

April
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ROSS COMMUNITY
CHURCH
Reaching Out-Touching Lives
United Methodist Church

2943 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
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**"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN."**

Luke 24:5-6

**Rev. Larry Gallaher
Pastor**

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Our Mission

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

Dear Ross Family,

Have you ever been troubled about something and feel like God has let you down. He has not! We must keep in faith and not waver in our belief.

I mentioned several weeks ago that Cindy and I had sold our home in West Chester. Our goals were to move closer to Ross, cut down the travel time and make ministry to you more effective by being closer and being a part of the community. We thought we had accomplished all that, but.

But God had a better plan. We thought we had it all worked out but as I told you the sale fell through about two weeks prior to closing with no explanation as to why. We made our minds up that we were not going to be upset and complain about what had happened. We just knew something better was going to happen.

But God, He moved in and took over the situation for us. Remember we are to cast our care on Him because He cares. Let God do your worrying for you, life is too short and complicated to be upset about our circumstances. Keep in faith He will deliver you!

But God what is next? Two weeks after that sale fell through He came through for us with a new contract for more money. You may say "Oh pastor that is just coincidence" but God says it's my favor being shown to you". If we maintain our faith in God, continue to trust Him for our direction. He will not fail you.

I know circumstances may seem difficult, maybe impossible, the road ahead may not be paved as smoothly as you wish, the timing may not be yours but be certain God is in it for you!

Keep in faith; keep believing your best is just ahead in Jesus name!

Pastor Larry

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 – 10:30

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Church Service

10:30

(Children's Sunday School during Church Service)

CONTACTS

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Leroy Singleton 513-593-4433

Church Council

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

Trustees

Bud Kottman 513-738-3603

Sunday School Superintendent:

Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Music Director:

Sally Rechel 513-521-5223

Pianist:

Lori Campbell 513-863-1421

Cornett:

Karen Auffinger 513-738-5225

Drums:

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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/>

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 the month

@ 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 8:00 a.m.

"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. 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



We pray that you enjoy the beautiful flower bouquets on the

Church Altar on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to have special flowers to commemorate or in memory of a special occasion or person please contact Debbie Gilman @ 513-923-9457 at least two weeks prior to the date you wish the special flowers to be displayed.



Please send your e-mail address to rcumcnewsletter@gmail.com if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail.

Thank You, Editor

COMMUNION



If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev Larry Gallaher or Lay Leader Jim Rechel will return your call.



Submitted by Judy Kottman

“BASKETS OF LOVE”

This Easter we initiated a “Baskets of Love” Program. Instead of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt, the children began preparing “Baskets of Love” for children less fortunate than themselves during Children’s Church on Palm Sunday and will complete the project on Easter Sunday.

Nancy collected names of approximately twelve children from Elda Elementary counselors to be recipients. The Baskets will be delivered Easter Sunday following 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Rest assured our own children will not be forgotten. Each will receive a bag of Easter treats to enjoy.

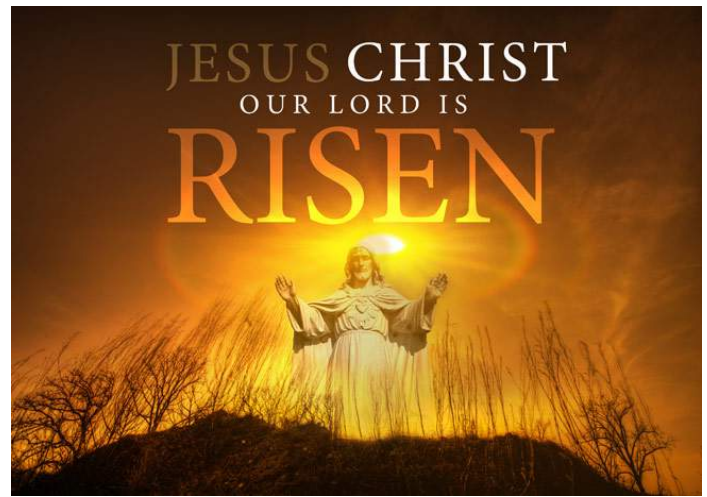
We pray this program will be graciously received as we teach our children the rewards of sharing and serving others. A follow-up report will appear in the May Newsletter.

“Annual Yard Sale”

Although the date is still undecided, we will have a Yard Sale late May or early June. Please hold on to any items you may donate and we will receive them anytime following Mother’s Day.

“Renegade Gospel” & “Small Groups”

I would like to thank Pastor Larry and all those who found time to attend the “Renegade Gospel” Lenten study. Although many of us (almost all) found the author to appear to be “renegade” himself; we shared discussions and became more aware of ourselves, the Bible and developed closer friendships. As more studies, programs and activities become available at Ross CUMC we encourage everyone to become involved. Our Small Groups will move forward following Easter. Keep in mind: Every day is a blessing, a gift from above; use it wisely and share it with a friend, a soon to be friend or just someone who has a need – no matter how great or small. A simple smile goes a long way.



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next UMW monthly meeting will be on April 7, 2015 at 10:00AM at the Sharing Closet at the Ross Administration building. We will be helping Nancy sort the donated clothes. Since we will be outside, bring a chair and gloves. The rain date will be the following week, Tuesday April 14th. We will be eating lunch at Wendy’s following the meeting.

The Mother’s and Special Others Banquet will be on May 5th, 2015. It will be a Hawaiian Luau theme, with a Hawaiian dancer. Our women, using Mae’s Hawaiian recipes, will cook the dinner. We will start taking reservations the week after Easter, so start inviting your daughters, granddaughters, mothers or special others women.

We are trying to help Carol Farmer crochet Prayer Shawls. She did teach a group of women this past month. Let her know if you can help crocheting or by donating yarn for Prayer Shawls. Also remember to continue bringing your old eyeglasses to church.

The May meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 10:00AM at the church. We will be decorating for our Mother & Special Others banquet.

Ushers & Greeters

April	
5	Roger & Judy Creasy
12	Bill & Brenda Oliver
19	Jim & Sally Rechel
26	Phil & Brenda Brown
May	
3	Wayne & Linda Estep
10	Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch
17	Butch & Trey Foster

Worship Leaders

April	
5	Wes Flannery
12	Roger Creasy
19	Leroy Singleton
26	Jim Rechel
May	
3	Debbie Gilman
10	Nancy Beckman
17	Tom Bevington
24	Tim Zecher
31	Greg Conrad

April



2	Cindy Gallaher
4	Craig Eppich
4	Zach Foxx
4	Taylor Rechel
5	Helen Burch
10	Levi Taylor
10	Lori Campbell
15	Lois Lynch
15	Samantha Lightfield
20	Rev John Guliano
22	Karen Auffinger

April Anniversary's



15	Grant & Ann Montgomery
23	Jim & Donna Houk

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service	7:00 – 7:30 am
Continental Breakfast	7:45 – 8:15 am
Sunday School	8:30 – 9:15 am
Children - Baskets of Love Program	
Adults - Renegade Gospel Lenten Study	
Worship Service	9:30 – 10:30 am
(NOTE: 1 hour earlier than usual)	

CANCELED: Coffee Hour after church on Easter Sunday

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, Our Church Family; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor John and Lisa; Pastor Kyle and Karen; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet, our President, our nation and our military personnel, Gary Brown, Vicki Hilton, Dorothy Gard, Steve Jacobs, Linda Jacobs, Jake Phelps and family, Jo and Randy Anderson's great grandson Tyson and family, Bill & Linda Wright's sister-in-law; Annette Hegner (ongoing health issues); the Whirls Family; the Brownfield Family; the Merz Family; the Prentice Family; Tim Zecher; Tari Halcomb; Leslie Fisher; Melissa Schoepf and the Niederman & Conrad Families for their loss.

If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster @ 738-3748. Please give your e-mail address to Vicky for the Prayer Chain.

