



September 2019

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



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Dear Church Family,

We see a lot on the news about trash in the oceans, the amount of trash and garbage in some of our states that is accumulating at an alarming rate. I recently saw where a seal was freed from what looked like a fishing net by two police officers.



We hear about they are trying to reclaim the forests with people planting trees all over the world. I hear our forests are being depleted at a tremendous rate. Here are some recent facts I read about our forests:

- 13 million hectares of forest have been converted for other uses or destroyed by natural causes. While I'm writing this, almost 3 hectares have been cleared.
- Up to 28,000 species can go extinct in the next quarter century due to deforestation.
- By the year 2030, we might only have 10% of Rainforests left and it can all disappear in a hundred years.
- 10% of the world's forests are now protected areas. This is roughly the size of India.
- Tropical Rainforests store more than 210 gigatons of carbon and deforestation is the cause of 15% of carbon emissions.
- Cures for diseases have been found in plants and the raw materials come from our tropical rainforests.

That's about the forest but what about our churches? What is happening to them? We see people finding other things to do on any Sunday morning with church being the one that goes 'on the back burner' as they say. We want to *Reclaim Ross Thru Revitalization* and each one-of us has a part to play, I need you to say I will join the project. I am meeting this week with the District office to see what is available for financial assistance in our endeavor. There are many things we can do together, and it will take every one of us doing our part to see the revitalization go forth.

Pastor Larry



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## This Week at Ross

**Sunday Worship:** This Sunday (8-25) we begin to explore the idea of heaven in the first of a three-message series titled "A Place Called Heaven." We all want a better place; we all yearn for the day when pain and hurt will be gone, when we can stand in the presence of the One who died on the Cross for you and me.

Heaven is a real place. In the words of John 14:2-3 (CEB translation): "My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me, so that where I am you will be, too." Join us at 10:25 a.m. as we start to explore this fascinating subject.

**Worship Service Format:** Over the past couple of weeks I'm sure you have noticed a different format in our Sunday services. Sometimes we get stuck doing the same thing over and over, yet we also want to avoid changes just for the sake of change. So far, I have received very positive comments about the move from a spoken to a musical Call to Worship. Let me know what you think (I know that's a loaded comment) about that and other changes, so we can decide which ones to retain.

**RCUMC Leadership:** 2020 offers us many opportunities to serve our church community, and the Nominating Committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks to plan church leadership for the coming year. If you are currently serving the church in any area of leadership by serving on a committee, are you willing to continue in 2020? If you are not serving but would be willing, please let me know—or if you are not able to serve, please let me know that also.

### Upcoming:

- Saturday, August 31, 9:00 a.m. -- Women's Bible Study
- Saturday, August 31, 9:00 a.m. -- Men's Group
- Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

**Thought for the Week:** Believing is contrary to many people's thinking.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday

*Pastor Larry*

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

**New Life Mission Golf Classic:** New Life Mission has been working in Hamilton since 1969 to alleviate poverty and help people find their own way to work and success. An important fundraiser to support the Mission is coming up with the annual golf classic Saturday afternoon, September 14, at Twin Run Golf Course. Cost per golfer is \$100 or \$350 for a foursome. Dinner and prizes are included, or purchase dinner tickets only for just \$25 each. Contact New Life Mission at 513-896-9800 for details and registration information.

There are still a few Mike's car wash tickets available at \$9 each. Please see Pastor Larry.

## ALICE – OPTIONS FOR ACTIVE SHOOTING INCIDENTS

- **ALERT:** Screams, gunshots, seeing the perpetrator, receiving texts, calling 911 with descriptions, location and type and number of weapons.
- **LOCKDOWN:** Lock the door, cover windows, keep away from door, barricade the door, look for escape routes, silence cell phones, gather anything you can use as a weapon in a counterattack against a perpetrator.
- **INFORM:** Give 911 information in plain language, provide real-time updates to 911, inform others via text, social media, etc.
- **COUNTER:** Do this only as a last resort and only when you are in immediate danger. Do not be afraid to fight for your life. Throw items at the shooter's head, scream, yell, run around and cause chaos, attack and swarm, secure weapon in a trash can, and provide first aid to those who are injured.
- **EVACUATE:** Decide if this is the action to take. Run in a zigzag pattern, break out windows, attempt to fall into shrubbery rather than on concrete, and don't approach responding officers unless you have information about the perpetrator.

SOURCE: MIDDLETOWN DIVISION OF POLICE



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Craig & Micky Eppich

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Frank & Karen Auffinger



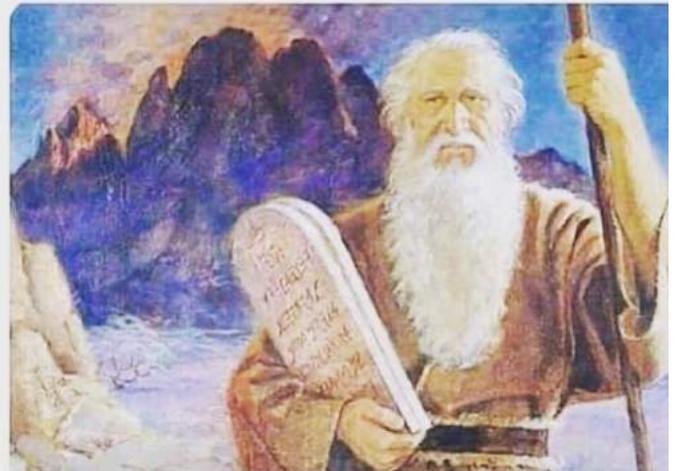
# September Birthday's



02 Katie Auffinger	16 Leigh Ann Rechel
07 Dick Stewart	17 Connor Schoepf
10 Sarah Hogeback	23 Linda Spurlock
12 Emma Schoepf	23 Bill Foster
13 Melissa Schoepf	27 Jim Rechel
14 Cierra Taylor	29 Trey Foster
15 Roger Creasy	



So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



## Hall & Door Monitor

September	2019
1	Wayne Estep
8	Jim Rechel
15	Gary Mortimer
22	Mike Ratliff
29	Roger Creasy
October	2019
6	Phil Brown
13	Doug Beckman
20	Judy Creasy
27	Sharon Mortimer

## Worship Leaders

September	2019
1	Debbie Kunick
8	Roger Creasy
15	Nancy Beckman
22	Phil Brown
29	Jim Rechel
October	2019
6	Debbie Gilman
13	Sally Rechel
20	Greg Conrad
27	Debbie Kunick

# 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 – 10:25

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### Church Service

10:25

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### Thursday Service

Praise Music  
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Message

7:00 p.m.

## CONTACTS

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### Pastor Parish Chair:

Brenda Brown 513-868-2338

### Trustees:

Wayne Estep 513-896-5851

### Sunday School Superintendent:

Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

### Nursery Attendants:

Vicky Foster / Gabrielle Truman

### Prayer Chain:

Vicky Foster 513-738-3748

### U.M. Women

Judy Creasy 513-738-0441

## 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

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.

## LORD'S Supper



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

**“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



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

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.**