

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



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Dear Church Family and Friends,

As you read this we have already had our meeting to identify and discuss where we want to take our church in 2016. I will say that I am confident we can achieve anything we believe in if we take the effort and display the courage to accomplish the mission. It will take all of us.

I have been thinking recently about what it really means to serve. The first thought that comes to my mind is that ministry means service. Diakonos is a noun in Greek that means "a person who serves." We are all involved in ministry and service. We get our English word deacon for this Greek word.

By beginning to think about ministry we need to think about the ministry of all believers. There is a progression in the way worship words are used. Under the Old Covenant God required the Israelites to serve Him through priesthood, a sacrificial system and a temple. However, under the New Covenant, all Christians worship God through spiritual sacrifices, and we all serve God in the Spirit. We have been given the ministry of worship.

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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 Church 1st & 2nd Sunday's during summer)

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Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

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Music Director:

Pianist:

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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

@ 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

COMMUNION



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

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

Thank You, Editor

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.



The New Testament says the Christians are to serve one another, in fact, we are commanded to do it. None of the words for service used in the New Testament are limited to clergy. We all have an obligation to serve one another whether the service is in word or deed. No matter what our position is – we are to serve.

As servants, we are ministering to one another, to the church, to the gospel and to the Lord. God has given each of us a ministry we are to minister to others needs. God has given us all abilities so that we will use them to serve others. As Christians, whether men, women, deacons, elders or members, we are all called to serve.

All Christ followers are encouraged to have a ministry. Church leaders exist “to prepare God’s people for works for service” (Ephesians 4:12). There are different kinds of ministry but they should be used for the common good.

Let me encourage you to seek your gift and get involved and be a part of something really exciting.

Pastor Larry



Love. Grow. Serve.

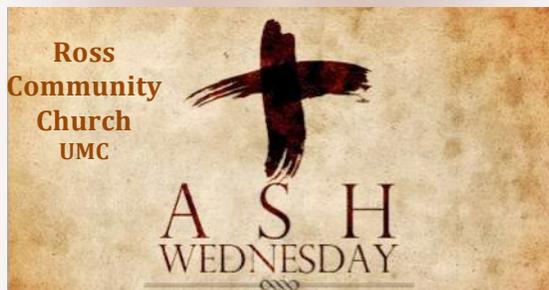


Submitted by Judy Kottman



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"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success." Ralph Waldo Emerson.



February 10, 2016

SOUP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Please bring your favorite soup and/or dessert to share - We will provide drinks.

Ross Community Church

United Methodist
Women

Faith, Hope & Love
In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The women are having a morning meeting on February 9th in the Church at 10:00AM.

The following women's meeting will be a dinner on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at the Chinese Lantern at 6:30PM. We are hoping the working-women will join us that night.

The Dorothy Gard Ross Community UMW scholarship applications will be mailed to our students in February. There will also be a blue folder in the hall with additional 2016 Scholarship applications. Pick one up if you have a student that would like to apply. The deadline to have them returned to the church is April 3rd. The scholarships will be given out at the beginning of June, on Graduation Sunday.

We are starting to plan our Mother's and Special Others dinner, which will be held on May 10, 2016. The dinner will be called: "Fashions through the Years" with a goofy fashion show and we plan on displaying old wedding and prom dresses. Look around your house for clothes we can display and model.



Submitted by email by Robert W. Schaefer Jr.

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

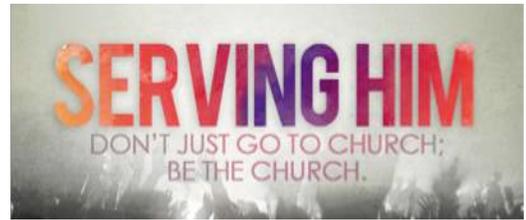
This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!
 Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical & our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means:
 Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Greeters / Ushers</u>
Feb		
7	Tim Zecher	Jim & Sally Rechel
14	Greg Conrad	Phil & Brenda Brown
21	Jim Rechel	Bud & Judy Kottman
28	Wes Flannery	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster
Mar		
6	Roger Creasy	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster
13	Nancy Beckman	Wayne & Linda Estep
20	Leroy Singleton	Butch & Trey Foster
27	Debbie Gilman	Roger & Judy Creasy
Apr		
3	Tom Bevington	Bill & Brenda Oliver

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church; Our Church Family; Our military personnel; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet; Gary & Larry Brown (brothers of Phil); Vicki Hilton; Steve Jacobs; Jake Phelps and family; Jo and Randy Anderson & great grandson Tyson and family; Don and Annette Hegner; Earl Whirls; Prentice Family; Tim Zecher; Tari Halcomb; Melissa Schoepf; AJ Pittman and family; Denzil & Helen Burch; and Dick and Jan Stewart and family.



If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster @ 738-3748. Provide your e-mail



- 1 Wanda Bevington
- 4 Nancy Beckman
- 11 Korinne Rheinfrank
- 12 Larry Gallaher
- 12 Gary Mortimer
- 17 Reba Burnette
- 21 Lauryn Campbell
- 23 Carol Farmer
- 23 Alex Creighton
- 26 Heather Rheinfrank
- 27 Debbie Kunick
- 27 Karen McNeely
- 29 Terry Merz





Those who gathered on the afternoon of Saturday, January 30, to discuss ideas each may have on the direction our church needs to take into the future to fulfill our covenant through discipleship with our Creator. As one can see, in photo, many ideas were pinned to the box of inside and outside thinking.

Two priests died at the same time and meet Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You will have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. What'll it be?"

The first priest asked, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains." "So be it," says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest.

The second priest mulls this over for a moment and asks, "Will any of this week count St. Peter?" "No, as I told you the computer is down, so there's no way we can keep track of what you are doing." "In that case" says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud." "So be it," says St. Peter, and the second priest disappears.

A week goes by, the computer is fixed, and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks.

"The first one should be easy," says St. Peter, "He's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles. But the second one could prove to be more difficult."

"Why" asks the Lord? St. Peter replies, "He's on a snow tire, somewhere in Vermont."

