for sewing and baking. Moreover, Melody recently won the Morgan Township Historical Society's Essay Contest. Her essays: (rohiti.com). She's a Ross High School Honor Society Member and golf team member. Also, Melody plays the flute. Ross Community UMC is blessed with her lovely singing voice on Sundays.
(submitted by Sharon Niehoff)



(submitted by Judy Creasy)

The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday September 13th at 10:00AM in the church. We will begin to discuss the Christmas dinner that will be held in December.

New 2016-17 slate of UMW Officers are:

- President - Judy Creas
- VP Communications - Brenda Oliver
- Secretary - Linda Estep
- Treasurer - Judy Creasy
- Programs/Coordinator - Sharon Niehoff
- Worship - Sharon Mortimer
- Outreach - Carol Farmer
- Missions - Nancy Beckman

The October women's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th, at 10:00AM in the church. We hope everyone had a great summer and ready to help us plan our UMW new year's activities.



Who: ROSS COMMUNITY UMC

When: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.

(Mark your calendars now.)

Where: NALC, Branch 426, CARL DOZIER MEMORIAL PARK

~6 miles north of Hamilton on Hamilton Richmond Road (StateRoute 177).

Time: 3:00 p.m. after Sunday church service, which will allow everyone time to go home, change and pick up covered dishes and/or desserts. Thirty-foot by 60-foot shelter, Water & electric, Playground equipment for the young at heart, Sand volleyball court, Baseball / Softball back stop, Fishing pond on hill above park