

March
2015



ROSS COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Reaching Out-Touching Lives

United Methodist Church

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Pastor

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Our Mission

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

Dear Church Family and Friends,

It's March and getting closer to warmer weather. Just think, we had a whole winter season in one week. Oh, for the change of seasons in Ohio.

We are into the Lenten season for 2015. Our Lenten study will begin on March 2nd at 7:00 PM, be sure to sign up when you are around church and also pick up a copy of the booklet for the study. The title of the study is "Renegade Gospel" and it looks very interesting.

We were dealt a blow with the cold temperatures on Ash Wednesday and we had to cancel services but we have some really good opportunities to celebrate the Lenten season going forward. We will let you know by a phone call and put it on Channel 12 WKRC if services are canceled or changed. Our series on prayer is underway from last Sunday with a message entitled "The Prayer of Faith". The remainder of the series will cover areas of dreaming big, imagine and believe God in faith, think about what you pray for, and keep believing for your miracles. These are some of the topics we will share on.

Every miracle has a genesis moment. It was for Moses, declaring that God would provide meat to eat in the middle of the desert, for Elijah it was getting on his knees and praying seven times a day for rain. What will be your genesis moment? All things have a beginning and an ending, which is the answer date we are looking for.

There are many remarkable words in the Bible but maybe none more significant than what was said in John 14:1-4 (CEB) "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. 2 My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? 3 When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. 4 You know the way to the place I'm going." These words provide comfort to us as we approach Good Friday and the day we celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He says He will not forsake and that is a matter of faith to believe.

We're looking to celebrate our first Lenten season with you at Ross Community, be blessed, stay warm and bring a friend Sunday.

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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Assistant Lay Leader:

Leroy Singleton 513-593-4433

Church Council

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

Trustees

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Sunday School Superintendent:

Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Music Director:

Sally Rechel 513-521-5223

Pianist:

Lori Campbell 513-863-1421

Cornett:

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Drums:

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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 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.



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.



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



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The women's Tuesday functions are:

March 10: Women's Meeting -- Dinner Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Chinese Lantern Restaurant, 965 Main Street in Hamilton. Call Judy Creasy for reservations.

March 17: Prayer Shawls -- We will be making prayer shawls at 10:00 a.m. at the church. If you don't know how to crochet Carol will give crochet lessons. All we need is a 'K' crochet hook. If anyone wants to donate yarn let Carol know.

April 7: Women's Meeting -- The women's meeting will be at the sharing closet to help Nancy clean up the room. The rain day will be April 14. Lunch will be at Wendy's afterwards.

May 5: Mother's and Special Others Dinner -- We will have a Hawaiian theme so mark your calendars. Watch for more information in the future.

Scholarship applications are available at church for any college student for next school year. Deadline is March 30 for applications to be returned.

Sunday Message Lenten Series

February 18 thru April 5

Prayer

Communing With Our Father

February 18	Ash Wednesday
"The ACTS of Prayer"	
February 22	"The Prayer of Faith"
March 1	"Dream Bigger Than You Ever Imagined"
March 8	"Think what You Pray"
March 15	"Keep Believing"
March 22	"Pray Hard"
March 29	"Love In Sharing"
April 5	- Easter -- "Love By Giving"

There is always room in the House of God for Believers and those who are seeking Light.



**Tuesday, March 10
UMW Dinner Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

Chinese Lantern
965 Main Street
Hamilton, Ohio

There is plenty of parking next to the restaurant.
For reservations contact: Brenda Oliver



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 and Melissa Schoepf.

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.



Ushers & Greeters

March

- 1 Jim & Sally Rechel
- 8 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 15 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch
- 22 Wayne & Linda Estep
- 29 Butch & Trey Foster

April

- 5 Roger & Judy Creasy
- 12 Bill & Brenda Oliver

Worship Leaders

March	
1	Debbie Gilman
8	Nancy Beckman
15	Tom Bevington
22	Tim Zecher
29	Greg Conrad
April	
5	Wes Flannery
12	Roger Creasy
19	Leroy Singleton
26	Jim Rechel

March Anniversaries



11	Chris & Jill Foxx
18	Kyle & Karen McNeely
24	Austin & Lois Gleason

March Happy Birthday!

2	Denzil Burch
9	Morgan Eppich
13	Barb Rechel
13	Dodd Rheinfrank
15	Judy Creasy
15	Karyn Taylor
20	Linda Estep
20	Kylie Foxx
20	Trysta Taylor
22	Debbie Gilman
26	Greg Conrad

in the spotlight IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Submitted by Brenda Brown



This month "In The Spotlight" is centered on **Nancy Beckman**. WOW, to have her energy! Nancy is always on the go. She gives so much of her time to our church. She also gives to our surrounding areas. Exactly how, we may never know. Nancy is a "behind the scenes" type and does not brag about all she does. A real Christian! Nancy keeps the Sharing Closet going at the Ross local schools, she was instrumental and continues to oversee our Operation Magi at Christmas, she, along with Judy Kottman, undertook our Vacation Bible School program this past summer, and she keeps us involved in helping with serving food at The Presbyterian Church in Hamilton every other month. These are just a few of the things we know that she does.

Nancy and Doug are always available to help at church, in any way they can. All this is done, while juggling their busy family life. I would imagine her non-stop thinking alone wears Doug out. He is an incredibly supportive husband and supports Nancy in all of her doings. **Thank you Nancy** for all you do for our community and our church. You certainly shed a positive light on us. Take a breath! We love you.

Editors Note: If you would like to spotlight a member, non-member, family or individual who attends our church in a future RCUMC newsletter please submit your article to the Editor.

Please Note: (We are asking cooperation from everyone in the below matter.)

Due to possible food allergies, there is no longer to be any food in the church nursery. Any child who needs to eat while at church can do so in the children's Sunday School classroom. The slightest speck of food dropped on the floor in the nursery could cause severe problems for another child. Also, please be sure to keep your child's information up to date, in writing, with Robin Montgomery (allergies, current medications, contact name, etc). Any medications are to be administered only by the parent or guardian.

Also, there have been some questions regarding the ages of children permitted in the Nursery. It is: Birth through age four (up to age five).

This is current church policy from the Church Administrative Council. While we want our church to be friendly and inviting, we also would like for all parents of small children to feel that their children are safe. **Thank you** for adhering to these guidelines.



Submitted by Judy Kottman

**March 27 – Community Meal Center
First Presbyterian Church –
Hamilton, OH**

This is our evening to serve the people of Hamilton and surrounding area a dinner. All we need to bring is a smile, a dessert and enjoy the blessing of serving some wonderful people who appreciate a warm meal in warm surroundings. Please let Nancy Beckman know you will be helping this month. Arrive any time between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Your help is greatly appreciated. (Please make a note on your calendar as a friendly reminder that we serve the last Friday of odd months. (May, July, September & November.)

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

EGG HUNT & SUNDAY SCHOOL

HUNT WILL BE FIRST

*(Sunday School will be during Church Service)
(If inclement weather it will take place inside)*

“Moving Forward”

Nurture Committee is exploring ways that we as a Congregation, Guests, Families, Youth and just in general may move ahead with nurturing events for not only our congregation but all age groups. At Nurture’s March meeting (March 3) we will be discussing areas that we may offer activities and events to grow ourselves to know each other better and ways we may get to invite others outside our congregation to get to know us. We appreciate any suggestions you may have and we’re anxious to hear those before our next meeting. Please pass on to Jan Gump, Vicky Foster, Carol Farmer, Nancy Beckman, Millie Singleton, Pastor Larry or myself. Asking God’s Blessings as we **“Move Forward”**.



TRUSTEES

March 2015

The cold weather we are experiencing is costly for all of us; **especially our church**. Since 8/2014 we have used 2,426 gallons of propane at a cost of \$4,376. Hurry up spring!

In my last message I mentioned **LED light bulbs** for the sanctuary. **They are installed**. I did not get the discount I expected from Sylvania, but I received better pricing from Lowe’s. They are **Sylvania LED 65W Flood R30 Soft White**; expected life is 22+ years at annual cost of \$1.32 per bulb per year based on 3 hr burn per day. These bulbs should outlast the building. The cost is \$1,077 for 83 bulbs. Install cost less than \$500. A local, Jerry Klosterman who owns Wire Connect, did the installation.

As soon as we get one thing under control another pops up. Have you heard the bell ring lately? It probably will never ring again. I have been working with Verdin, the manufacture, to get a fix for the processor that you program to make the bell ring. This unit is 20 yrs old and parts are unavailable. We are looking at \$3,600 to make it ring again.

Thank you for your financial support. Remember the trustees are always looking to cut cost. Your thoughts are welcome 309-2691.

Submitted by Bud Kottman, Chairperson, Trustees

Suggested Lenten Preparation for Easter

1. Lent is about turning back to God; God is always turned towards us and looking for contact and communication (“Turn to me and be saved”, Isaiah 45:22).
2. The Israelites in the desert were forgetful and had to be reminded by Moses about all the good things God had done for them (Deut 26:1-11). We need to take time to remember how lucky we are, to consider what God has done for us and to appreciate the blessings that are ours.

Ephesians 6:18 Common English Version
Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers.

Please jot down a few needs you have been praying for, along with a prayer for each need, asking the Lord Almighty for your prayer's to be answered. Mark the date when your prayer comes to fruition. Come Easter morning (April 5) answer the question at the bottom of page.

PRAYER NEEDS

<p>Need: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Specific Prayer: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Answer Date: _____</p>

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<p>What did I receive from being specific in my prayer life? _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
