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**ROSS COMMUNITY**  
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Reaching Out-Touching Lives

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**Our Mission**

**“Centered in Christ”**

**“Strength for Today”**

**“Hope for Tomorrow”**

Dear Members and Friends of Ross UMC:

A month ago, things in my life were going in a very different direction. It is amazing to see how God works when we submit our lives to His will. While I am deeply saddened to depart as your pastor, I am blessed by your love and your understanding. Celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> in worship this past month was a very moving service. I have always been in awe of the men and women of our church that have served our country or had spouses who served. When I was contacted about the position at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, I knew I would have to deeply discern this new opportunity in my ministry. I thought of the many of you who have given so much of your lives to the service of our country. Your love and respect for our Christian faith and our country were very inspiring.

Being from a generation that never had to go to war or never faced the draft, I never really understood the depth of what our veterans and current active service men and women give on a daily basis. The opportunity afforded me allows me to give back in my own way. I will be appointed to Extension Ministry from the East Ohio Conference to the position as WPAFB.

Saying goodbye is never easy. In a short time we have built some precious memories. There have been special baptisms, new members and precious funerals in addition to our worship that have woven us together as pastor and congregation. Music, worship and evangelism have touched our hearts in a most spiritual way. What a joy it has been to see the church in service, mission and ministry to the greater Ross Community. You have responded to the blessing that God has graced us with. These are things that have left an indelible mark on my heart and my soul. And now, it is time for a new season in the life of the church. My prayers are that the church will continue to be the beacon of love and mission it has always been.

Many have asked me about my plans. I will continue to see people in my private practice in Hamilton on a limited basis. In addition, I will be providing pulpit supply to churches as well as continue my work with the Office of Ministry in the West Ohio area. Lisa will continue to serve as the Superintendent of the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities. It is my hope that this is not a “goodbye” but a reordering of our fellowship and friendship.

I pray that you will be blessed as a new pastor is appointed to Ross and you begin a new chapter in the life of the church. You will always be in my heart. God has blessed me immensely with the time I had at Ross UMC. I am excited to see him work once again. God’s will be done!

Many Blessings,

Rev. John

# ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Information Page

### CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. John A. Guliano 1-419-651-9171  
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**Lay Leader:** Jim Rechel

**Assistant Lay Leader:** Leroy Singleton

**Music Director:** Sally Rechel

**Pianist:** Lori Campbell / Craig Eppich

**Cornett:** Karen Auffinger

**Drums:** Chip Schoepf

**Nursery Attendant:** Robin Montgomery

(Ages birth through four years)

**Prayer Chain:** Vicky Foster 513-738-3748

**Newsletter:** Phil Brown 513-868-2338  
rcumnewsletter@gmail.com



Submitted by Sandy Hogeback

### **COME ONE...COME ALL.....**

Come join us for Sunday School Class at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. We have teachers that are waiting for you to be a part of the class. The teachers are excited about sharing the stories from the bible with all of you. Let's bring someone to Sunday School and to Church.

### COMMUNION

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

### **“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).

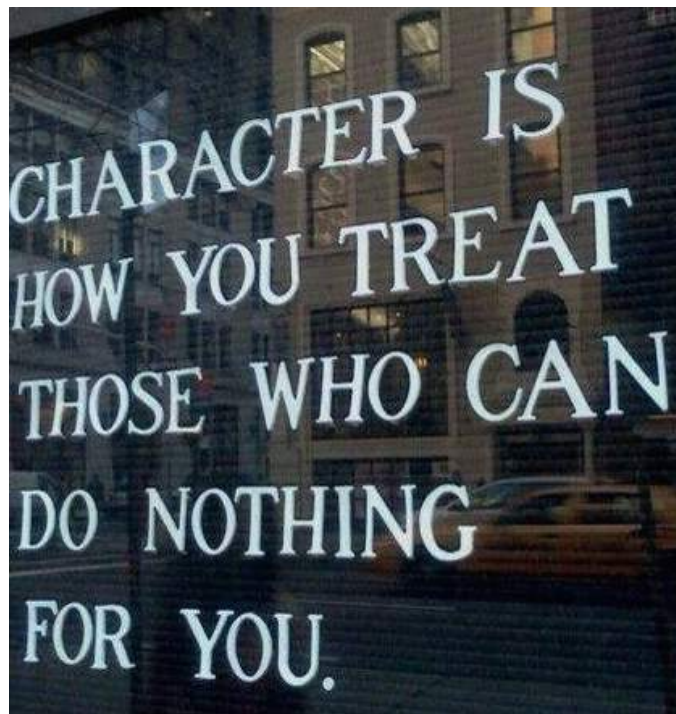
Also contact me for more information. This program is 100% voluntary, and the Church has not spent a penny. We can also use more volunteers. Have a great day in the Lord.

*Submitted by Carol Farmer*



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### **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School**

9:15 – 10:00

for all ages

**Fellowship**

10:00 – 10:30

**Church Service**

10:30

*Children's Sunday School during Church Service*

### **Monthly Meetings**

**U.M. Women**

Second Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

**Trustees, Nurture & Missions Committees**

First Tuesday 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

Thank You, Editor

## NURTURE

## MISSION



*Submitted by Judy Kottman*

### **SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS**

It is with overwhelming joy to report that we were blessed with a total attendance for the three evenings of 75 participants (31 individual children participated). This does not include the many adults and older youth who assisted each evening. Again we “Thank” everyone who supported, volunteered and shared their time and talents to make this a success. Above all we were delighted to have Nancy Beckman bring her expertise thru other Vacation Bible School experience and the delightful decorations. We’re blessed that many of the decorations were on loan from the Ross After-Prom Committee and Venice Presbyterian Church.

### **Back To School Picnic** – Saturday, August 16 – Noon to 2 p.m. – Ross Christian Church

Summer is quickly passing and again it’s time to collect School Bags and monetary donations to purchase the necessary contents. A container will be available for donations. We need volunteers to help with parking; hostess duties; and take-down responsibilities the day of the event. Please contact Nancy Beckman if able to assist in any way or have questions.

### **August Fifth Sunday**

We are not having August Fifth Sunday Luncheon as it’s Labor Day Weekend and a time for family and friends to gather. Instead, we ask that you support the Mission Trip Dinner/Talent Show Fundraiser on Saturday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Linda and Debbie Kunick for more information.

### **Craft Fair** – Saturday, October 11

Plans are in the making for the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 11. If anyone is interested in participating or knows of anyone please contact Carol Farmer.

## United Methodist Women

Submitted by: Judy Creasy



The women’s **Latin Dance** workout classes were very successful. Thanks Linda & Wayne Estep for making it such an enjoyable time. We are hoping to have some more classes in the near future.

We are still collecting **old eyeglasses**. Please remember to bring them to church for a donation to a third world country missions group.

**Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>**, the UMW women will be getting together for **dinner** at 6:30PM at **Symmes Tavern** in Fairfield. We are having this dinner in the evening so working women can also attend.

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will start our **fall monthly meetings** in the church at 10:00AM. Please mark your calendars and join us.

### CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, Pastor John and Lisa; 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, 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; Kelly Bonham; Robin Montgomery, Lois Lynch and Jerry and Betty Merz.



**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.

# MISSIONS FIESTA

LINDA KUNICK'S NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014

DINNER - - - 6:30 pm

CONCERT - - - 7:30 pm

ADULT \$12.00 CHILDREN \$6.00

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## August

7 Carolyn Conrad  
9 Joan Daugherty  
11 Jerry Merz  
13 Aaron Rheinfrank  
14 Jim Houk  
16 Ken Thomas  
17 Chip Schoepf  
18 Sunnie Bressler  
18 Justin McNeely



18 Sally Rechel  
19 Novella Brownfield  
22 Dick Massey  
23 Wayne Estep  
25 Dale Ramsey  
27 Bunny Jones  
28 Karen Brauch  
31 Bob Burnette

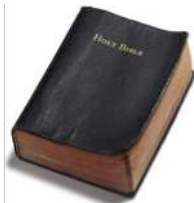
### August

3 Roger Creasy  
10 Jim Rechel  
17 Leroy Singleton  
24 Debbie Gilman  
31 Nancy Beckman

### September

7 Phil Brown  
14 Tim Zecher  
21 Greg Conrad  
28 Wes Flannery

## Worship



## Leaders



## August

3 Bill & Brenda Oliver  
3 Gary & Sharon Mortimer  
20 Bud & Judy Kottman  
21 Matt & Kelly Bonham

## Happy Anniversary

## NOTICE

On Wednesday evening, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee met with the Assistant District Superintendent, Tim Waugh.

The committee was introduced to Pastor Larry Gallaher as a candidate for our new pastor. Prayerful consideration was given to Pastor Larry and the committee as a whole affirmed the acceptance of him to this position and we are pleased to announce that he will be your new Pastor at RCUMC beginning August 4, 2014. Pastor Larry's first Sunday will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Larry is a licensed local pastor, meaning he can/will give communion and do baptisms.

This is, once again, a time of transition for our church and the committee asks that you keep YOUR church in your prayers and also Pastor John and Pastor Larry.

Please read Pastor Larry's BIO, which is included in this newsletter on page 6.

On behalf of the RCUMC SPPR Committee, **Welcome to your new home church Pastor Larry!**

Please join us in giving Pastor Larry the warm welcome that Ross Community United Methodist Church is known for.

Due to Jerry Merz having surgery, I have been appointed as acting chairperson for the SPPR Committee.

Submitted by Brenda K. Brown

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*Be Still  
and know that  
I am God  
-Psalm 46:10*

Happiness  
keeps you Sweet.  
Trials  
keep you Strong.  
Sorrows  
keep you Human.  
Failures  
keep you Humble.  
And God,  
keeps you Going.

## Ushers & Greeters

August	September
3 Phil & Brenda Brown	7 Jim & Sally Rechel
10 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch	14 Bill & Brenda Oliver
17 Wayne & Linda Estep	21 Roger & Judy Creasy
24 Butch & Trey Foster	28 Phil & Brenda Brown
31 Jerry & Betty Merz	

If you wish to be included on the Ushers & Greeters list please contact Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Asst. Lay Leader Leroy Singleton.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Larry Gallaher. My wife Cindy and I live in West Chester where we have for the past eleven years. I retired from Farmers Insurance in 2012 after nearly thirty-five years. Cindy is a claims representative for Cincinnati Financial Services. We have two sons, Ryan who is 22 and Carson who is 20. One son Matt died in a car accident in 1993. We also jokingly say we are the proud parents of a ten-year-old neurotic German Shepherd dog named Baron.

I graduated from Mid-America Nazarene University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Theology. I attended Nazarene Theological Seminary for one year. I have taken several management and leadership courses with Farmers during my employment with them. I attended the UMC Licensing School in June of 2013 to complete my requirements for licensing with the United Methodist Church. I have also attended the West Ohio Conference Clergy Ethics Training.

My ministry journey began at the age of seven when I accepted Christ as my personal savior and the journey continues today. I was called to the ministry at the age of eighteen but it took a couple of years to say, "yes" to the Lord. I have been involved in church all my life as a Sunday School teacher, Caravan Director, Pastor of the Auburn, Illinois Church of the Nazarene (1974 – 1977). I served on two church boards during the time we lived in St. Louis, MO. From October 2012 until March 2014 I served as the Director of Care Ministries at Cornerstone UMC in Liberty Township.

I am excited to be a part of God's plan as I journey with you as we take the next faithful steps together in Kingdom work in the Ross Community!

