

ROXFORD COMMUNICATOR

APRIL/MAY2018

Roxford Church is committed to being “A Spirit-led and God-glorifying people and place where becoming and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is our highest priority!”



Roxford United Methodist Church

771 Roxford Church Rd., SE

Dennison, OH 44621

www.roxfordchurch.org

Ron Heasley, Pastor

Barb James, Office Manager

“Where everyone from everywhere is welcome”

SUNDAY SERVICES

**9:30 am Worship
Jr. Church**

11:00 am Sunday School

6:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel

WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm Mid-Week
Evening Service
In Sanctuary**

SATURDAY FOOD PANTRY

9 – 10:30 am

(2nd Sat. of each month)

Church Office Hours:

9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

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Newsletter Editors: Sandy Beans & Bernice Heavlin

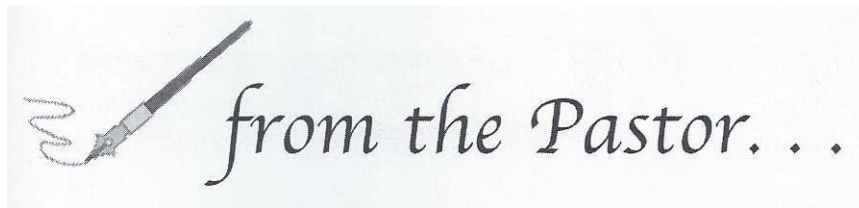




**Donuts, coffee & juice
after service**

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER Sunrise Service 7:30 am No Eve. Service Kaden Bache Lynn Keener	2 Office Closed Jim Downing Larry & Carol Kirtley	3 Earl & Mary Jane Walker	4 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Youth @ church 6:30/8 pm	5 Cindy Keener	6 Youth Explosion 7/10 pm FLC With Broadway	7 Peg Fouts
8 Council Mtg. after S. School Trustees 5 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Shelly Prysi	9 Ben Hupp	10 Pastor/Parish 7 pm Leona Downing	11 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Youth @ church 6:30/8 pm	12 Blake Tedrick	13 	14 Food Pantry 9/10:30 am Youth Mission Project 8:30 am/ 1:30 pm
15 Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Peg Abrom	16 	17 Women's Group 7 pm Kendall Hibinger Ron Heasley Nathanael Mason	18 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary	19 Brady Hupp *Willard Roby	20 	21
22 Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm Youth to YMCA 6:30/8 pm *Jaynee Baker Karen Renicker Walter & Edith Leggett	23 Walter Leggett Alan & Nichole Bache	24 	25 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Youth @ church 6:30/8 pm	26 Judy Renicker	27 	28 Men's Group Shoney's 7 am
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THE RICH FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH

I'll never forget Easter 1946. I was 14, my little sister Ocy, 12, and my older sister Darlene, 16. We lived at home with our mother, and the four of us knew what it was to do without many things. My dad had died 5 years before, leaving Mom with seven school kids to raise and no money. By 1946 my older sisters were married, and my brothers had left home.

A month before Easter, the pastor of our church announced that a special Easter offering would be taken to help a poor family. He asked everyone to save and give sacrificially. When we got home, we talked about what we could do. We decided to buy 50 pounds of potatoes and live on them for a month. This would allow us to save \$20 of our grocery money for the offering. Then we thought that if we kept our electric lights turned out as much as possible and didn't listen to the radio, we'd save money on that month's electric bill. Darlene got as many house and yard cleaning jobs as possible, and both of us baby sat for everyone we could. For 15 cents, we could buy enough cotton loops to make three pot holders to sell for \$1. We make \$20 on pot holders.

That month was one of the best of our lives. Every day we counted the money to see how much we had saved. At night we'd sit in the dark and talk about how the poor family was going to enjoy having the money the church would give them. We had about 80 people in church, so we figured that whatever amount of money we had to give, the offering would surely be 20 times that much. After all, every Sunday the Pastor had reminded everyone to save for the sacrificial offering.

The day before Easter, Ocy and I walked to the grocery store and got the manager to give us three crisp \$20 bills and one \$10 bill for all our change. We ran all the way home to show Mom and Darlene. We had never had so much money before. That night we were so excited we could hardly sleep. We didn't care that we wouldn't have new clothes for Easter; we had \$70 for the sacrificial offering. We could hardly wait to get to church!

On Sunday morning, rain was pouring. We didn't own an umbrella, and the church was over a mile from our home, but it didn't seem to matter how wet we got. Darlene had cardboard in her shoes to fill the holes. The cardboard came apart, and her feet got wet. But we sat in church proudly. I heard some teenagers talking about the Smith girls having on their old dresses. I looked at them in their new clothes, and I felt so rich.

When the sacrificial offering was taken, we were sitting on the second row from the front. Mom put in the \$10 bill, and each of us girls put in a \$20. As we walked home after church, we sang all the way. At lunch Mom had a surprise for us. She had bought a dozen eggs, and we had boiled Easter eggs with our fried potatoes! Late that afternoon the minister drove up in his car. Mom went to the door, talked with him for a moment, and then came back with an envelope in her hand. We asked what it was, but she didn't say a word. She opened the envelope and out fell a bunch of money. There were three crisp \$20 bills, one \$10 and seventeen \$1 bills. Mom put the money back in the envelope. We didn't talk, just sat and stared at the floor. We had gone from feeling like millionaires to feeling like poor white trash.

We kids had had such a happy life that we felt sorry for anyone who didn't have our mom and dad for parents and a house full of brothers and sisters and other kids visiting constantly. We thought it was fun to share silverware and see whether we got the fork or the spoon that night. We had two knives which we passed around to whoever needed them. I knew we didn't have a lot of things that other people had, but I'd never thought we were poor. That Easter Day I found out we were.

The minister had brought us the money for the poor family, so we must be poor. I didn't like being poor. I looked at my dress and worn-out shoes and felt so ashamed that I didn't want to go back to church. Everyone there probably already knew we were poor! I thought about school. I was in the ninth grade and at the top of my class of over 100 students. I wondered if the kids at school knew we were poor. I decided I could quit school since I had finished the eighth grade. That was all the law required at that time.

We sat in silence for a long time. Then it got dark, and we went to bed. All that week, we girls went to school and came home, and no one talked much. Finally on Saturday, Mom asked us what we wanted to do with the money. What did poor people do with money? We didn't know. We'd never known we were poor. We didn't want to go to church on Sunday, but Mom said we had to. Although it was a sunny day, we didn't talk on the way.

Mom started to sing, but no one joined in and she only sang one verse. At church we had a missionary speaker. He talked about how churches in Africa made buildings out of sun-dried bricks, but they need money to buy roofs. He said \$100 would put a roof on a church. The minister said, "Can't we all sacrifice to help these poor people?"

We looked at each other and smiled for the first time in a week. Mom reached into her purse and pulled out the envelope. She passed it to Darlene. Darlene gave it to me, and I handed it to Ocy. Ocy put it in the offering. When the offering was counted, the minister announced that it was a little over \$100. The missionary was excited. He hadn't expected such a large offering from our small church. He said, "You must have some rich people in this church." Suddenly it struck us! We had given \$87 of that "little over \$100." We were the rich family in the church! Hadn't the missionary said so? From that day on I've never been poor again. I've always remembered how rich I am because I have Jesus.



UPCOMING MESSAGES STARTING IN APRIL:

DIFFERENT

In this world, you'll have struggles. You'll face opposition. You'll be challenged. There's a reason for that: this world is not your home. So answer hate with love, find joy in the midst of trials, and rely on a strength beyond yourself. You're meant to be... different.

WHY

The call we never expect...the diagnosis that knocks us off our feet...the regrets that keep us up at night. How could God let it happen? Why didn't He answer that prayer? What does it mean when He feels distant? He welcomes our questions.



All children 4 years old thru grade 6 are welcome to come to Jr. Church, held during Worship time every Sunday morning, except the last Sunday of the month. Come to learn about Jesus and the Bible, crafts, snack, fun and fellowship.

Schedule for April/May

- April 1** - Lesson: Why Easter Matters
Nichole Bache & Holle Reichman
- April 8** - Lesson: Jonathan Warns David to Flee
Leona Downing & Denise Tedrick
- April 15** - Lesson: The Story of Ruth for Kids
Jim & Keri Manbeck
- April 22** - Lesson: The Story of Moses for Kids
Jan Heasley & Sue Crim
- May 6** - Lesson: The Story of Exodus for Kids
Shelly Prysi
- May 13** - Lesson: The Story of Solomon for Kids
Steve & Marilyn Masten
- May 20** - Lesson: Samson for Kids
Mark & Judy Conrad



The last Sunday of the month is Family Sunday – No Jr. Church



IMPACT

ROXFORD YOUTH MINISTRIES

Leader Shelly Prysi

Schedule of Events:

- April 4 – (Wed.)** Youth at Church 6:30/8 pm
- April 6 -- First Friday Explosion 7/10 pm FLC with Broadway**
- April 11– (Wed.)** Youth at Church 6:30/8 pm
- April 14 – (Sat.)** Mission Project 8:30 am/1:30 pm at church
- April 22 - (Sun.)** YMCA Youth Night 6:30/8 pm (Cost is \$3)
- April 25 - (Wed.)** Youth at Church 6:30/8pm
- April 29 – (Sun.)** Youth at Church 6/8 pm
- May 4 – First Friday Explosion 7/10 pm FLC with Broadway**
- May 9– (Wed.)** Youth at church 6:30/8 pm
- May 13 – (Sun.)** Youth at church 6/8 pm
- May 23 – (Wed.)** Youth at church 6:30/8 pm
- May 27 – (Sun.)** Youth at church 6/8 pm

Jesus was
in a small group.
I'm just sayin'...
(Life change happens in small groups)

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

Please use this schedule to keep track of events. I will try to send text messages or post on Impact Youth Facebook page. If you have Facebook, like and follow our group page!

If any parents are interested in helping with events, let me know.

(Shelly's home: 330-364-5665 Cell: 330-432-7520)



ADULT CLASSES:

FOLLOWERS CLASS

Teacher: Linda Armstrong
Meets in Chapel
They are studying I Timothy.
We invite YOU to come and join us for a time of discussion, fellowship and prayer.
Call 740-922-2785 for any prayer requests.

KING'S ADULT CLASS

Meets in Memory Hall - All adults are welcome

For the next few months the King's Class would like to share the 15 reasons "Why Come to Sunday School"

1. Teaches the messages of God Almighty.
 2. Prepares one better to face problems of life.
 3. Teaches obedience and respect for parents & those in authority.
 4. Gives us opportunity to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.
 5. Helps build strong character.
- (See more in our next June/July newsletter)

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Preschool thru 3rd Grade

Teachers: Marilyn Masten, Dianna Whytsell, Jan Heasley, Karen Renicker & Jim & Chris Hartsock.

KINGDOM KIDS

Grades 4th – 8th

Teachers: Steve Masten, Bernice Heavlin
Meets in classroom behind Memory Hall.

GUARDIANS 9th Grade & Up

Teachers: Sharon Beamer & Roxy Carr
We are studying people of the Bible.
All youth in this age group Welcome!
Meets in room in basement on the right.

PROVIDED DURING MORNING WORSHIP

THRU AGE 3

NURSERY WORKERS

APRIL:

- 1 – Hallie Hawthorne & Shelly Prysi
- 8 – Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 15 - Sharon Beamer & Jennifer Parrish
- 22 – Sandy Beans & Shelly Prysi
- 29 – Ron & Denise Tedrick

MAY:

- 6 – Jim & Keri Manbeck
- 13 – Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 20 – Nichole Bache & Leona Downing
- 27 – Hallie Hawthorne & Sharon Beamer

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If you would like to attend Sunday School, please look into one of the classes listed on this page. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Stop at the Welcome Center if you need directions.
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MEMORY VERSES

April:

"For I have given rest to the weary and joy to all the sorrowing" Jeremiah 31:25 TLB

May:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24 & 25 KJV

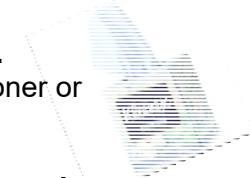
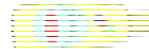
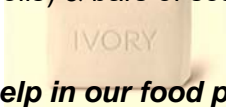
ROXFORD "CARES" FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food, personal items and financial support as we continue to be God's servants to those in our surrounding communities. God continues to bless us with His bounty as we share with others His love.

We serve areas of Roswell, Midvale, Barnhill, Sherrodsville and Roxford Church people. We are **open the second Saturday of the month from 9/10:30 am**. First come, first served.

Donations are appreciated, list available at the Welcome Center.

April: Paper towels (single rolls) & bars of soap **May:** Kleenex & shampoo/conditioner or macaroni & cheese



Thanks to all that help in our food pantry and those that donate. We have been helping an average of 30 families.



NAILS TO PAILS



The Men's Group would like to remind the congregation that the Nails to Pails project is still available for minor jobs around the house. Example: raking of fall leaves; cleaning gutters on single story houses; painting of small sheds or garage doors; a door that doesn't close properly; leaky faucet. Will supply labor for jobs. If there is a cost for materials the group typically does not supply that.

Those needing help please call: Jim McKain 330-343-4109 or Pastor Ron.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like a prayer request on the Prayer Chain, please call **ONE** of the following key callers: Nadine Moreland 740-922-2785, Bernice Heavlin 330-343-6089, Louise Dessecker 330-343-2777, or Sandy Beans 330-364-2052. **Your request will then be passed on.**



**Sunday Evening (Bible study) for everyone,
7:00 pm, in the chapel**



Meet for **breakfast** at Shoney's, Saturday, April 28 & May 26, 7:00 am. **All men of the church are welcome, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**GREETERS – USHERS
& WELCOME CENTER**

April Greeters:

Carl & Barb James

May Greeters:

6 & 13 Willard & Louise Dessecker
20 & 27 Karen Renicker & Sandy Beans

**Please be at the church no later than
8:40 am**

Bell Ringer - Brentin Bayer

April Ushers:

Jim & Rose Downing
Mark & Judy Conrad

May Ushers:

Steve & Marilyn Masten
Larry & Roxy Carr

Welcome Center:

April:

- 1 - Dianna Whytsell
- 8 - Jim Harding
- 15 & 22 - Earlene Tidrick
- 29 - Sharon Beamer

May:

- 6 - Dianna Whytsell
- 13 - Sharon Beamer
- 20 & 27 - Sharon Price

(Check bulletin board for when you work, or watch the bulletin, we list who works the next Sunday).

NOTE: Please turn in greeters, ushers and Welcome Center for two months. June & July due by May 15th. THANKS!



A list of people serving in different areas of the church is posted on bulletin board in hallway leading to Memory Hall.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Eight ladies attended the March meeting. Treasurer reported we made \$684 on sale of nuts. **Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success.** A gift package of baby items was given to new baby Max Josef Stenz.

Next meeting will be April 17, at 7pm at the church. Bernice Heavlin will give devotions. Roxy Carr and Louise Dessecker will serve refreshments.

All ladies of the church are invited. Hope to see **YOU** there.



2018 Flower Chart is on the ledge in the narthex to put flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.

**Please follow instructions on the chart.
Cost \$30. CASH ONLY**



The Blind School in Israel has closed, Missions will no longer be taking designated money to be sent there. We thank you for your years of support for the Blind School. If you have any questions contact the Missions chairperson, Bob Horn 330-339-5497.



APRIL 26, is Secretary's Day, let Barb know how much you appreciate her.



IN THE MILITARY

Evan Barnes

SPC Everett Brian L
TF Steel
A 3/7 FA
FOB Torkham
APO AE 09310

Neil Finlayson

Matthew Harmon

Josh Kohler
401 Marna Dr
Vacaville CA 95686

Andrew Mann

Morgan McAtee

Michael Matthews

Tyler Masten

Reserves

Kyle Wise

National Guard

Shane Moody



If you are going to be in the hospital, please call the church office, 330-343-5359, and give us the name of the hospital and the date you will be there

IF WE KNOW WE WILL GO!



Anyone that will be graduating from High School or college this year contact the Church office. (330-343-5359)



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Rosemary Masten RM 408
Jane Walters RM 500
Judy Renicker RM 812
Hennis Care Center
1720 Cross St.
Dover, OH 44622

Bertha & Crystal Baxter
Schoenbrunn Healthcare
Room 106 – Garden Way
2594 East High Ave.
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Assisted Living:

Donna Hurless RM 511
Jim Scott RM 602
(Phone: 330-365-3464 Jim)
New Dawn Retirement Community
865 East Iron Ave.
Dover, Ohio 44622

MARY'S LAMB

Mary had a little Lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school each day,
T'wasn't even in the rule.
It made the children laugh and play,
To have a Lamb at school.

And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak His Name!

Every day got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gun shots and tears.

FINANCE REPORTS

Beginning Date Feb. 1, 2018	
Beginning Balance	14,625.93
Beginning Designated Money	6,018.26
Offerings	14,044.26
Designated Income	34.00
Building Income	188.00
Miscellaneous Income	73.00
Missions Income	882.00
Trustees Income	75.00
Interest	0.12
Total Monthly Income	15,296.38
New Balance	29,922.31
DISBURSEMENTS	
Building Payment	0.00
Building Savings	188.00
Camps	0.00
Church Utilities	1,775.65
Conference Givings	1,037.26
Designated Money to Misc.	36.96
District Apportionments	65.75
Education	0.00
Evangelism	0.00
Funeral	0.00
Janitors Salary	308.34
Janitors Supplies	0.00
Local	73.00
Missions	950.94
Music	0.00
Office	138.68
Pastor Discretionary	0.00
Pastor Parish	0.00
Pastor's Pension/Hospital	2,303.06
Pastor's Salary/Travel	2,593.80
Pastor's Utilities	347.80
Payroll Taxes	734.40
Secretary 's Salary	966.98
Social Committee	0.00
Sound Room	853.78
Treasurer's Discretionary	49.00
Trustees Disbursements	3,139.73
Trustees Savings	75.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Workman's Compensation	47.31
Worship Committee	0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15,685.44
ENDING BALANCE (Begin next month)	14,236.87
DESIGNATED MONEY	6,015.30
SPENDABLE BALANCE	8,221.57

Building Fund	
Balance Feb. 1, 2018	552.03
Offerings	188.00
Interest	0.01
Transfer to Gen. Fund	0.00
Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018	740.04

Saving Account (Trustees)	
Balance Feb. 1, 2018	12,607.75
Offerings	75.00
Interest	0.19
Transfer to Gen. Fund	0.00
Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018	12,682.94

MISSION REPORT	
Balance Feb. 1, 2018	4,800.60
Offerings	676.48
Disbursements	0.00
Balance Feb. 28, 2018	5,477.08



FOOD PANTRY	
Balance Feb. 1, 2018	686.31
Offerings	783.94
Disbursements	375.12
Balance Feb. 28, 2018	1,095.13

TOTAL MISSION BALANCE	
Balance Feb. 28, 2018	6,572.21

**BALANCE ON LOAN AS OF 2/28/18
\$127,989.22**

**Next Council meeting will be April 8th, in
Memory Hall, after Sunday School, light
lunch will be served.**

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Jerry Brown	3 Life Screening at FLC 8:15am/5:30pm	4 Youth Explosion 7/10 pm FLC With Broadway	5
	6 Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm	7 Maggie Bower	8 Pastor/Parish 7 pm *Rosemary Masten	9 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Youth at church 6:30/8 pm Dianna Whytsell	10	11
13 Mother's Day No Eve. Service Youth @ Church 6/8 pm	14	15 Women's Group 7 pm Earl Walker	16 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary	17	18	19 John Chapman
20 PENTECOST Education after Sunday School Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 pm	21	22 Finance 7 pm	23 Mid-Week Service 7 pm Sanctuary Youth at church 6:30/8 pm	24	25 Kathy Bower	26 Men's Group Shoney's 7 am Patsy Cunningham
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*Denotes 90 or over

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MAY 15



MAY 28th



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at **Roxford United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the Family Life Center.**

Five screenings will be offered. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event: please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifescreeing.com/community> circle or text the word circle to 797979.**

Flyers available at Welcome Center



“The Power of Camp” information is located at Welcome Center for camps Wanake, Aldersgate and Asbury. You can sign up on line at www.EOCsummercamps.org.

If you have questions call the office (330-343-5359)



Mission Committee will sponsor a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 9th @ FLC, from 4-7pm ½ Chicken Dinner \$9.00 and ½ Chicken only \$7.00, chicken by Jr. Schlabaugh.

Watch bulletin for details.



WILL BE JUNE 24-28