

THE CROSSROADS



June 2008

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Vacation Bible School

July 13 - 17, 6:15 - 9:00



Jesus
Community
Family
Friends

We exist to **reach** others with the Message of Christ, **connect** them with the community of believers, and **challenge** everyone to grow closer to Jesus through faith, knowledge of His Word and service.

Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities.

In God's Big Backyard, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over your fence, and get started helping kids discover how rewarding service can be!

Church Address & Information - Ross Christian Church - 3756 Herman Rd. - Hamilton, OH 45013

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When God Moves

God's presence was there when Abraham was going to slay his son but God spared him.
God's presence was there when Joseph interpreted a dream and saved his family.
God's presence was there when Moses faced Pharaoh and lead God's people free.
God's presence was there when the Israelites entered the promise land.
God's presence was there when Jesus healed a man with leprosy.
God's presence was there when Jesus healed a demon possessed man.
God's presence was there when Jesus raised a dead girl.
God's presence was there when Jesus healed the blind man.
Jesus was the son of God.

How do you know? Many of you have seen it or experienced it when God was present in your life. At your Baptism, when He helps you through a difficult time in your life, or at a joyous time in your life... God's presence was there.

When was the last time you really looked around you and seen God's presence? It's not hard if you really look, pause and think, and see His handiwork.

I look at Ross Christian Church and see God's presence from those who share their hearts in ministry and to those who use their hands to serve. Through all of you I see God at work in you. It's a joy to see the Elders and Deacons working together. The Elders had a one day retreat with Don Hobb's teaching. The Deacons just finished an eight week study taught by John Millard. The Deacons will also be sharing with the church family ways you can get involved in ministry and service and who you need to contact to get involved. We have a new prayer ministry with Dave Bunn as the ministry team leader. We have just hired Ed McColley as our new youth minister and he will arrive here in July. We have a new church presentation ministry team lead by Debbie Sauerland. Mia McCoy was recently baptized and Dave and Donna Bunn joined the Ross Christian Church family. The Angel Food ministry is continuing to grow. And Chris Curry and Melanie Moore have been working together and added several people to the worship team. Praise God because those are great things. God's presence is here!

Let us continue to show God's presence not only here at Ross Christian Church but in our community as well. Thanks to all who helped the Outreach Ministry in bring food for our teachers in Elda, Morgan, RMS, and RHS.

Matthew 5: 14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven."

Don

W Women's Ministry

Continually growing & sharing God's love.

Christy Nunn, 738-4164

ATTENTION MENTORS AND MENTEES!

We will be having a potluck dinner for our Mentors and Mentees on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish and sign up in the kitchen if you are planning to come. This event is for the women who have already committed to relationships for the last six months. It will be a casual evening of fellowship and sharing with your mentor/mentee. I'm hoping it will be another way for us all to connect and truly encourage one another. If you are interested in having a mentor or mentee for the next 6 months, you may want to come and just check it out and see if it would be right for you.

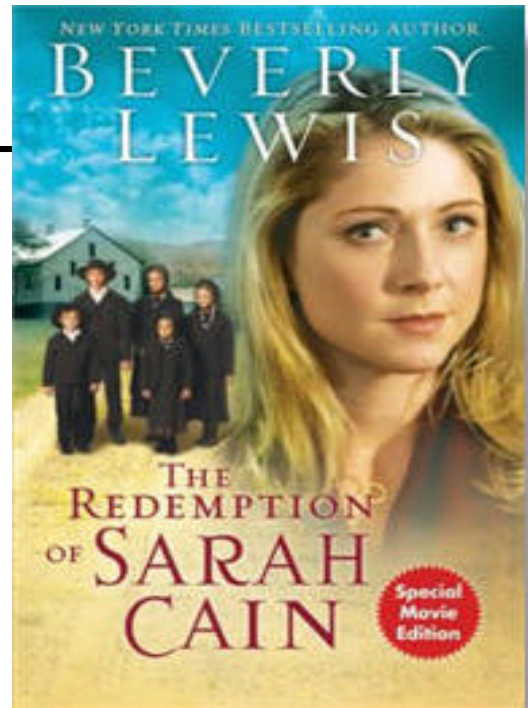
Wedding Shower

WEDDING SHOWER FOR REGINA WALTHER!

June 29, immediately following worship service
Lunch will be provided. We are encouraging gift cards
for this shower. Come celebrate with us!

Looking ahead: July we will be promoting the Back to School Picnic by collecting supplies, backpacks, coats and blue jeans. The date for this year's event is August 30 from 12-2. We are having it here at our church. More details to come next month. Mark your calendars now. We will need lots of volunteers.

Thanks - Also, I just wanted to thank everyone who was involved in surprising me with a gift card for dinner. Toby and I really do appreciate the gesture. Thank you all for allowing us to serve you in this way.



SUMMER BOOK CLUB BEGINS JUNE 10

We begin Summer Book Club by reading The Redemption of Sarah Cain by Beverly Lewis. Eileen Hobbs will be our facilitator and will guide us through the next 3 weeks (June 10, 17 & 24) reading this Christian fiction novel.

Book Synopsis:

Lydia Cottrell, eldest of five Amish orphans, made a promise to her dying mother to "keep the family together." But soon she discovers that guardianship has been granted to a virtual stranger—a well-to-do aunt from Portland, Oregon, who cares little for Mamma's last wish. Lydia's struggle to keep the promise may cost her the loss of "the sweetest, kindest, and most handsome Plain boy in all of Lancaster County"—Levi King.

A thoroughly modern young woman, Sarah Cain had ridiculed her sister's choice of a Plain life-style, which served only to intensify the lifelong rift between them. Now, twelve years later, Sarah is stunned by news of her sister's death and baffled by Ivy's choice of a guardian. How can Sarah sacrifice her successful career and a life she enjoys to raise five Amish orphans? And what of Bryan Ford, the man in her life?

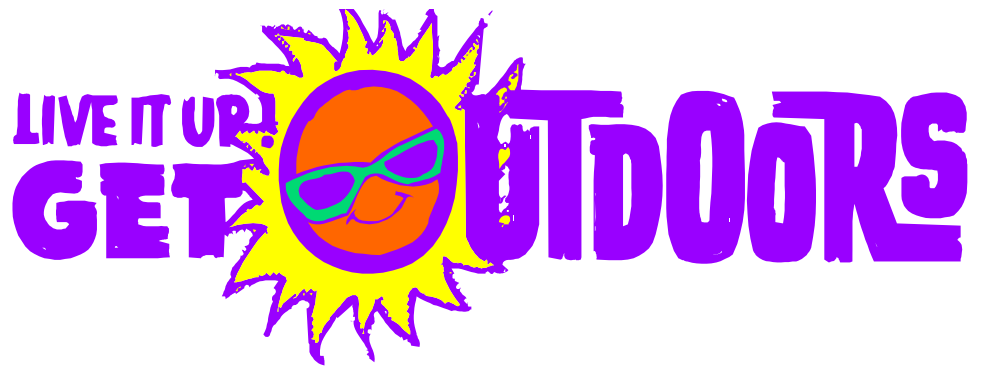
Upon her arrival in Lancaster County, Sarah holds a grief all her own—one very different from the suffering of her nieces and nephews. Can the sorrow that divides them ultimately unite the new family? Will Sarah discover that Lancaster County's Amish community is not only a simpler place, but also a healing place?

Cost will be \$15. Books should arrive the first week in June.

We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00.



RCC Children's Ministry
Growing Kids in Christ
 Terri Millard, 896-1159



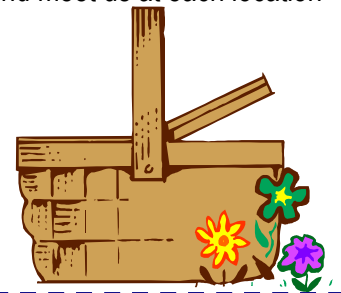
It is hard to believe but school is almost out. We are sure you are probably starting to make plans for those long summer days.

Listed below are some Children's Ministry events for the summer. On one day each month, we will visit a park. This will be a great opportunity for you to pack a picnic lunch, bring your kids and have some great social time with your RCC family. There is no need to sign up – just show up and meet us at each location with your kids and a picnic lunch.

June 19, 10:30 am – Hanover Park in Hamilton

July 24, 11:00 am - Miami Whitewater Water Park

August 21, 10:30 am – Fort Liberty Park



As you read this newsletter, school is almost done and summer is right around the corner! Yippee! Which means summer camp is right around the corner. Kids love summer camp. They will make new friends, lots of memories, and most importantly learn more about Jesus

Woodland Lakes Christian Camp is a camp that RCC supports. It is a great place to take your kids for summer. They have camps for ages 4 on up.

You already missed the early bird registration but we still encourage you to check it out. The prices are still very reasonable for all they get at camp.

Check out their website at www.woodlandlakes.com.

HELP WANTED!!!!

As always, we are looking for great help in Children's Ministry. Our schedules are very flexible and for all of you who offer to teach, we have easy fun curriculum for all ages.

Listed below are our current needs in Children's Ministry. If you can open your heart and see where you can help that would be great. Our mission in Children's Ministry is to "Grow Children in Christ". Please come aboard and help us with that great mission.

Current Needs:

- Kids Praise Coordinator
- Kids Praise Teachers (One Sunday every other month)
- TLC assistants
- Special Events Coordinator

Summer is a time for planning. As we look to Fall, we have many exciting things on the horizon. Turn 180 will be back in full force in the Fall. We are also hoping to start a Sunday night program for kids K – 3rd grade. In addition, we will be starting our 4th – 6th graders in Bible Bowl. We are currently looking for helpers in all these areas. If you would like to help with any of these exciting fall programs, see Terri Millard TODAY!!!



Special Note about the SONshine Group:

As gas prices keep rising, we know that it is often difficult to make the trip back to church for practice. Therefore, we have moved SONshine group practice. We will have practice during worship hour. So, don't worry that your children have been missing practice.



The mission team is excited to welcome **Dale and Jeanie Meade** as a new missionary couple that Ross Christian Church supports. Dale will be coming from CCM (Colombian Christian Mission) to share with our church family on the first Sunday in June. Dale and

Jeanie both left for the mission field after graduating from Cincinnati Bible College in 1973. Since that time Dale has traveled though out southwestern Colombia planting new churches and spreading the gospel. His recent ministry was starting a Bible College in Colombia in January 2006. We are excited to support CCM and Dale and Jeanie Meade.

We want to encourage you to be in prayer for **Kerri Downie** as she travels to Russia. The church donated some money to support her in mission trip there and will be there during the month of June.

We also encourage you to be in prayer for **Don Thie, Morgan Thie, Sandy Campbell, and Mike Campbell** as they travel to the Appalachia Mountains in St. Albans, WV. They will be taking a mission trip to do home repairs and building projects for the families in need in that region and helping rural churches with VBS.

The current missions that Ross Christian Church supports and asks for your prayers are:

Randy and Miki Brooks
Dale and Jeanie Meade
Timothy Fund
RAMM (Ross and Morgan Ministries)
CEF (Christian Evangelizing Fellowship)
Food Pantry
Woodland Lakes Christian Camp



Penny McVay,
737-3139

Members: Penny McVay, Merrill and Janet Sorrell, Faye Pennekamp, Dee Welsh, Martha Sullivan and several others who pitch in as needed!

The Fellowship Ministry has been busy cleaning the cupboards out in the kitchen. Thanks to Janet Sorrell and Martha Sullivan!!! The kitchen looks really nice and everything is in order. The notebook that shows where everything belongs is being updated---please be courteous and return everything to its original place! It is difficult to find things when they are not put away correctly.

If you bring in paper products or have leftovers that you want to leave in the kitchen for others to use, please leave them on the counter by the stove and one of us will find a place to put it.

Our next goal is to have the cabinet under the sink fixed and we would also like a new stove. The plans are to replace some of the dishes (pots/pans/serving bowls, etc). If you would like to help out, let one of the ministry team members know.



Wendy Spencer, 892-0396

Staff Appreciation Day for Ross schools was a great success! Thanks to all who donated their time, snacks and drinks. The staff was very appreciative. We just participated in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th. Our float was decorated in Red, White & Blue and the VBS theme "God's Big Backyard". As we traveled up Layhigh to the cemetery, we passed out information about our great church and VBS. In June we plan to do a Water Outreach at IGA. We will hand out bottles of water to "thirsty souls" to let our community know just how much God loves them and cares for them. We will also be organizing the Community Corner for VBS. We are very busy planning for VBS now! We would love for you to be apart of our team, please see Wendy Spencer if you are interested or if you have any questions.



The youth team is excited to welcome Ed McColley to the Ross Christian Church youth ministry. With his love for God and heart for youth we will be excited to watch our kids grow as disciples in Christ through his ministry. Ed will be arriving sometime around the first of July. As a Church we need to be in prayer for our new minister as he makes his way here and as he travels to this area.

Ed has been serving as a full time youth minister over the last three years. He was a graduate of Purdue University in Organizations Leadership and Supervision and wants to get a degree in Biblical studies at Cincinnati Christian University. So he will be a full time student at CCU and be our part-time Youth Minister for Ross Christian Church. Ed was voted in at our congregational meeting in May and is energized for his arrival.

Here is a note from Ed McColley:

Dear Ross family,

It has been a few weeks now since I have seen you. I have been praying about the future and what God has in store for you and I. I appreciate all that you have done for me leading up to my coming. I know that God has some amazing things in store for the future. I would like to share something that will hopefully encourage/inspire. The series that we are doing in Sunday school class is in the book of Hebrews. In the tenth chapter we see the Hebrew writer talking to the Hebrew Christians after he has tried to remind them that the sacrifices of the Law were insufficient compared to the sacrifice that Christ would provide. Verses nineteen through twenty one show us that if we believe that Christ is the great priest sitting next to God we should have the confidence to draw near to Him. Then in verse twenty two he actually says to "draw near to God with a sincere heart". I think that with any struggle we may be going through we should be able to draw near to Him knowing that He will guide us. I will be trying to draw near to Him more and more as I transition to Ohio.

In Prayer, Ed McColley

Eph. 4:29

Two youth events to mark on your calendar:

June 8th - Canoe Trip. We will leave right after church. Bring about \$5 for lunch at Wendy's and the Canoe Trip will cost \$16. Bring a towel, sun screen, and your friend to this wet and wild event.

Friday, June 20th - ApologetiX Concert (A Christian Parody Band) - RCC trip sponsored by Chi Alpha (XA)
\$15 at the door + dinner \$

Leaving RCC at 6:00pm - we will eat something fast food on the way (Concert being held at First Baptist Church in Mt Healthy - 7:30pm) Concert open to all youth, parents, & young at heart - ANYONE AND EVERYONE! They are hysterical! Look up ApologetiX on www.godtube.com and check out some of their fun parodies! Get ready to laugh!

July 13th - VBS. We are encouraging the youth group to participate and help during Ross Christian Church's Vacation Bible School. It will begin on that evening and if you wish to help we will help you get in contact with Penny McVay.

Also when Ed McColley arrives we will have a special night of prayer, praise, and pizza.



Thank you to our recent guest cook, Mitch Sauerland, for sharing his cooking expertise and teaching us the importance of "presentation" in food! The girls scarved down every last crumb of the dishes they cooked! And thanks to Debbie Sauerland for the devotion about Martha and her "hostessing" techniques.



Announcing XA (Chi Alpha): Girl's Bible Study has renamed themselves XA which is Greek for "Christ First"! We will continue to do our Applebites "cooking" Bible Study, as well as other "girl only" outings and events. XA is open to all girls in 7-12 grade, and college women.



Dave & Donna Bunn

The Prayer Ministry is a new ministry at Ross Christian Church. The purpose of this ministry is to make the Ross Christian Church a "Prayer Driven Church", one in which our Lord may be glorified. This ministry has the potential to be the most powerful ministry of RCC. We currently have 19 members and are looking for more. If you are not currently a member, we would welcome you to become a part of our ministry.

Our current members are:

Lois & Jim Knox, Tom Campbell, Tim & Wendy Spencer, Don Hobbs, Merrill & Janet Sorrell, Don & Susan Thie, Debbie Sauerland, Stella Potter, Beth Quick, Lewis & Penny McVay, John Millard, Dee Welsh and Dave & Donna Bunn.

Let me explain a little of what the Prayer Ministry does. On the first Sunday of each month the members of the ministry team receives a copy of the Prayer Notes -- these contains things that we want to be in prayer for during the month. It also contains some Scriptures, encouragement and some tid bits of interest. If prayer request are sent to me, I will forward them on to the Prayer Ministry Team. During the month the PMT may receive special prayer requests and sometimes a devotional thought for the day.

Some things we will strive to develop and do:

1. Organize and promote special times of prayer for the church.
2. Establish a "Prayer Room".
3. Organize and have a "Prayer Walk".
4. Organize a community "National Day of Prayer" in May, 2009.
5. Offer classes on Prayer.
 - a. "Love to Pray" classes --- DVD and discussion time.
 - b. "40 Days of Prayer" -- to deepen your prayer life.
 - c. "Invited Into His Presence" -- different aspects on prayer.

I Believe these will be exciting times for the RCC as we learn to use this most powerful Ministry, Prayer; and as we watch and see how the Lord blesses us as we seek His guidance and direction for the church that He may be lifted up and glorified.

Maybe you would like become a part of this powerful and exciting ministry --- it's easy -- just see me, Dave Bunn or email (daveosu@fuse.net) or see Lewis McVay or email (lewmcvay@aol.com).

" Now to Him who is able to do immediately more than a; we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

In His grace, Dave <><



Melanie Moore, 309-6139

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Cornerstone Steering Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 11th 6:30-8pm

We encourage **ALL** Cornerstone members to attend so that you may be able to share your ideas in the planning of 3rd and 4th quarter 2008, because your input is critical to the relevance and success of our senior adult ministry. We will conclude the evening with light refreshments. Start compiling ideas ahead of the actual meeting. Please note: This is a creative session, come with any ideas you may have! Let's work **together** to create a Cornerstone Ministry calendar of events and decide on upcoming service projects.

Saturday, June 28th - 5pm-?

Cornerstone Cookout hosted by John and Sharon McDonald at their home on Jennifer Drive! We will post a potluck sign up a couple weeks before the event so we do not have 100 hotdogs and no buns! Ha ha ha! We had a fantastic time at last year's event and look forward to the time of fellowship and fun again!



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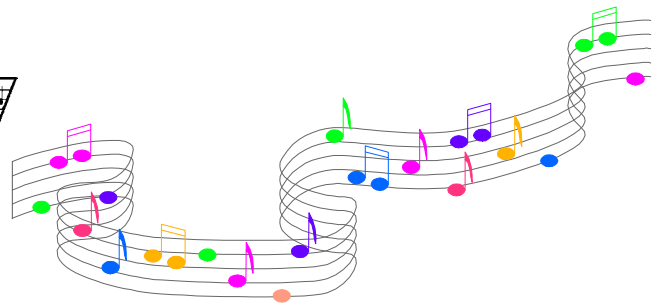
Melanie Moore - Delivery Day Team and Host Site Relations
Darita Hall - Order Taking Team Leader
Terri Millard - Office Team Leader
Sharon Tabler - Pick Up Team Leader

June - Final Order Date: Sunday, June 15th
Distribution Day: Saturday, June 28th 9-11am

A new ministry to RCC, Angel Food is truly reaching out to our Ross community. Each and every month we have new people come to our church building to place their orders, and come back to pick them up. They are coming to our building TWICE A MONTH and meeting our Angel Food Ministry team members! We are reaching out to people in our society where they are and filling a need. We would love to see each and every member at RCC engaged in Angel Food Ministry in some capacity.

Angel Food is truly a ministry that is reaching out to the people of Ross and showing them the love of Jesus Christ with skin on! Can you commit to a Saturday morning one day a month for a couple hours to reach the lost and needy for Christ? We promise you...once you get to the church, you are too excited and engaged to be tired! What are you doing to seek and save the lost? It is your Great Commission! Try offering your heart and hands to Angel Food Ministry- we have plenty of opportunities for you!

WORSHIP MINISTRY



Worship Leader - Chris Curry, 887-7993

Special Music/Praise Team Coordinator - Melanie Moore, 309-6139

Do you love to worship with your voice? Do you love Christian music and love to sing? We are arranging new Praise Team schedules to invite even more people to participate in this wonderful service. The new Praise Teams will serve on Sunday a month (i.e. – the first Sunday). Praise team members must be baptized believers, members of RCC and actively walking in Christian faith. If you are interested in serving on the Praise Team one Sunday per month, please see Melanie Moore, Chris Curry, or call the church office at 738-1512.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

We are scheduling special music for the summer months. If you would like to sing in June, July or August, please see Melanie Moore. Songs are performed during offering time of the worship service. Solos, duets and group performances are all welcome.

Praise Team Schedule - WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR YOU!

1st Sunday: Sharon Tabler, Faye Pennekamp, Erin Long, John McDonald, Sharon McDonald (piano)

2nd Sunday: Jana Wallpe, Melanie Moore, Mia McCoy, Elaine Sullivan, Maribeth Pennekamp (piano)

3rd Sunday: Rose Rice, Barb Warfield, Don Hobbs, Sharon McDonald (piano)

4th Sunday: Morgan Thie, Linda Philbeck, Joy Keitz, Shelly Dearwester, Maribeth Pennekamp (piano)



NEWS ABOUT THE RCC NEWSLETTER

I hope you are as excited to see our newsletter as we are in printing it again. Our newsletter is a vital source of information about all the great ministries at RCC. The newsletter will be available online and in church on the first Sunday of every month.

Starting in September, on the first Sunday of every month, we will have a copy of the newsletter printed for each member/regular attendee. Your copy will be available on a table in the front foyer, before and after service. If you do not pick up your copy within the first week of the month, your copy will be mailed to you.

If you are not sure if you are on the mailing list at the church, please fill out a welcome card in the pews and put it in the collection plate and make a note you will like to be on the RCC mailing list.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 13 – 17, 6:15 – 9:00

We are so very excited for Vacation Bible School this year. VBS is one of our biggest outreaches and it usually brings in an average of **100 kids** a night. To make our VBS successful we

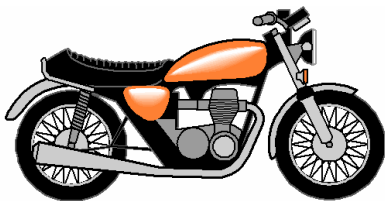
need YOU! It takes lots of people to make it a great event. Right now there are sign-up sheets outside room 102. Check out the sign-up sheets and see where you want to plug in. There is definitely a spot for everyone.

Registration forms will be available the second week in June. We will also have registration online. There will be VBS classes available for all kids ages 4 years old through 9th grade.

Invite your friends to GOD's Big Backyard at RCC!



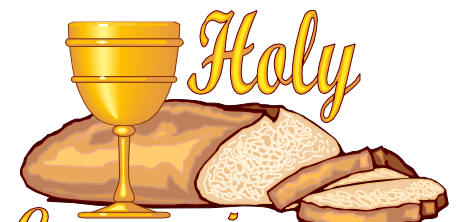
More RCC Information



Motorcycle Group Meets
Saturdays
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 7
August 2
July 5
September 6



Bicycle Club Meets
Thursdays
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
June 19
July 24
August 14



Holy Communion
Communion Schedules
for June

Home Communion
1 – Dave Bunn
8 – John McDonald
15 – John Millard
22 – Don Thie
29 – Merrill Sorrell

Communion during Worship Hour
1 – Lewis McVay
8 – John Millard
15 – Tom Campbell
22 – Chris Curry
29 – Dave Bunn

Sewing Class is on a hiatus for the summer. We will resume normal classes **in Fall**. We are hoping to have a Saturday Sew-In sometime this summer. Keep checking the bulletin and newsletter for more information!

*Don't forget that the **Men's Bible Study** meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30. This is an excellent study led by Dave Bunn. Come and bring a friend!*



Ross And Morgan Ministries, RAMM, consists of three local churches, Shandon Congregational, Venice Presbyterian and Ross Christian. RAMM receives monetary and non-perishable food from local businesses and the members of each church to feed local families with immediate needs of food. The pantries are located at Venice Presbyterian and Ross Christian. We are not able to alleviate all the needs of these families but we are a listening ear, caring heart and offer guidance.

Curves donates 349 pounds to RAMM!

Curves of Rossgate donated 349 pounds of food to Ross And Morgan Ministries this past April! Curves has been a very generous and dependable donator to RAMM since opening in Rossgate.

Current Needs - At this time we are in need of **canned ham, chicken, peanut butter, cooking oil, pastas sauces** and **cereals**.

Donna and Dave Bunn represent Ross Christian as members of RAMM and assist local families with their emergency financial needs. Each family they assist is given a Bible, offered prayer and given the numbers of agencies that may assist them further with their needs. The names of the families assisted are kept anonymous and we encourage you to share the RAMM pager number, 540-0637, with anyone that may need the assistance of RAMM. As Food Pantry Coordinator I would like to thank each of you for your generous donations of food and prayers lifted for this ministry.

For His glory and honor, Debbie Sauerland



GIRLS ONLY!!!

High School Musical Slumber Party
“School’s Out, Scream and Shout!!!”

What time is it? Summer...Summer....Summer!
School’s Out, Scream and Shout with your friends at an overnighter.

Ross Christian Church brings East Side High to you!

Show Date: June 13th – June 14th

Curtain Call: 7PM – 8AM

Casting Call: K - 6th grades – GIRLS ONLY!! Bring your friends!

Premiere Venue: Ross Christian Church, 3756 Herman Road, Ross, OH 45014

Attire: Bring PJ’s, sleeping bag/blanket, pillow, personal items

Cost: \$5 and a snack to share!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Guardian: _____

Allergies: _____

*Please try to pre-register by mailing this form and \$5 to the church. You may also leave a voicemail and a representative will contact you within a day.
Ross Christian Church, 3756 Herman Road, Ross, OH 45014*

**Games - Music – Door Prizes - Makeovers – Dance Lessons – Food –
HSM Movies – Hair & Nails - Sleepover**