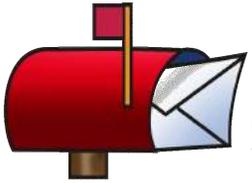


**Ross
Community
UM CHURCH**



Our Vision

*Centered in Christ
Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*



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

Greeting Church Family,

Lots of awesome and wonderful happenings are occurring every day in the life of the church and you are a part of those happenings. I am thankful for each and every one of you for worshipping, serving and being a part of the community.

I received a picture today from Karyn Taylor with students at the Ross Middle School joining for prayer around the flagpole. It's wonderful to see these kids meeting together for their good. There must have been at least twenty to twenty-five students from what I could tell. These gatherings are contagious and I would imagine many more students will join in the future. This is a reminder to keep our kids in our prayers.

Seeing this brings another thought to my mind about those who choose to kneel or raise a fist during the National Anthem being played prior to NFL games. I simply cannot understand how this gesture has anything to do with racial justice, equality or inequality. I understand this is a controversial issue, but tell me this how does this accomplish anything? What it has done is bring a greater divide among all the people in the nation? I will forever be a strong advocate for Martin Luther King and while I realize this is peaceful demonstration what has anyone done kneeling or raising a fist offered to resolve the issues at hand? A question that remains on my mind. However, I will always stand as long as I can anytime I hear it played.

We are into a series on "Let the Limitations Go - Experience God's Transforming Power." Legalism, Pharaissm, Religion and other forms of man's thinking is putting rules ahead of God and are topics shared during the series. If you miss a message be sure to go onto our website and listen. By the way if you missed last Sunday's special called "Recovering Pharisee" you just have to hear it. Thursday at 7:00 PM (weekly) we are studying the Book of Revelation. If you have missed any session, we have notes available for you. Once you get into Revelation and start to see what John was writing about it becomes so much clearer to the student. We are also spending time with prayer and some praise music. Hope to see you join us.

Pastor Larry

P.S. Our new home address is 1791 Hanover Way, Hamilton, Ohio 45013

"MY HOME IS IN HEAVEN, I'M JUST TRAVELING THROUGH THIS WORLD!"

Billy Graham

October Announcements:



6 Addy Rheinfrank 8 Gabrielle Truman 25 Don Rechel
6 Sharon Mortimer 12 Nichole Auffinger 7 Jo Anderson
7 Tim Zecher 21 Sandy Hogeback 24 Robin Montgomery



19th Doug & Nancy Beckman
20th Dave & Judy Wilson
27th Chip & Melissa Schoepf

Clergy Appreciation Day: Sunday October 9th.

This is a time to recognize the work of ministers, and pastors in the US. Thank you Rev. Larry Gallaher, your guidance, work, and loving care is appreciated by all us.

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. Please contact Sandy Hogeback if called to this children's ministry.

Administrative Assistance

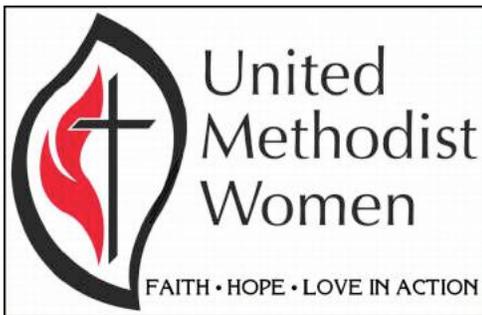
An Administrative Assistant is needed for Church office duties 3 days a week. Anticipating working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the hours ~ 9:00am-2:00pm. This is a compensated position. If you are interested or know of someone please let Pastor Larry know.

Serving Opportunity

As the church year approaches an ending the Nominating Committee will be meeting to recommend those persons willing to serve for the calendar years of 2017 through 2019. Our committee members normally serve for three years. Certain positions require church membership others do not. If you are not willing to serve please let Pastor Larry know so your name will not be considered. If you have a particular interest in a committee, please also let Pastor Larry know.

News Letter (Ray Niehoff niehoffray@yahoo.com)

Please email your input to me, by the 25th of the month, for next month's edition.



(submitted by Judy Creasy)

The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday October 11th, 6:30 at Chinese Lantern. Please give Breda Oliver your reservation, if you have not already told me.

Women have decided to sell Terri Lynn nuts this year, taking over for the choir. We will be buying the most popular nuts and will be selling them in November and December. Please remember to buy our nuts for Christmas baking and gifts. Carol is going to have another crocheting class. The signup sheet for the class will be on the round table in the church hall. We will start by making small squares, progressing to the Prayer Shawls.

The church Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 6th. The theme will be "Vintage Venice Christmas" with the Praise Band playing Christmas songs. Everyone is invited.

The following women's meeting will be on Tuesday November 8th, at 10am in the church.

Requested Recipe

Herbed Spinach Bake

2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen chopped spinach	1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cups cooked rice	1 teaspoon ground thyme
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese	
4 eggs, beaten	
2/3 cup milk	
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened	
1/4 cup chopped onion	
2 teaspoons salt	

Cook spinach according to package directions; drain well, squeezing out excess liquid. Combine spinach with remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes more or until set. **Yield:** 16 servings.

Charge Conference

In the past The UMC has held what was called a Charge Conference annually to discuss to church's results, approve the budget and offices for the upcoming year. In the past they have been held at different churches across the district with several churches meeting at each location during the same time with a worship service. The year our new District Superintendent had a wonderful idea, he wants every church to hold there meeting in their church. We have scheduled ours for November 13th at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be served. We want to encourage everyone to stay for lunch and the Church Conference.

Salvation Army Fund Raiser

The salvation Army is hosting a Soupfest on October 20th at 6:00 PM. We are attempting to increase our donations from the community and I would to invite you to attend and make a donation. Any amount is appreciated. There will be "Save the Date" cards available on Sunday if you can attend.

Photos From: Church Picnic



Friends in Faith



**Many thanks,
To Brenda and Phil
that made this event happen.**





Who's in the Pews

submitted by Sharon Niehoff

Earl Whirls- The early bird catches the worm. That is Earl Whirls "Whirly Bird" arriving before 9am each Sunday, for the Adult Sunday school class. Maybe growing up on a Cozaddale Ohio farm trained this early riser. 1951 was the year Earl enlisted in the Navy. He was aboard the USS Broadbill cruising the Mediterranean Sea, repairing ship machinery. Next, Earl worked 40 years as a tool and die maker for the General Motors Company. Some may remember Earl's duty as a Butler County Deputy Sheriff. Moreover, he was the Ross Township Police Chief in the 1980's. Winnie Smith was his bride for 60 years. Two daughters; Cindy and Debbie, along with 5 grandchildren, and great grandchildren complete Earl's family.

Karen Riehle- Karen is the happy face greeting you at Ross CUM Church's front door each Sunday. Additionally, the past year she has been a active member of the United Methodist Women's group. When asked, why this church, her reply is "I feel good when I leave the church service". Karen is a Cincinnati native growing up in Mt. Auburn and graduated from Hughes High School. Also, she worked 20 years for the State of Ohio. Her family includes: husband Danny and three children; Tracy, Donna, Chrissy, nine grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Karen's grandson Luke is serving with the US Army in Iraq.

Tari Halcomb- Tari is our other bright faced greeter on Sunday morning and an active member of the UMW . Tari says the people of Ross CUMC are very likable and friendly. One could say that Tari has a strong work ethic. She attributes it to her parents. She is a 1970 Taft High School graduate. She was employed 30 years in the Butler County Probation Office Court Document Department. After retiring, she continued working 14 years for the Kroger Company. Additionally, she owned a farm in Oxford, Ohio. Another one of our farmers; as she baled hay, plowed fields and milked cows. Her family includes Sara, a nursing school student and her brother Tim Zecher.