

May 2015



ROSS
COMMUNITY
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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



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Hello Church Family and Friends,

It's always a wonderful opportunity to share some thoughts through the newsletter. My thanks to Phil Brown who does an excellent job getting the newsletter out to you. He's always on time unless I am late getting an article to him.

During May we will conclude the series on Faith and transition to a series on Grace. Faith is believing that what "God said, God meant." It is vitally important for each of us to get this into our spirit and soul it is the basic Christian concept. Faith says I believe God and we must ask on what we believe to engage our faith.

Once we complete the series on Faith we will be starting a series on Grace. David Reagan said about grace: "Grace is mentioned 170 times in the Bible. Consider some of the ways it can be defined:

1. Grace is God's unmerited favor. That is, grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve. In the Bible, grace and mercy are like two heads of the same coin. Mercy is God withholding judgment or evil that I deserve; grace is God giving me blessing or good that I do not deserve. Because of God's mercy, I do not receive the judgment of God against my sins; because of God's grace, I receive eternal life and a promise of heaven though I do not deserve them. Both mercy and grace come to me though the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Grace can also be defined as God's sufficiency or God's fullness in the life of the believer. God told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). That is, the grace of God in Paul enabled him and empowered him in his weakness. Another verse states, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). God's grace working in us supplies the sufficiency whereby we may abound to every good work. I like to call grace "God's enoughness." By this I mean that God is enough for us no matter what the situation we face."

I learned a new word called "enoughness" but God is more than enough to help us in any situation, keep the faith and live in grace it all ties together.

Be blessed,

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)

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Sally Rechel 513-521-5223

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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.



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 Creasy



The next UMW woman's monthly meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 10:00AM at the church. We will be decorating for the Mother's dinner the next night.

The Mother's and Special Others Banquet will be on Tuesday 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 are in the process of taking reservations, so do invite your daughters, granddaughters, mothers or special other women.

We are trying to help Carol Farmer crochet Prayer Shawls. 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 June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 6:30PM at Frisch's restaurant, 1225 Main Street, Hamilton. We are hoping all women can attend this dinner.



Yes, it is almost November and time for the **Nicaragua Fiesta Dinner and Concert.**

Saturday, September 19, 2015

No fooling; it is time to think about what talent you will be sharing with Nicaragua and the world. Linda is asking you to think about this and begin practicing your part. The talent opportunities are unlimited: dancing, singing, poem reading, skits, playing musical instruments, magic and even juggling.

Let Linda know if you want to participate and let her know your talent. Get on the program before it closes.

More information is coming. Keep your foot tapping and get ready.

Thanks, Linda, Debbie and Sandy



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION ACTIVITY

The children of our Sunday School classes are learning about the Great Commission and what it means to be a Disciple. We have taken on a Mission Project for school children in the Ross School System.

We are collecting #2 yellow pencils, wooden rulers and erasers (2" pink ones). We invite you to help us with the collection. Ms. Nancy has agreed to help us distribute the items.

Thank You, Sandy Hogeback and Debbie Kunick

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

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.



NURTURE & MISSIONS



Submitted by Judy Kottman

Annual Yard Sale – Saturday, May 30 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

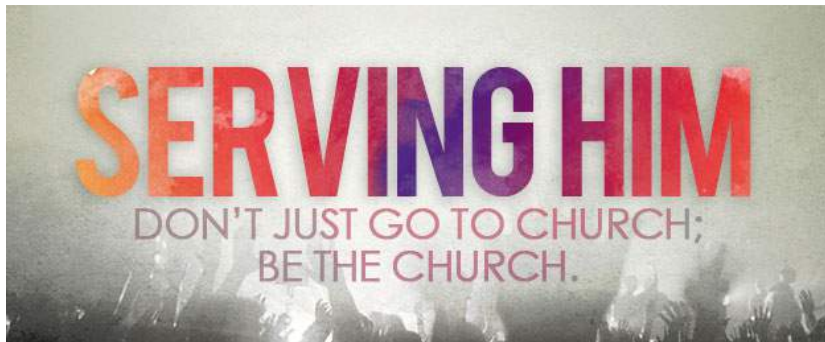
It's time again for the Annual Yard Sale. Spaces are available for \$10.00. You pay when you arrive for set up that morning. We will gladly accept donations of gently used household, lawn and garden, tools, all items including clean and gently used clothing. Please have clothing items on hangers.

We will accept items beginning **Sunday, May 17**. We need volunteers the week before the sale to move items from The Sharing Closet, place items on tables for pricing and assist as cashiers. Helpers and servers are also needed the day of the Yard Sale.

A sign-up sheet will be available for you to volunteer. Coffee and donuts will be available the morning of the sale. Any questions, please contact Nancy Beckman.



- 2 Kyle Rheinfrank
- 6 Katie Rheinfrank
- 6 David Flannery
- 7 Betty Merz
- 9 Carolyn Foster
- 11 Linda Wright
- 14 Nicole Eppich
- 19 Brenda Huber
- 20 Del Foster
- 21 Rev. Grant Montgomery
- 23 Joyce Jones
- 24 Lois Gleason
- 27 Micky Eppich
- 27 Vicky Foster



Worship Leaders

- May**
- 3 Leroy Singleton
- 10 Debbie Gilman
- 17 Tom Bevington
- 24 Tim Zecher
- 31 Greg Conrad
- June**
- 7 Wes Flannery
- 14 Roger Creasy
- 21 Nancy Beckman
- 28 Jim Rechel
- July**
- 5 Phil Brown

Greeters / Ushers

- May**
- 3 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch
- 10 Wayne & Linda Estep
- 17 Butch & Trey Foster
- 24 Roger & Judy Creasy
- 31 Bill & Brenda Oliver
- June**
- 7 Jim & Sally Rechel
- 14 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 21 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch
- 28 Wayne & Linda Estep
- July**
- 5 Butch & Trey Foster

May Anniversaries



- 3 John & Danielle Fisher
- 7 David & Lynette Rheinfrank
- 21 Dell & Carolyn Foster



Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



The following essay by Evert Vandermolten, a father and one-time child, is intended to cheer up all you mothers (and dads, too) who have been accused by your kin for being too harsh with them. Hang in there and take to heart the words of Mr. Vandermolten.

"The World's Meanest Mother"

Essay by Evert Vandermolten

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When other kids had Cokes and French fries for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you might guess, my supper was different from theirs, too. But at least I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My brother and sister had the same mother I had.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd have thought we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. If we said we'd be gone for an hour, she insisted that it not be an hour and five minutes. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us, not once, but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine hitting a child just because he disobeyed?

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends - - in fact, my mother broke the child labor law by making us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of exhausting jobs. I believe she lay awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us - - and sometimes it nearly did.

By the time we were teenagers, our lives became even more unbearable. There was none of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end by making our dates and our friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention that while our friends were dating at twelve and thirteen, my old fashioned mother refused to let us date until the age of sixteen or past. Sixteen, that is, if we dated only to go to school functions or church services.

As you can see, my mother was a complete failure. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced or beaten his mate. Each of us brothers served time in the service of this country. Look at all the things we missed. And whom do we have to blame? That's right - - our mean mother. She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

in the spotlight
IN THE SPOTLIGHT



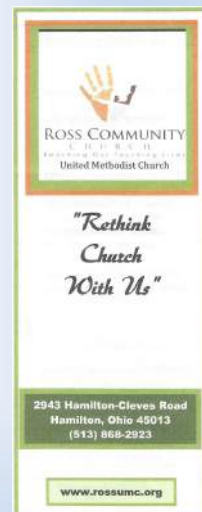
This month's spotlight features Jan Gump. Jan recently put together a pamphlet entitled "Rethink Church With Us", and it gives a description of our church, worship times, location and information about some of our programs. Be sure to take a look at this pamphlet located on our new display rack. (Picture of front cover displayed at the right.)

Jan serves on committees at church, as well as giving of her time and talents during our VBS Program last summer.

She is a regular attendee on Sunday's as well as other day and evening events. You can always count on receiving a warm smile from Jan.

Thank you Jan for all you do for Ross Community UMC. **You are very much appreciated.**

Submitted by Brenda Brown



"SMALL GROUPS"

Jesus was in a small group, are you?

Small groups provide an environment to grow closer to God and each other. To sign up or for more information please contact Pastor Larry.

Small Group Activity Interest

- Silver Screen Classics** (Monday at Springdale Cinema - \$2.00 movie, popcorn & a soft drink.)
- Romeo's** ("Retired Old Men Eating Out")
- Card Groups** @ a restaurant, church, retirement center
- Bible Study** **Topical Study**
- Knitting / Crochet Club**
- Grief Share** (Helps with the grieving process in the loss of a loved one.)
- Lay Pastor Training** (If you feel called to help people through a crisis this might be for you.)
- Fifth Sunday Luncheons**
- Night or Day movies**
- Golf Outings**
- Serving** (One to two evenings a month at a trailer park or needy area of Ross.)
- Other** (Tell us what you would like to do.)

Sunday Message Series

Beginning May 10, 2015

Faith

“Water Walking Faith”

May	
10	“I’ve Got to See It to Believe It”
17	“How Do I Know What to Believe – I Need to Figure it Out”
24	“Why Belief Matters”

Grace

“God’s Redemption At Christ’s Expense”

May	
31	“Grace or Law”
June	
7	“Grace is so Sweet”
14	“Let’s Get Out of Un-grace”
21	“Peter “Kill, eat”
28	“Live It and In It”
July	
5	“Apply It”



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United Methodist Committee on Relief



The Advance
Advancing Hope in Christ's Name

CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

April 22, 2015

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Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 04/07/15 of \$67.00 to the Imagine No Malaria campaign through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that **100 percent** of your contribution will go towards eliminating one of the world's most deadly diseases. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to support one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for partnering with us in God's mission.

Through gifts like yours, Imagine No Malaria has already distributed 1.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets throughout Africa. We have also trained more than 5,400 community health workers to personally deliver mosquito nets and measure usage rates. Today, because of the dedicated and generous support of people like you, **malaria's impact has been cut in half!**

Your gift supports the work of the United Methodist Church and our many partners including The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; The United Nations Foundation; the International Federation of the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, Nets for Life®, and United Methodist central conferences across Africa.

Please visit www.imagenomalaria.org to learn more about how your support is making an impact with a full range of interventions to combat malaria. If you have questions about your gift, please feel free to contact the Gift Processing Unit at 212-870-3611.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission and as we advance towards a day with no malaria.

Grace and Peace,

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