

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



May all have a Blessed & Merry Christmas & a Healthy & Prosperous New Year!



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Dear Church family,

As I write these words to you today, I have thought over and over about our leaving you. We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your pastor for over five years now. You have blessed us in so many ways that to put them on paper would be impossible to do.

There is still so much to do at Ross Community Church as Jeff said during our Annual Meeting 'you can do it.' Set your sights on an achievable objective and make it happen. Just because we leave doesn't change the vision.

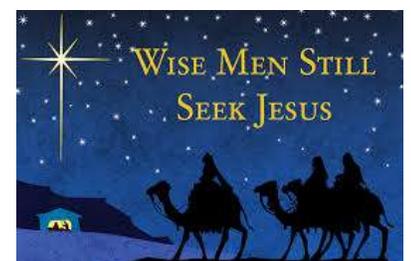
There are opportunities that in some cases are so obvious we just miss them. Too often we look for the 'next big thing' when the next thing God wants us to do is right in front of us. I have often thought about how do we recognize what He wants from us?

First, we need to pray to be assured of what He is asking us to do. He will always have work for us to do if we are diligently looking for it. How do I know if it is His will for me to do what is before me?

This becomes the second step. Look in the Bible to see if He has spoken on the issue before. As an example, we wonder if we should pray for people and how do we go about it. We see numerous times in the Bible where Jesus prayed for people and spent time discussing with them their concerns. If you do not know the answer to a question when someone asks, then tell them you will get the answer and get back to them. There is nothing wrong with not knowing, there is much wrong with not finding out and following back up with them. This gives you the opportunity to meet with them again and develop a friendship. Subjects we are uncertain about are of the best ones; they make us think and research.

I am confident you will have a new pastor that will take you and the church to new levels of growth in all areas. You have been wonderful to serve. I listen to many pastors talk about the churches they serve, and I am thankful you all are so easy to work with. God always knows what He is doing, and He will continue to work in your midst and ours. God is amazing. We never want to lose focus on the big picture and what He has in store for us.

Pastor Larry





Ross Community

United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Submitted by Judy Creasy

The UMW church wide Christmas Dinner is being held on Thursday, December 5th at the church at 6:30PM. If you haven't bought your tickets, make sure you buy them this coming Sunday.

The women are selling Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy through the holiday season, to fund our Scholarships for college students. We have pre-bought six different items, but all the other nuts and candy can be bought on the Terri Lynn website.

The six items that we are selling at church are:

- Pecan Halves - \$13.00
- Deluxe Mixed Nuts - \$13.00
- Giant Whole Cashews - \$13.00
- Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters - \$13.00
- Sweet & Salty Trail Mix - \$10.00
- Milk Chocolate Jumbo Raisins - \$10.00

The website to buy additional items is: UMWRossOH.terrilynn.com. We get credit for the Scholarship fund when buying them through this address.

SIGN UP TO DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Submitted by Jan Gump



Debbie Kunick does an awesome job of making sure we have beautiful flowers on the altar every Sunday. You have the opportunity to make a dedication to honor a friend or loved one and at the same time help defray the cost of the flowers. Each Sunday from now through December 29, the FLOWER CALENDAR will

be on the table across from the kitchen so you can select a Sunday or Sundays to make your dedication. The price remains the same - just \$20. There will be envelopes on the table as well for you to put your check or cash in and write your dedication. You get to take the flowers home after the Sunday service on your dedication week.

Thanks so much.



Hall & Door Monitor

December	2019
1	Roger Creasy
8	Phil Brown
15	Doug Beckman
22	Judy Creasy
29	Sharon Mortimer
January	2020
5	Wayne Estep
12	Jim Rechel
19	Gary Mortimer
26	Mike Ratliff

Worship Leaders

December	2019
1	Debbie Gilman
8	Sally Rechel
15	Greg Conrad
22	Debbie Kunick
29	Roger Creasy
January	2020
5	Nancy Beckman
12	Tom Bevington
19	Jim Rechel
26	Debbie Gilman

December Birthdays



03 Linda Kunick
03 Jan Stewart
07 Brelan Bryant
08 Lynette Conrad
11 Kyle McNeely

11 Butch Foster
14 Henry Brown
15 Bill Oliver
15 Lantz Lewis
25 Jesus



December 4
Roger & Judy Creasy

To the congregation of Ross Community United Methodist Church

As the editor of the R.C.U.M.C. newsletter I have been looking through my computer files of saved copies of the newsletter, which I have edited. I was slightly surprised that the first newsletter I edited was the October/November 2011 issue.

In the summer/fall of the year 2011 Trudy Schreiner, editor at the time, informed Pastor Grant Montgomery that she was going to step away from her duties of editing our church newsletter. Having done a newsletter for my local union, I volunteered to take over the duties of editor in an **interim status**. It is now time for me to step aside.

The December 2019 issue of the R.C.U.M.C. newsletter will be the last issue I edit. I truly believe someone will step up and continue our church newsletter and probably do a better job of it than I have done.

On another matter, I have served our church as the Administrative Council Chairperson for a total of approximately eight to nine years. Looking back I have served with four pastors: Grant Montgomery, Kyle McNeely, John Guliano and Larry Gallaher. It is now time for me to step aside and let someone else take over the chairpersonship of our Ad. Council. My last meeting will be sometime in December when the council meets to approve our budget for the upcoming year. It truly was a joy serving the Ad. Council but it was the committee chairs that did the heavy lifting on all the issues that came before our council.

I have always believed that when God closes one door He always opens another. In closing I wish to thank the congregation for allowing me and putting up with me as I fulfilled the duties of the Ad Council chair and editor of our newsletter.

In Christ's Peace, Phil

Trustees Report

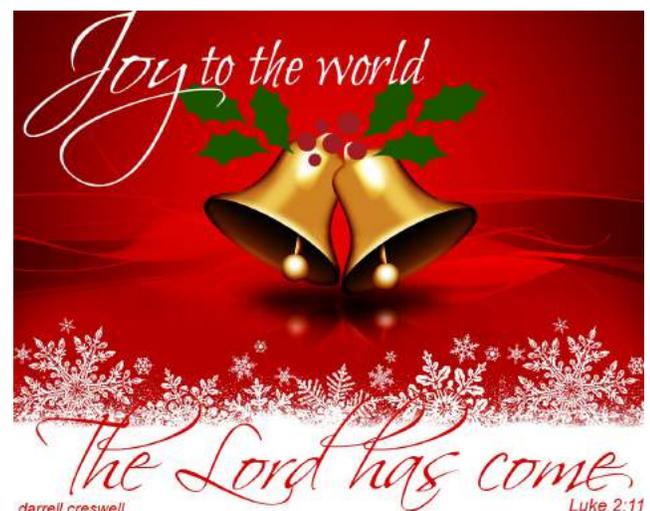
Submitted by Wayne Estep

As of December 31, 2019, I will be stepping down from the Trustee chairmanship. I have done it for several years and have enjoyed it, but I feel it is time for new leadership. During my tenure, I was proud to head up the remodeling of the sanctuary and bringing it up to date.

Now, the main jobs of this position are:

- (1) Overseeing a number of outside contractors that help keep our church in great shape.
- (2) Seeing that all inspections are done in a timely manner.
- (3) Keeping a constant eye on the building to maintain it in tiptop shape.

It is my hope that someone will step forward soon to replace me. I love our church and have no intention of leaving. I will be here to help and assist anyone who wants to assume this position.



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:

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

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 odd months
@ 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

Prayer Chain

To have someone placed on the Prayer Chain please call Vicky Foster at 513-738-3749 or email 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 call.

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



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 djkljkbutterfly@gmail.com.

Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.