

April / May  
2013

## 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**

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:30 – 10:15**

Sunday School for  
Adults

**10:15 – 10:30**

Fellowship

**10:30**

Church Service

Children's Sunday School  
during Church Service

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### 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

Some years ago, I was driving home from work when I saw something that touched me deeply. It had started raining and people were scurrying every which way trying to avoid the rain, while I was worrying whether or not I had an umbrella with me. And then I saw it. A young mother was out in her front yard with her two year-old daughter, and they were celebrating the rain; enjoying the rain; relishing the rain; savoring the rain. Like Gene Kelly in the classic movie, they were “singing in the rain!” With arms out-stretched, faces lifted toward the heavens, they were welcoming the rain. They were quite drenched, but they were giggling with delight, enjoying every moment of it and singing loudly the doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Isn't that beautiful? While others were trying to escape the rain, seeing it as a problem or an inconvenience, that young mother was teaching her daughter to celebrate the soft rain as a blessing from God.

The point is clear: With all the stresses and problems in this life, still the truth is we have so many doxologies to sing, so much to be grateful for, and so many blessings to count. The point is: Life is more than a grueling endurance test. Life is more than a survival game. Life is more than a coping competition. It is not enough, just to escape the stress. It is not enough to endure the stress. We are to be grateful for all God has provided and to model celebrating God in our lives for the rest of the world. Thank God. May we all dance in the rain. Amen and amen.

Pastor Kyle



# United Methodist Women

Submitted by: Judy Creasy

The United Methodist Women will get together on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Berkeley's Coach House Tavern & Grill. We would love to have the entire Ross Community UMC women join us for dinner & fellowship.

Remember to sign up for the Mother Daughter Banquet. The date is Tuesday, May 14, 2013; signups will start at the end of April. The next few monthly meetings will be on:

- April 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM
- May 13, 2013 (Monday to decorate)
- During the summer we will get together for special events
- In the fall we will again meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM in the church.

There have been a few college scholarship applications received. The UMW scholarships will be presented on a Sunday in June.



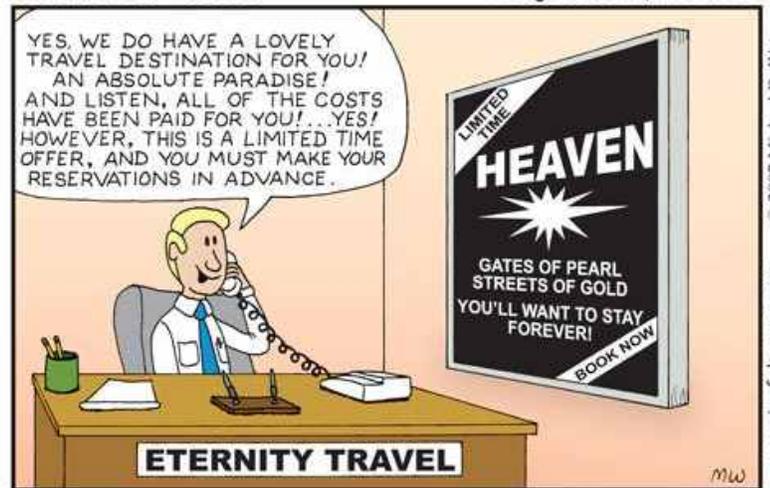
Children's Moments with Linda Jacobs on Easter Morning 2013

## 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)  
**Prayer Chain:** Leroy Singleton  
**Newsletter:** Phil Brown 868-2338  
 prbrown719@gmail.com

### TRAVEL PLANS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. - 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2 NIV

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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# Music Ministry



Thank You Thank You, for your participation in our annual Nut Sale. Our net profit was a little over \$500.00! We will be using those funds to enhance the audio system in the sanctuary, when that project gets underway. We look forward to the sale again in September and your input to what is available for purchase. We added quite a few new selections and they all seemed to be good sellers. Thank you, again!

The choir has been very busy preparing music for the Lent and Easter season, as well as the Good Friday service with churches in the Hamilton area. This is the first time for me to participate in a combined service. I hope it is a great experience for all who attend. This time of year, there are songs that tug a variety of emotions. There are those, which seem so sad as they speak to the betrayal, crucifixion, and death of our Lord. Then, there are the songs that are bursting with the joy and celebration of the risen Christ. I hope that the music, through the lyrics or the melody, is able to reach you where you least expect it. I hope that we all can experience the joy that we are Easter people!

I am so blessed to work with such dedicated choir members and musicians at Ross. It truly has been a great choir season. We will wind down at the end of May, but we will have special music throughout the summer months. You are welcome to be a part of the music program at anytime. We would love to add voices or instruments to the pre-service, Praise and Worship, or the Choir!

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, Eph 5:19*



Sally Rechel  
Choir Director

## Nurture / Missions

*-Submitted by Judy Kottman,*

**Yard/Craft Sale & Lunch**

**Saturday May 11 (Rain Date May 18)**



It's time again for the Annual Yard/Craft Sale. Spaces are available for \$10.00.

We also will accept donations of gently used items and those items no longer useful to you. We ask that you bring those to church beginning Sunday April 28. Tell your friends and family so they may join in this event. The sale is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We will also need volunteers to set up and work the day of the sale. The kitchen will be open for lunch being served 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be more information as the date nears.

### Missions Monthly Donations

Missions continues to post items for donation each month in the weekly Bulletin and on the baskets in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support.

### Coffee Hour



Everyone enjoys the tasty items supplied by the ladies of the church for Coffee Hour. We want to thank everyone for the donations we enjoy sharing in fellowship following Sunday Worship. It's such a pleasure seeing the Cross Room being enjoyed by so many. Don't hesitate to join in; we can easily find additional chairs for your comfort.



A little boy was overheard praying:  
 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.  
 I'm having a real good time like I am.'

### SO YOU ARE A UNITED METHODIST!!

What does that mean? What do United Methodists believe? What is our doctrine? Come and learn more about what we mean when we say; I am a Methodist.

**In May**, we will have 5 classes that will help all of us understand what it is to be a Methodist. **Topics** will be Basic United Methodist Beliefs; Baptism; Communion; Grace, Social Principles. Each evening will be a stand-alone class. Come to one, come to all, just come. **Bring a friend.**  
**Details will be coming.**

Taught by Pastor Kyle

### Treasurer's Report

Financial Status as of 03/20/13

**Cash Assets:**

General Operating Fund	\$45,742
Building Fund	430
Choir Robe Fund	947
Heifer Fund	374
Savings	23,196
Memorial Fund	1,231
Missions Fund	3,550
Inner City Children's Fund	2,412
Youth Fund	<u>3,176</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$81,058</b>

**General Operating Fund:**

Offering - YTD	\$23,952
Operating Expenses - YTD	\$17,790

- Debbie Gilman, Treasurer



Look for Grits and Grace news in the June /July issue of RCUMC newsletter.

### 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, Zack Brockman, Peggy Nauman and family, Don & Annette Hegner (ongoing health issues), Joyce Zecher (Tim's mother), family of Anna George and family of Mary Bliton.



# Ushers & Greeters



## April

- 14 Wayne & Linda Estep
- 21 Butch & Trey Foster
- 28 Jerry & Betty Merz

## May

- 5 Dick & Anita Massey
- 12 Don & Barb Rechel
- 19 Steve & Carol Skinner
- 26 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch

## June

- 2 Bill & Brenda Oliver
- 9 Roger & Judy Creasy
- 16 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 23 Jim Rechel &



## 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.

## April

- 2 Steve Dykes
- 4 Craig Eppich
- 4 Taylor Rechel
- 5 Helen Burch
- 21 Ken Pierson
- 23 Danielle Ratliff

## May

- 2 Kyle Rheinfrank
- 4 Glenn Renner
- 7 Betty Merz
- 9 Carolyn Foster
- 11 Winnie Whirls
- 11 Linda Wright
- 14 Nicole Eppich
- 18 Helen Gambrel
- 19 Brenda Huber
- 20 Dan Foster
- 21 Grant Montgomery
- 26 Karol Schaefer
- 27 Spencer Dreske
- 27 Micky Eppich
- 29 Zak Edington



## April

- 15 Grand & Ann Montgomery
- 23 Jim & Donna Houk

## May

- 3 John & Danielle Fisher
- 21 Del & Carolyn Foster





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