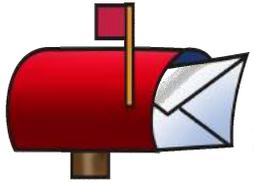


**Ross
Community
UM CHURCH**



Our Vision

*Centered in Christ
Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK Rev. Larry Gallaher pastor@rossumc.org

Dear Church Family,

Jesus said "Come follow me ..."the disciples were minding their own business, literally they were all about doing their own thing, in their own time. Andrew, Peter, James and John were two sets of brothers who were fisherman. These men were about to face a decision that would change their lives, that in fact, it would change the direction of their lives, drastically. Josephus, the historian who governed the area where they fished a generation later counted 338 fishing boats in the trade in Galilee. Normally, you would have six to ten crewmen on each vessel. That adds up to two to three thousand fishermen working this sizable lake.

For James and John this was their business working with Zebedee their father. Seaside they were probably straightening out their nets while Andrew and Peter were most likely in the water preparing a net to be cast out from the boat. They were doing what they did every day following their lifestyle. But, along came Jesus who offered them something that would change their lifestyle, change their direction in life radically change the world.

Jesus said "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." I am certain this was not the first time they had seen Jesus. According to John, Andrew had already been supporting the ministry of John the Baptist who was calling Jews into repentance. Following Jesus was not a real difficult decision for these fellows, but it did require a change of direction.

The Prayer for Direction in our lives is the first message in the new series on prayers that God answers. This message will be followed by a message on "Freedom and Provision" where we will share about being free from oppression and the things that "just bug me." The remainder of the series will cover "Forgiveness and Salvation" and what are the next steps we take. November 20th "Can I be Healed of Everything that is Troubling Me?" On Thursday the 17th of November, we are going to hold a healing service. God has directed us to pray for the sick and the troubled and He will deliver them, we will do our part and expect Him to do His. Then to conclude on 27th will be a message about what are the blessings out there for me.

Start praying for the series and the healing service, invite those you know that are sick and need of God's touch. Let go and let God.

Pastor Larry

NOVEMBER Announcements:



06 Tom Bevington 07 Lynnette Rheinfrank 10 Frank Auffinger
11 Ann Montgomery 19 Wilma Spurlock 24 Randy Anderson
26 Judy Wilson 27 Tari Halcomb 27 Ashley Snow
27 Kara Broughton



Wedding Announcement Todd Truman & Tiffany Cales were married Saturday October 15

23 Jim & Sally Rechel
25 Jim & Lois Lynch



Emily Adams, our new Administrative Assistant, a Cincinnati, graduate of Colerain High School, and B. Mus. degree from [Univ.Kentucky](#). Lived in Lexington and returning in 2001. She has been an organist at several churches and has worked in an administrative capacity for Aetna Life and Casualty, the Council of State Governments, the Kentucky League of Cities, and the Kentucky historic preservation agency. Emily is a member of Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Healthy, active in the prayer shawl ministry, and serves as a greeter and treasurer of the Women of the ELCA group. She and her husband Dave, a retired math professor, and they live in Mt. Airy.

CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

In the past, these have been called Charger Conferences but this year they are being re-named and held locally at each church. We need your support and attendance and we will have lunch along with the meeting.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is available for children each Sunday at Ross CUMC. We have a need for volunteers to share the responsibility of teaching children. Volunteers are appreciated for any number of Sundays. Sign up sheet in the church hallway.

OPEN HOUSE

On December 10th Cindy and I would like to invite you our Christmas Open House (1791 Hanover Way, Hamilton), as we did last year. All you need to bring is yourself. We'll plan on around 1:00 PM as a starter. Hope to see everyone.

Friends In Faith Event

Apple and Pumpkin Fest

When: Friday November 18th, Time: 6:30pm

Where: Ray & Sharon Niehoff's home (3826 Longhorn Dr. Hamilton 45013)

Sign up sheet in church hallway.



Veterans Day Celebration

Sunday November 6, we will honor our Veterans who have served in the Armed Services.



SOLDIER'S PRAYER

*Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers
Protectors of our land,
Servants called to battle
When our country takes a stand.*

*Please give them strength and courage
And hearts that will forgive.
With peace and understanding
In a world for all to live.*

*Our country's prayers are with them
No matter where they roam.
**Please listen when they're lonely
And return them safely home.***



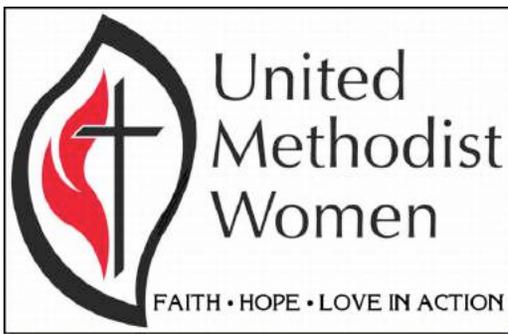
Time Change

(fall back an hour)

ReSet clocks Saturday
November 5th



Items are requested for our Church Time Capsule. Please bring any relevant materials you may have to the Church office.



(submitted by Judy Creasy)

The UMW Holiday Nut Sale

Terri Lynn 11 most popular items:

Pecan Halves

Pecan Pieces

Mixed Nuts

Whole Cashews

Almond Cranberry Granola Mix

Harvest Medley Mix

Milk Chocolate Jumbo Raisins

Milk Chocolate Pecan Clusters

Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels

Tins of Salted Cashews

Tins of Deluxe Mixed Nuts

We will be selling in November and December. Please remember to buy the nuts and candy for Christmas baking and gifts.

The church Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 6th. The theme will be "Vintage Venice Christmas", the 50's era. The Praise Band will be playing Christmas music and songs. We are doing the Christmas cookie exchange, everyone is welcome to bring their favorite homemade cookies. Everyone is invited.

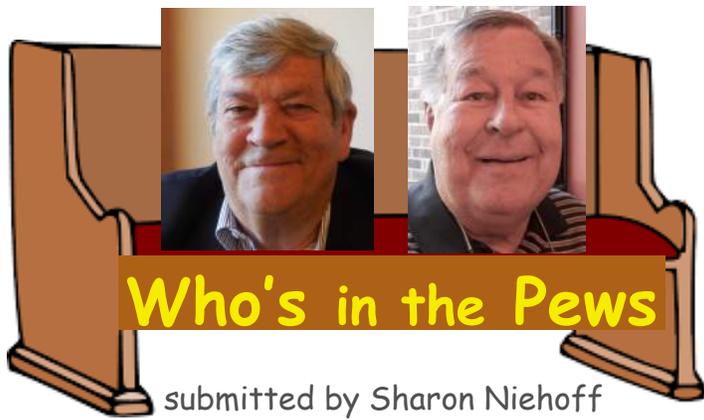
The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday November 11th at 10:00AM at the church

Nancy is starting to plan for the Operation magi, asking the Ross schools for 10 families names. Please take names of family members for Christmas gifts, when the tables are setup.

Karen Riehle has asked us, to send Christmas cards to her grandson Luke and his unit in Iraq, who are fighting ISIS. Please sign the Christmas cards that are in the church.

Carol is going to have another crocheting class. The sign up sheets for the class is on a round table in the Church hall. We will start by making dishcloths, progressing to the Prayer Shawls.

The following women's meeting will be on Monday, December 5th, at 10:00AM in the church to setup tables for the Christmas party.



Gary Mortimer

Starting as a young boy, Gary became familiar with the food business. His father owned Mortimer's Grocery Store in New Baltimore, Ohio. Sunday mornings, the family attended Pilgrim Holiness Church. After graduating from Harrison High School, he started a career in the construction business. Gary was a Construction Superintendent, with a combined 43 years of experience.

However, Corvettes and their restorations became his hobby. Starting with convincing his girlfriend, Sharon Hann, to co-buy a new 1963 Corvette. Gary has an extensive collection of Corvettes and Avantes, along with a 1957 Cameo, 1969 Camaro, and a 2009 Solstice. All these cars are stored in his very large barn. He is the past president of the National Corvette Restorers Association.

Six months after Gary and Sharon bought the 1963 Corvette, they were married. Their family includes son Eric and daughter Melissa, along with four grandchildren. Gary is a church trustee.

Doug Beckman

Doug is a Hamiltonian. He reports a happy childhood with his parents, brother and sister. After graduation from Hamilton Catholic High School; he attended St. Joseph's College on a basketball scholarship. However, after two years he returned to Hamilton. He joined the Air Force Reserves as a MP for six years of service. The Cuban Missile Crisis was his first call up. Doug was employed with Mosler Safe for 18 years, followed with 22 years at American Fan Co.

Moreover, Doug started the Ross Junior Pro Basketball League. Ten teams along with 100 cheer leaders participated in this sport organization. Doug is a passionate golfer. The "greens" call him every Tuesday, weather permitting.

This is a man who enjoys family, gardening, and his church trustee duties. Doug and his bride Nancy Whalen have been married 53 years, and blessed with Jill, Jenny, Jeff, and four grandchildren. The Lord and his family give him the faith and strength to continue his kidney dialysis for the past two years.