

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



September
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Dear Church Family,

As Christians we are called to serve God and follow Jesus doing His work on the earth. He has gifted each of us with certain gifts for work in the ministry of His church. Our God given gifts should go beyond the church into the world. One way we can take our ministry into the world is through a simple thing called evangelism.

But, how can we incorporate this into our daily living to follow the example of Jesus and share the good news. There are some simple things we can do that will help us all to do so.

1. Pray on a daily basis for guidance from God asking Him whom He would want you to share with today. It does not have to be a great long theological debate (and it should not be) but maybe listening to someone and letting them know you will pray for them. You may be the person on this day to encourage someone when you talk to them, you may be the one to pick something up in the grocery aisle while someone you do not know is watching you. Let me suggest you make a list of people to pray for, needs you know others may have, concerns God has laid on your heart. Let Him lead you and the opportunities for ministry will come your way.
2. Look for opportunities to seek people out. Don't wait for them to smile at you first you smile first. Open the door for someone whether they are struggling with a bag of groceries or not. Pay it forward at a drive through, they'll never know who you are, but you have blessed them in a special way. It's about doing something for someone else.
3. We are all familiar with social media both the benefits and the drawbacks. Make social media such as Facebook a ministry opportunity to share Jesus with your contacts. It doesn't have to be a theologically deep post maybe the words to a Christian song that means something special to you, a verse of scripture, a thought from a message you have heard.

Ministry is not hard, but it takes our paying attention to what is going on around us to have received the blessing to share about Jesus and how He has helped you. It is your personal story that lets them know you care to share.

Pastor Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE +

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)

+

Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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United Methodist

Women

Second Tuesday of the month

@ 10:00 a.m.

+

Trustees – Nurture & Missions

First Tuesday of the month

@ 6:30 p.m.

+

Church Council

Second Monday of odd months

@ 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 9:00 a.m.

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Visit the Ross Community United Methodist
Church web page at: <http://www.rossumc.org/>

COMMUNION

If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev Larry Gallaher will return your call.



"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

Prayer Chain

To have someone placed on the Prayer Chain please call Vicky Foster at 513-738-3749 or email vfoster@zoomtown.com.



If you wish to be added to the Prayer Chain send Vicky your email address.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Debbie Kunick at 513-490-0381 or djklykbutterfly@gmail.com.



Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant: Office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Ross Community
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Women
Faith, Hope & Love
In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next UM Women's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the church at 10:00 a.m. We had our September meeting in August due to vacations and other issues.

The women will be selling Thanksgiving paper plates and napkins in October. In November, they will also be selling Terri Lynn nuts and candy. All the proceeds of these sales will go to the Dorothy Gard Scholarship fund. Watch "This Week at Ross" for more details.

We are hoping all the women of the church will attend the October meeting.



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| 09/02 Katie Auffinger | 09/16 Leigh Ann Rechel |
| 09/07 Dick Stewart | 09/17 Connor Schoepf |
| 09/10 Sarah Hogeback | 09/23 Linda Spurlock |
| 09/12 Emma Schoepf | 09/23 Bill Foster |
| 09/13 Melissa Schoepf | 09/27 Jim Rechel |
| 09/14 Cierra Taylor | 09/29 Trey Foster |
| 09/15 Roger Creasy | |

Hall & Door Monitor

September

2	Wayne Estep
9	Jim Rechel
16	Phil Brown
23	Roger Creasy
30	Butch Foster

October

7	Doug Beckman
14	Judy Creasy
21	Sharon Mortimer
28	Wayne Estep



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| | 12 | |
| | CRAIG & MICKY EPPICH | |
| | 23 | |
| | FRANK & KAREN AUFFINGER | |



Worship Leaders

September

2	Nancy Beckman
9	Debbie Gilman
16	Kara Broughton
23	Brenda Brown
30	Debbie Kunick

Editors Note:
 Pastor Larry and I are experimenting with our Sunday Worship services in using just the ladies for the September Worship Leaders. As the month progresses please let us know your feelings on this change.
 (If there are any other ladies who wish to be Worship Leaders please let Pastor Larry know.)

History of Labor Day

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

Sanctuary: a place of refuge and safety.



Fellowship: friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests: they valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community.



Thank you First Responders! When we're in trouble our first call is to a first responder - Dispatchers, Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics and EMT's. They rush to scenes helping complete strangers without thinking twice. Let's show our first responders how grateful we are for what they do for us. *Linda Estep (RCUMC Facebook group page)*

Thank you to all the...dispatchers, police, first responder's, firemen and fire-women, paramedic's and EMT's that go thru endless hours of training and heroically run towards dangers to save people's lives on a daily basis.

Jodi Leinbach (RCUMC Facebook group page)



August 28, 2018

First Responder's
Appreciation Day

