

November
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ROSS
COMMUNITY
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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Greetings Church Family,

I get to write you again, what a joy to serve as your pastor. I'm having a wonderful time and trust you are equally blessed.

As I sit down each month to think about what to write I am ever reminded of how kind and generous you have been to Cindy and me. October was Pastor Appreciation Month and once again you were very generous with your financial gifts and I really appreciated the cards and notes, very thoughtful of everyone.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and what a wonderful opportunity to stop and say "Thanks be to God." He is the absolute very best thing that could ever happen to us. I was doing some work on the Bible study on James we are doing on Thursday evenings and James discusses how faith along with works is so very important to the Christian. He is saying that we can believe all we want but if no one ever sees what we are doing, who will know? We are just getting started and if you have been busy for the first two it's never too late to get started. We have notes, Bibles and pens; all we need is you.

The holiday season and busy times are just ahead of us. On November 8th we will have our Veteran's day service, if you have served or have a family member who served our country get us a photo and we will be happy to display the picture during the service. You can send them to Debbie Gilman at dgilman22@gmail.com. This will be a meaningful service and the message that day is entitled "Habits - The Habit of Serving." Thanksgiving will be here and some may be traveling or having family in for the holiday, always a good time with family.

At the end of November on the 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. I love the Christmas season and Cindy and I have vowed to get our decorations up early this year, not sure where they're going in the new location but I know she will find a place. What a great time to think about our heritage and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Be blessed,

Pastor Larry

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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)

CONTACTS

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Jim Rechel 513-521-5223

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Phil Brown 513-868-2338

Trustees

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Music Director:

Pianist:

Lori Campbell 513-863-1421

Cornett:

Karen Auffinger 513-738-5225

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, Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Lay Leader Wes Flannery 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



United Methodist Women

Submitted by Judy Creasy

The Christmas dinner will be "A Cookie Christmas" dinner on Tuesday evening, December 8th. The whole church is invited to attend the evening dinner and program. Linda Estep will be selling the tickets starting in the middle of November; adult tickets will be \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children. The dinner will be Millillo's Lasagna, salad, bread and home made Christmas cookies. Ross High School choir will be singing Christmas songs, led by Sterling Finkbine.

Please keep trying to help Carol Farmer by crocheting Prayer Shawls or by donating yarn for the Shawls. Also remember to continue bringing your old eyeglasses to church.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 7th in the church at 10:00AM to decorate for the Christmas dinner.



	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Greeters / Ushers</u>
Nov		
1	Roger Creasy	Bud & Judy Kottman
8	Nancy Beckman	Debbie Gillman & Sally Rechel
15	Leroy Singleton	Wayne & Linda Estep
22	Debbie Gilman	Phil & Brenda Brown
29	Tom Bevington	Butch & Trey Foster
Dec		
6	Phil Brown	Roger & Judy Creasy
13	Tim Zecher	Bill & Brenda Oliver
20	Greg Conrad	Jim & Sally Rechel
24	Jim Rechel	Phil & Brenda Brown
27	Wes Flannery	Bud & Judy Kottman



Have you enjoyed the music? We are blessed to have such a great group of musicians who are so very talented and willing to serve to provide us a wonderful worship atmosphere.

Each week they take time to practice to provide their very best and they really do deliver on Sunday. A big thanks to Greg, Todd, Karen, Lori and Chip for serving. You all are wonderful.

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 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 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 address to Vicky for the e-Prayer Chain.



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

Happy Birthday



6	Tom Bevington
7	Lynnette Rheinfrank
10	Frank Auffinger
11	Ann Montgomery

16	Dan Campbell
19	Wilma Spurlock
20	Austin Gleason
24	Randy Anderson

26	Judy Wilson
27	Tari Halcomb
27	Ashley Snow
27	Kara Broughton



NURTURE & MISSIONS



Submitted by Judy Kottman

LIGHTS, CAMERA and Let's take "ACTION"

We've celebrated Twenty Years, completed the final phase of the renovation, and are celebrating every Sunday in the newly renovated Worship Center. Now it's time to complete the process with a New Pictorial Directory. Monday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 17. 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. each day. Appointment times are filling so be sure to schedule yours today.



We've chosen Universal Church Directories to head the task and we ask everyone to please schedule an appointment for you and your family to be photographed. Every family will view their portraits immediately following the photography session and receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a directory. Simply go on line to ucdir.com and click on "schedule your photography session" on the right side, enter oh1799 in the Church Code field and enter rcumc1 in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling is available Monday through Friday. You may also schedule a time on Sunday mornings or phone Jan Gump 738-3220 or Judy Kottman 738-3603.

You're Invited To Participate in filling the Time Capsule



We're ready to fill the Time Capsule and would like to invite you to make a contribution. Anything from writing about something you wish to be seen in the future or just a small item significant to you. It's already been decided to place the 20 Year Anniversary Banner, photos of the sanctuary before and after, 2015 New Members and Current Committees. The time capsule will be located at the Welcome Center where you may drop off your contribution when you arrive on Sunday morning.

Pre-Thanksgiving Soup & Dessert - Sunday, November 22 following Worship

Please sign up to bring a pot of soup or a dessert as we prepare for Thanksgiving and the Advent Season.

OPERATION MAGI

You will have the opportunity to select Christmas list wishes in the upcoming weeks to participate in the annual Operation Magi Program. This year we also request donations of deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We ask you to sign the list letting us know what family and family member number you have chosen and please return the gifts wrapped by Sunday, December 13.



The First Presbyterian Church Hamilton Friday Mission Dinner

Please mark your calendar for Friday, November 27. Arrive around 4 p.m. to assist with serving, busing tables and clean up. Please bring a dessert. Questions, please phone Nancy Beckman 896-4898.