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2014



ROSS COMMUNITY
C H U R C H
Reaching Out-Touching Lives
United Methodist Church

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Our Mission

“Centered in Christ”
“Strength for Today”
“Hope for Tomorrow”

Church Family and Friends,

It's November, as my mother used to say time really flies and it's turkey season already. This is my third letter to you and I get more excited with each one about the possibilities that lie before us at Ross Community. I am confident that God is going to build a people who are strong in the Word, dedicated to Him, believe in each other and support each other in time of need and trials. I have seen that already.

We have many things going on this month at church. On November 2nd we will be honoring those in our families that have passed away. It is a time of sadness for our loss and joy for the saints who have gone to be eternally home. Contact us if you would like to honor a saint in your life. Following the All Saints service we are going to celebrate our veterans and honor them on the 9th of November.

November 16th brings to Ross Community UMC a Christian vocalist group called 3 + One. I have heard them and you will not want to miss it. They will be leading worship as well as singing. That morning we will be sharing our annual stewardship message. It is one I am sure you may never have heard a take on, plan to attend.

In the past we have asked that you pray about your stewardship commitment for the upcoming year and we are asking you to prayerfully consider what God wants you and your family to do to support Ross Community in a financial manner for 2015. I believe this is a family matter and families need to agree together where their finances go and to whom they support.

I am thankful for a season when we can stop and realize the blessings of A God who is so caring and has provided us such wonderful surroundings to raise our families. I am reminded so many times of how good God is and how thankful I am for His direction in my life. The fact that He watches over us is reason enough to be thankful.

On Sunday November 30 we will begin the celebration of the Advent season with the first message in a four part Advent message series. Each of these services will build up to the birth of Jesus, plan to attend, now is a good time to come back. Hope to see you weekly. This is a good time to invite someone to attend with you.

Pastor Larry

ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Information Page

CONTACTS

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ALTAR FLOWERS:



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Lynn Schernbeck (738-4959) for the date of your choice and it will be announced in the church bulletin.

“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 or Lay Leader Jim Rechel will return your call.

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



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subject line.*

Thank You, Editor



Upcoming Church Events



Tuesday, November 11 – Quarterly UMW Evening Meeting

All women are invited to the dinner meeting 6 p.m. @ Bob Evans in Hamilton. Contact Judy Creasy for reservations.

Sunday, November 16 –

The music ministry of the group 3+1 will bless us. You may want to invite friends to this joyous occasion.

Saturday, November 28 – UM Men's Grits & Grace Meeting 8:00 a.m. @ Roger Creasy's home.

Tuesday, December 2 – @ 6:30 p.m. UMW Christmas Banquet

All women are invited. Dinner catered by Milillo's. Musical Entertainment. Tickets for sale beginning Nov. 2 – – contact Linda Estep.



On behalf of the choir, thank you so much for your nut orders!! As always, we have a wonderful and faithful congregation that helps out in all things "food", as well as all of the fund raising and mission efforts of our church. The nuts should be in the week before Thanksgiving, ready for eating and making favorite recipes. We will have nuts available for purchase once they arrive if you forgot to place an order.

There are 5 items available for sale now after the service on Sunday: Pecan Halves, Whole Cashews, Chocolate Covered Cashews, Chocolate Covered Raisins, and Chocolate Malted Milk Balls.

**I LOVE
CHOIR**

Collective Prayer



Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Wherever you are
Take time to pray
For Ross Community United Methodist Church
Those who pass through our doors
Our local community
And our world community

Amen





Submitted by Judy Kottman

2nd ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

First, I need to give a heartfelt “Thank You” to Carol Farmer for taking over the task of organizing the Craft Fair this year. She did a great job and had a total of 32 crafters. Not only was the Sanctuary overflowing with crafters, but also the halls were totally occupied with booths and Sunday School rooms provided dining areas for those who had lunch from the United Methodist Women’s Café. Again we received many compliments for our organization, friendliness and helpfulness experienced by the crafters and the desire to return again next year. The warmth of our church family continued to shine throughout the long volunteer hours and we “thank” everyone who gave of their time and talents making this a real success.



This year a Silent Auction was added to the event and we thank all those who donated items to complete the themed baskets. Karen Brauch took charge of assembling the baskets and gathering additional items to complete each theme. “Hats Off” for a great job Karen.

There are too many names to mention but we again thank everyone who pitched in to make the Craft Fair a success this year. Above all we thank The Trustees and Pastor Larry for the set up and take down time and Pastor Larry for spreading goodwill among shoppers and crafters the entire day.

From booth rentals of \$750.00 and Silent Auction \$257.00, less approximately \$300.00 advertising expense we realized a profit of approximately \$700.00.

“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”



Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes are located in the rear of the sanctuary and anyone wishing to make a donation of \$7.00 to send a box to a child in South America is welcome to choose a box. You need to make a check payable to “Operation Christmas Child” and place it inside the box. This is our way of making Christmas Brighter Around the World. Franklin Graham sponsors this program. Blessings.

“OPERATION MAGI”

This is the third year for “Operation Magi” and again we plan to spread Christmas joy to numerous families in the area. You will have the opportunity to sponsor a recipient by selecting from the Giving Trees placed around the Sanctuary. These will be available no later than a week before Thanksgiving. If you have questions please feel free to contact Nancy Beckman or a member of Nurture/Missions Committee.



“HANGING OF THE GREENS”

We ask everyone to take part in “Hanging of the Greens” immediately following the November 23 Worship Service. We will ask everyone to exit church by first placing a Christmas ornament from our collection on the Sanctuary Christmas tree. You may also assist with additional decorations. The Advent Season is fast approaching. It’s not only a busy time for families but also for our church family. We’ve much to prepare: Our Hearts, Our Minds and Our Spiritual Lives. God grants us many Blessings; Christmas is a time of sharing those Blessings.



God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving

UNITED METHODIST
MEN **Grits & Grace**
Submitted by Jim Rechel
 "Miracle Worker"

I thought Jesus was the only Miracle Worker until I noticed a new bottle sitting on a shelf in our shower stall.

In bold letters affixed to this dispenser of miracles were the words: 'miracle worker – miraculous anti-ageing lactic acid cleanser & mask gently exfoliates as it cleanses and conditions to reveal radiant, youthful-looking skin.'

Who knew such miracles could occur? As I pondered that question while lathering my hair with shampoo, I suddenly realized those words may be true. It also dawned on me that someone was trying to send a not-so-subtle hint that I am getting and looking old.

So I rinsed my hair, and proceeded to cleanse my whole body with this new miracle cleanser. The bottle sure created temptation greater than anything Eve faced! I'll let you know next month how my aging, "un-radiant" skin is looking!

Until then, look for miracles all around us. The greatest of which is the Son, which greets us each morning!

May God Bless You, Jim



Missed you last Sunday. I am still saving a seat for you.
 Your friend, Jesus



United Methodist Women
Submitted by: Judy Creasy

Tuesday, November 11th, 2014, is the date of the UMW dinner meeting at the **Hamilton Bob Evens at 6:00 p.m.** All women are invited for dinner and a short meeting.

The woman's **Christmas Dinner** will be on **December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be catering Milillo's Italian food, we will have Christmas entertainment and we will be exchanging Christmas ornaments. **Linda Estep** will be **selling the tickets** during the month of November, be sure to buy your tickets early.

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

Our **December meeting** will be a morning meeting on **Monday, December 1st in the church at 10:00 a.m.** We will be decorating for the Christmas dinner. Please mark your calendars and join us.

October Anniversary's



- 14 Richard & Brenda Huber
- 18 Earl & Barb Winsted
- 23 Jim & Sally Rechel
- 25 Jim & Lois Lynch

November

7 Lynette Rheinfrank
 10 Frank Auffinger
 11 Meagan Henderson
 11 Ann Montgomery
 16 Dan Campbell

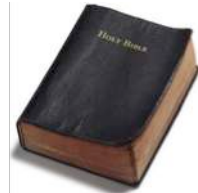


17 Annette Hegner
 19 Wilma Spurlock
 20 Austin Gleason
 22 Nancy Mabis
 23 Marie Gilman
 24 Randy Anderson

Worship

November

2 Nancy Beckman
 9 Tom Bevington
 16 Tim Zecher
 23 Greg Conrad
 30 Wes Flannery



December

7 Roger Creasy
 14 Jim Rechel
 21 Leroy Singleton
 28 Debbie Gilman

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 due to ongoing heart problems, 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.



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.

Leaders

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 &
Jr. Church



Submitted by Sandy Hogeback

Ushers & Greeters

November

2 Roger & Judy Creasy
 9 Bill & Brenda Oliver
 16 Jim & Sally Rechel
 23 Phil & Brenda Brown
 30 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch

December

7 Wayne & Linda Estep
 14 Butch & Trey Foster
 21 Roger & Judy Creasy
 28 Bill & Brenda Oliver

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

We now have 3 Sunday School Classes before Church starts. We have an Adult Class, 1st Grade to 3rd Grade Class and 4th Grade & older Class. We also have a nursery that is open for anyone from birth to age four.

We started a Jr. Church program that meets after the Children's Moments in the Sunday School classroom. We meet first in the Cross Room so we can do a "Joys and Concerns" and have prayer. After the prayer we go to the classroom for a story and craft.

We need people to volunteer to do Jr. Church. Sarah Hogeback will be there to help you with Jr. Church. We will be ordering material to be used for Jr. Church or if you have something you want to use. There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway.



We are working on compiling a list of person's to fill in, if and/or, when Lori Campbell is ill or on vacation. If you know of someone who is proficient at playing the piano, please let me know?

This may be: yourself, a relative or friend. Possibly you have a connection with a school or another organization that may recommend a person who can play.

Thank You.
 Brenda Brown, Chairperson
 Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Save
 the
 Date



Submitted by Brenda Brown

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's UMC on Symmes Road in Fairfield. It would be a blessing to have a good turnout from our church. Pastor Larry has mentioned all present going to dinner following this event.

MESSAGE SCHEDULE

- 11/2/14 Saints and Us (Communion)
- 11/9/14 Gideon – Man of Destiny
- 11/16/14 Stewardship Sunday
3 + One-Christian Vocalists
- 11/23/14 After All It Is Thanksgiving
- 11/30/14 First Sunday of Advent –
“The Waiting Room”
- 12/7/14 Second Sunday of Advent –
“Save the Date” – Communion
- 12/14/14 Third Sunday of Advent –
“Be the Light”
- 12/21/14 Fourth Sunday of Advent –
“Call Waiting”
- 12/24/14 Christmas Eve Service
Communion
- 12/28/14 The Dawning of a New Era



On the last Sunday of the month the children will be collecting loose coins for local



missions. Please remember to bring your loose change to help benefit this effort. Let's hear those metal buckets get **LOUD** helping support those in need.



The Pilgrims gave
 Thanks to the Lord



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

