

June
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INVITE – GROW – SERVE

The Ross Community United Methodist Church
2943 Hamilton Cleves Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Pastor Kyle McNeely



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

God is always present, always active in our lives. Indeed, there is never a time God's spirit is not anointing, leading, and empowering. Too often, we either intentionally or unintentionally disregard, and/or dismiss God's active presence. Either we want to do it on our own and dismiss God, or we become afraid and anxious, settling for what we know, based on the past. So, we disregard or dismiss God's call on our lives.

God has placed a new calling in my life. I must admit I didn't want it and hoped it would not be needed, but God knows better than I. God is calling me back to Texas, to be able to better take care of my father, to serve in a new place. In ten short months, you have become my family, an integral part of my DNA, and I so wanted to stay and journey God's path with you. But God knows better than I. John D. Schroeder and Shane M. Groth write about the new and unknown with the faith of Abraham as God calls us from familiar surroundings, to a new land, and uncertain future.

"There are times when God asks us to make moves for which we do not feel prepared, times when God uproots us from what is safe and familiar and comfortable, to follow Him. Times when we do not have all the answers we want or need. In fact, it may seem like God asks us to make life-changing decisions with little more than gut feeling, a sense of doing something we know we must do. God calls us to act in faith, and to trust God to provide for us and to let God take care of the details.... What is your first reaction when you feel that God is asking you to move, or when God asks you to do something you are not sure about? Do you find yourself putting your trust in the things you can control, rather than leaving the uncontrollable to God? We will not always have all the answers or information we want when God calls but we do have God's promise of protection and care and generosity. Like Abraham, we too will find something better in store if we but trust God to lead us one step at a time." (*Dear Lord, They Want Me to Give the Devotions Again*, p.67-68)

As I struggled with the decision I did not want, the above piece has been helpful in providing me perspective and peace and to embrace a new journey God is calling all of us to. These are exciting times at Ross United Methodist Church and I so want to be with you. But my prayer is that we will move forward with the faith of Abraham. The writer of Hebrews tells us, "By faith Abraham obeyed when called to set out for a place..., and he set out, not knowing where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8)

I pray that the Spirit of our living God anoint the Servant Leadership at Ross with clarity of vision, abundant wisdom, and unfailing strength as together you serve in the power of God's love. It is my prayer that as individuals in our community of faith we claim our "burning bush," God's love is shared, and disciples of Jesus Christ are made, for the transformation of the world. May God's blessings abound in the days ahead. I know what God has for Ross just over the horizon is beyond anything we can imagine. I look forward to worshiping with you in the next few weeks.

Love in Christ, Pastor Kyle

Grits and Grace

-Submitted by Jim Rechel

Walking through our garden each summer the day lilies announce their presence with beautiful flowers, bright oranges, deep reds and brilliant yellows. As the name indicates, the flower of a day lily lasts but a day. The joy its beauty brings lasts just 24 hours. Fortunately, the day lilies are perennials that generate many days of beauty throughout the summer, and return again the following year.

In the garden of life, everyday God provides us an opportunity to take in the beauty of his world, some fleeting moments, like a day lily, and others, such as His love for us, last forever. And the most important component is opening our hearts to let our eyes see His beauty in our midst.



May God Bless You

All men are welcome to join us next month for the Grits and Grace Breakfast.

INFORMATION CORNER

Pastor: Kyle McNeely 513-984-2508
Lay Leader: Leroy Singleton
Assistant Lay Leader: Jim Rechel
Pianists: Lori Campbell & Craig Eppich
Praise and Worship Leader: Joan Daugherty
Choir Director: Sally Rechel
Nursery Attendant: Robin Montgomery
(Ages birth through four years old)
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COMMUNION

If you are home bound and would like to receive communion please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Pastor Kyle McNeely or our Lay Leader, Leroy Singleton will return your call.

If you wish to view this newsletter in full color please go to our church web site at:
<http://www.rossumc.org>

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 – 10:00
Sunday School for Adults

10:00 – 10:30
Fellowship

10:30
Church Service

Children's Sunday School during Church Service

Monthly Meetings

U.M. Women:
Second Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

Trustees, Nurture & Missions Committees:
Second Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 pm

Administrative Council:
Second Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

U.M. Men
Last Saturday of the month @ 8:00 am

A Summer Evening - Good Friends - Good Music - Food

Submitted by Judy Kottman

Fairfield hosts "Groovin' on the Green", a series of concerts on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during the summer. The schedule is on line at www.Fairfieldcity.org/events/groovinggreen.cfm. Many friends from Ross UMC attend and we consider it a great idea to invite anyone who may be interested in joining in the fun. Bring your own food or food is available for purchase, even Flubs creamy whip! Perhaps anyone attending might get the word to Vicky Foster and she may place the memo on the Prayer Chain.

On Sunday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. is Gospel on the Green. If you enjoy gospel you'll really enjoy this.

The green is located near the Library and Community Building. Most importantly please invite friends and neighbors. They just might enjoy being with us that they may consider joining us on Sunday mornings for worship. We are just as warm and welcoming outside Ross UMC as we are in; maybe there's a miracle waiting to happen.

Nurture / Missions

-Submitted by Judy Kottman,

Our May meeting was dedicated to "**The Year At A Glance**". We would like to share our findings and proposed plans for the coming year. This is overall, not just Nurture/Missions.

- **July/August - "Christ In Action"**. Back to school backpacks for local students. When they go on sale it would be a great time to purchase. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase supplies.
- **September - Church Picnic**. Tentative date & time this year: Saturday, August 24. 3:00 to 8:00.
- **October - "Trunk & Treat"** at Ross Christian Church. We will collect candy and items for handouts.
- **November - Walt's Barbeque Fundraiser**. Plans are being made for a restaurant in or near Hamilton.
 - **"Operation Magi"**. We will try to have lists earlier this year to accommodate your shopping schedule.
 - **"Hanging Of The Greens"**. Everyone is invited to decorate Sanctuary Christmas Tree following service.
- **December - "Operation Magi"** Christmas gift preparation and distribution.
 - **Luminaries**. We were able to light Christmas Eve with 50 luminaries. We will remind you to start saving gallon milk cartons in September. Goal this year is 100 and we will need help.
 - **Two Christmas Eve Services**.
- **January** - Time to regroup and set plans for remaining year.
- **February - Congregational Meeting** - We would like a repeat of this to keep everyone informed.
 - **Ash Wednesday** Soup Supper and Service.
- **March - Last Supper Reenactment**. (Requires rehearsals and set preparation).
 - **Combined Good Friday Service** with joint Pastor and Choir participation.
 - **Easter Sunday** - Sunrise Service at Pyramid Hill with neighboring United Methodist Churches.
 - **Easter Sunday Traditional Service**
- **April/May - Annual Yard Sale**. Preparations set up and clean up. This year we had eight vendors rent spaces. The profit from the yard sale only was approximately \$1200.00. The United Methodist Women made approximately \$300.00 from bake sale and kitchen sales.
- **June - Graduation Sunday**.

We must remember **The Disciples Bible Study** started in the fall and carried through spring. **Missions through Christ's Food Closet and the Sharing Closet** supplied clothing, food and at times shelter for those less fortunate than ourselves.. We also have a list of six suggestions we have yet to plan. There are those who are always busy behind the scene and we will need your continued support and help to grow Ross United Methodist Church into God's plan for us.

The Nurture/Missions Committee say "Thank You Kyle for sharing a wonderful year with us. May God's Blessings be with you and yours as you continue your journey".

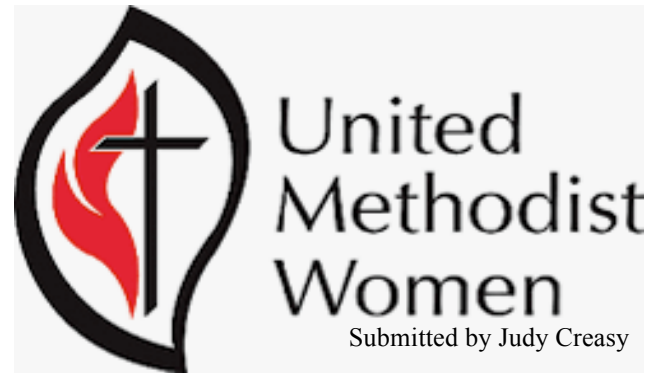
UPCOMING EVENTS - Dates are tentative.

- August 24. **Church Picnic** to be held at church.
- October 12. **Craft Show**. Space will be rented to vendors. We're planning a Church Craft Table. We will gladly accept any craft items you wish to donate.

NURSERY GUIDELINES

- The Nursery is available for children ages **0-4**, at 9:15am.
- As a courtesy to the nursery workers, parents should pick up their children no later than **10 minutes** following a service or activity. The nursery will be closed once all children are picked up by their parents / guardians.
- Please do not bring toys, books, candy, or gum from home into the nursery, as these create sharing challenges. Please leave them in your car.
- The nursery must be notified of any allergies your children may have. Please provide a list of allergies and symptoms of their reaction.
- Nursery staff will not accept children that are currently ill, or have been ill within the last 24 hours. This includes a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, and yeast infection and runny nose.
- Our nursery staff is not adequately trained to dispense any type of medication. If your child requires medication, please come to the nursery at the appropriate time to administer it
- Unmanageable children will be brought back to their parents. This includes: uncontrollable crying, children who are disruptive to other children, or children who are violent.
- Please feel free to discuss any and all comments, questions and/or concerns you may have regarding the Nursery program, with those listed below. We welcome your input and are happy to have the chance to address any concerns or answer any questions you may have.

Pastor Kyle McNeely
Lay Leader Leroy Singleton
Nursery Coordinator Robin Montgomery



The United Methodist Women will get together this summer at concerts. We would love to have the woman join us for the fellowship and music. Watch for concert announcements.

During the summer there will be no monthly meetings.

In the fall we will meet again on September 10, 2013; which is the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM, in the church.

The following students received the UMW scholarships: Alex Oliver and Morgan Eppich. They were presented on Sunday, June 2, 2013.

Sunday Sermons on Web Site

Recordings of Sunday Sermons are on the Ross Community United Methodist Church Web Site at:

<http://www.rossumc.org>



Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, Pastor Kyle and Karen, Pastor Grant and Ann, Bev Papet, our President, our nation and our military personnel, Gary Brown (due to ongoing heart problems), Vicki Hilton, Dorothy Gard, Steve and Linda Jacobs, Donna Montang (who has a brain tumor), Jake Phelps and family, Jo and Randy Anderson's great grandson Tyson and family, Peggy Nauman and family, Don & Annette Hegner (ongoing health issues), Joyce Zecher (Tim's mother) and family of Anna George.



Ushers & Greeters



June

- 16 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 23 Jim Rechel &
- 30 Wayne & Linda Estep

July

- 7 Butch & Trey Foster
- 14 Jerry & Betty Merz
- 21 Don & Barb Rechel
- 28 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch

August

- 4 Bill & Brenda Oliver
- 11 Roger & Judy Creasy
- 18 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 25 Jim Rechel &

If you wish to be included on the Ushers & Greeters list please contact Worship Leader LeRoy Singleton.



June

- 1 June Niederman
- 7 Steve Jacobs
- 8 Bill Wright
- 9 Barb Winsted
- 10 Paul Gilman
- 11 Lonnie Parrott
- 12 Mike Long
- 16 Earl Winsted
- 18 Jenna Botting
- 18 Dave Wilson
- 20 Earl Whirls
- 22 Melody Conrad
- 22 Michael Ratliff
- 25 Caleb Broughton
- 28 Chris Foxx
- 28 Trudy Schreiner



June

- 2 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 2 Bill & Linda Wright
- 9 Butch & Vicky Foster
- 10 LeRoy & Millie Singleton
- 13 Denzil & Helen Burch
- 15 Wayne & Linda Estep
- 19 Bill & Mae Prentice
- 20 Gregg & Lynnette Conrad
- 22 Dodd & Katrina Rheinfrank
- 29 Mike & Krista Long

I wish to apologize for the lateness of this issue of our Ross Community United Methodist Newsletter. Many things seemed to come together over the last 2 or 3 weeks and I just could not seem to get things done. Articles for the July / August issue will be due no later than June 23, 2013.



G - Green

R - Red

Y - Yellow

B - Blue

P - Pink

W - White