

# ROXFORD COMMUNICATOR

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

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](http://www.roxfordchurch.org)

Ron Heasley, Pastor

“Where everyone from everywhere is welcome”

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am Worship  
Jr. Church  
11:00 am Sunday School  
6:30 pm Evening Worship

#### SATURDAY FOOD PANTRY

9 – 10:30 am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month)

#### THURSDAY

8:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Men’s Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Bible Study

#### THURSDAY

6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

#### Church Office Hours:

9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

Phone (330) 343-5359

Parsonage (330) 343-3181

**LISTEN TO ROXFORD’S RADIO BROADCASTS: Monday thru Saturday**

**WBTC 101.9 FM @ 7:55 AM & Sunday WBTC 101.9 FM @ 8:30AM**

1 Peter 1:22

...see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:





## **“THE PERFECT INVESTMENT”**

Devotion to God is not only the central magnetic pull to God, it is also our commitment. Christians are convinced that God is great & good. It's not that God is overpowering us & we are being dragged along, kicking & screaming against His pull. We want our lives centered on Him; we enjoy having our lives centered on Him. We are committed to God.

You might compare this to a soldier at wartime. Then the United States entered W.W.I & W.W.II, the government drafted men to fight. On the one hand, it could be argued that those soldiers were on the front lines because the government was like a giant magnet pulling them there. They had no choice. It was nearly impossible to resist. But the records from the past & testimonies of survivors report that they wanted to be there. They were fiercely patriotic & welcomed military service. They were even willing to die for their country. To these veterans “patriotism” is one of the most wonderful & emotional words in their vocabulary. They believed wholeheartedly in the cause & the country. They were committed.

That's the way it is with Christians who value godliness. Our lives are centered on God & we are committed to Him. We would die for Him because we believe God is worth our lives. It's far more than submitting to the power of God, although it is that. Godliness is like patriotism, only more so – an enthusiastic & wholehearted allegiance to God. Committed Christians are convinced nothing else really matters or lasts. God is the only permanent value to be committed to.

We could also compare this to investments. If you were convinced that every other investment would fail except gold, you would commit everything you had to gold. Christians who value godliness are convinced that God is the only investment that will endure, so we commit everything we have to Him. We are fully invested in God.



# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Bible Study 7 pm  Thelma Albaugh	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Fred Rausch	<b>3</b> Youth Explosion 7/10 pm FLC	<b>4</b>   Ida Walker
<b>5</b> Education after S. School Choir 5:30 pm  Jim Scott	<b>6</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Carol Kirtley Chris Bower	<b>7</b> Co-Ed Volleyball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>8</b> Bible Study 7 pm Youth at church 6:30/ 8 pm	<b>9</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>10</b>   Aaron Heavlin	<b>11</b> Food Pantry 9/10:30 am
<b>12</b> Evangelism after S. School Trustees 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm  Daniel Keener	<b>13</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>14</b> Pastor/Parish 7 pm Co-Ed Vball 7/9 pm FLC John Gibson Carl & Barb James	<b>15</b> Bible Study 7 pm  Bertha Baxter Jacob Bache	<b>16</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>17</b>   Mark Conrad	<b>18</b>   Krisann Stenz
<b>19</b> Youth YMCA 6:30/8 pm Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm  Sherry Rausch	<b>20</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Steve Masten	<b>21</b> Co- Ed Vball 7/9 pm FLC  Nancy Downing	<b>22</b> Bible Study 7 pm Youth at church 6:30/ 8 pm	<b>23</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Willard & Louise Dessecker	<b>24</b>   Louise Dessecker	<b>25</b> Men's Group Shoney's 7 am Youth Winter Retreat FLC 7:30 pm/ 11:30 am Sun.
<b>26</b> Choir 5:30 pm  Missionaries: Mark & Mary Ann Hoobler	<b>27</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Eliza Downing	<b>28</b> Co-Ed Vball 7/9 pm FLC  Les Hooker				

# J R. C H U R C H

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

## Schedule for February/March

- February 5** – Lesson: The Tower of Babel  
Eric & Shelly Prysi
- February 12** – Lesson: Teach to Pray  
Steve & Marilyn Masten
- February 19** – Lesson: Samson  
Mark & Judy Conrad
- March 5** – Lesson: Jesus' Baptism  
Jennifer Parrish & Joan Storrie
- March 12** – Lesson: Jesus is Tempted  
Jim & Chris Hartsock
- March 19** – Lesson: God Calls Samuel  
Nichole Bache & Lori Edwards



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



## **IMPACT**

ROXFORD YOUTH MINISTRIES  
Leaders Eric & Shelly Prysi



## Schedule of Events:

- February 3 - First Friday Explosion**
- February 8 - (Wed.) Youth at church 6:30/8 pm for youth age 13 and older**
- February 19 - (Sun.) Youth to YMCA 6:30/8 pm**
- February 22 - (Wed.) Youth at church 6:30/8 pm for youth age 13 and older**
- February 25 - (Sat.) Winter Retreat FLC 7:30 pm to Sunday 11 am**
- March 3 - First Friday Explosion**
- March 19 - (Sun.) Youth to YMCA 6:30/8 pm**

Youth schedules available at church. Looking forward to a new year! May this be a blessed year. We encourage our youth and their parents to take an active role in this ministry. We are looking forward to growing and getting to know our youth and their families better. Let's make an IMPACT together in 2017!



**A NURSERY AND TODDLER  
ROOM PROVIDED DURING  
MORNING WORSHIP  
THRU AGE 3**

**ADULT CLASSES:**

**FOLLOWERS CLASS**

Teacher: Linda Armstrong  
Meets in Chapel  
They are studying 1 Thessalonians.  
We invite YOU to come and join us for a time of discussion, fellowship and prayer.  
Call 740-922-2785 for any prayer requests.

**THE KING'S ADULT CLASS**

Teacher: Several different teachers  
Meets in Memory Hall  
We welcome any adults to join us in discussing the Pastor's message, and share in what God has done for us. Come check us out!

**CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:**

**KIDS FOR CHRIST  
Preschool thru 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

Teachers: Marilyn Masten, Dianna Whytsell, Jan Heasley, Karen Renicker & Jim & Chris Hartsock.  
Meets upstairs in room behind water fountain.

**CLASS FOR GRADES 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Teachers: Steve Masten, Eric & Shelly Pysi, Bernice Heavlin  
Meets in classroom behind Memory Hall.

**GUARDIANS 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE & UP**

Teachers: Sharon Beamer & Roxy Carr  
We are studying people of the Bible.  
All children in this age group Welcome!!  
We will have work days and fun days.  
Meets in room in basement on the right.

**NURSERY WORKERS**

**February:**

- 5 – Leona & Nancy Downing
- 12 – Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 19 – Rae Ann Baker & Sharon Beamer
- 26 – Hallie Hawthorne & Shelly Pysi

**March:**

- 5 – Ron & Denise Tedrick
- 12 – Tim & Dianna Whytsell
- 19 – Jim & Keri Manbeck
- 26 – Jennifer Parrish & 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**

**FEBRUARY**

"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4 NIV

**MARCH**

"For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:5 NASB

## 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.**

**February:** Toilet paper (4 pack) & deodorant or toothbrushes. **March:** Toothpaste & spaghetti sauce.

***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, Veronica Cunningham 330-339-2015 or Sandy Beans 330-364-2052.

**Your request will then be passed on.**



**Men's Bible Study** meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8:00 am, studying Hebrews. Meet in Chapel. **All men welcome.**

**Wednesday Bible Study for everyone**, meets at 7:00 pm, in Chapel.

**Women's Bible Study** is held every Thursday at 6:30 pm, **Meet in Chapel.** (Date for next Bible study will be announced in bulletin)



### **MEN'S GROUP**

Meet for **breakfast** at Shoney's, February 25 & March 25, at 7:00 am. All men of the church are welcome, **hope to see you there.**





**GREETERS – USHERS  
& WELCOME CENTER**

**February Greeters:**

Jim & Rose Downing

**March Greeters:**

Jim & Chris Hartsock

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

**February Ushers:**

Bob & Linda Armstrong  
Bob & Judy Horn

**March Ushers:**

Jim & Chris Hartsock  
Earl & Bernice Heavlin

**Welcome Center:**

**February:**

5 – Dianna Whytsell  
12 & 19 – Roxy Carr  
26 -- TBA

**March:**

5 – Dianna Whytsell  
12 & 19 – Roxy Carr  
26 – Jane Cunningham

**NOTE:** Please turn in greeters, ushers and Welcome Center for two months. Will need April & May turned in by March. 15<sup>th</sup>. THANKS!

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



**FLC ACTIVITIES**

**Co-Ed Volleyball** every Tuesday, 7/9pm.  
**Adult Basketball** Monday & Thursday,  
7/9 pm.



**2017 FLOWER CHART**

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!!** Envelopes for payment are available by signup sheet.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Will be meeting March 21st, devotions by Bernice Heavlin, refreshments by Karen Renicker and Jan Heasley.

Will be selling nuts again at Easter.



*To the families who had loved ones  
who went to be with their Lord:*

*Dale Renicker, October 8<sup>th</sup>*

*John Baker, October 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Chuck Kail, December 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Faith* IS NOT KNOWING  
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,  
BUT KNOWING  
*who holds the future.*



**IN THE MILITARY**

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

David M. Dague  
CCO- 1 – 148<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.  
Camp Ghormach  
APO AE 09368

Josh Kohler  
401 Marna Dr  
Vacaville CA 95686

Lt Wm L Rosenberry  
145 Leta Loop  
Brighton TN 38011-3710

Tyler Masten

PV2 Christopher Carr

**Reserves:**

SPC Anthony Cugliari  
Kyle Wise

**National Guard:**

Amanda Hartsock  
Sarah Hartsock  
Shane Moody



**In case of bad weather, please listen to WBTC –WJER – WTUZ, or channel 3 WKYC, for church cancellations.**



**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

Betty Norris  
Claymont Health & Rehab.  
5166 Spanson Dr.  
Uhrichsville, OH 44683

**Assisted Living:**

Donna Hurless RM 511  
Jim & Twila Scott APT. A  
New Dawn Retirement Community  
865 East Iron Ave.  
Dover, Ohio 44622  
Phone: 330-365-3488

Shirley Watson RM 113  
Country Club Retirement Campus  
862 E Iron Ave.  
Dover, OH 44622



**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!**



***BABY DEDICATIONS  
December 4, 2016***

Brylee Lynn & Brogan Michael, children of  
Jeremy & Kara Rodgers  
Grandparents - Mark & Lynn Keener  
Great grandparents - Jim & Barb Forstrom



## FINANCIAL

### LOCAL FUND

Balance December 1, 2016	13723.76
Offerings	16451.08
Designated Income	219.05
Building Fund Income	309.00
Miscellaneous Income	644.00
Missions Income	748.10
Trustees Income	100.00
Interest	.19
Total Monthly Income	18471.42
New Balance	32195.18

### **Disbursements:**

Building Savings	309.00
Church Utilities	1278.24
Conference Givings	1011.84
Designated Money to Misc.	164.28
District Apportionments	60.84
Janitor's Salary	461.47
Local	908.61
Missions	817.04
Office	83.43
Pastor's Pension/Hospital	2033.00
Pastor's Salary/Travel	2847.64
Pastor's Utilities	331.65
Payroll Taxes	757.58
Secretary's Salary	966.98
Sound Room	21.43
Treasurer's Discretionary	306.07
Trustees Disbursements	1850.30
Trustees Savings	100.00
Workman's Compensation	44.17
Total Disbursements	14353.57
Balance December 31, 2016	17841.61
Designated Money	5027.79
Spendable Balance	12813.82

### BUILDING FUND

Balance December 1, 2016	56.89
Offerings	309.00
Balance December 31, 2016	365.89

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Trustees)

Balance December 1, 2016	14641.09
Offerings	265.00
Interest	.24
Balance December 31, 2016	14906.33

**BALANCE ON LOAN AS OF 12/31/16**  
**\$141,679.81**

## REPORTS

### MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance December 1, 2016	4266.34
Offerings (Nov. & Dec.)	664.00
Disbursements	1367.81
Balance December 31, 2016	3562.53

### FOOD PANTRY

Balance December 1, 2016	1704.32
Offerings (Nov. & Dec.)	1435.88
Disbursements	942.79
Balance December 31, 2016	2197.41

December 31, 2016	
Total Missions Balance	5759.94



**Have a wheelchair you would like to donate?** Roxford is in need of 2 wheelchairs with seat of 18 inches or greater. Contact the church office or Mark Conrad at 330-933-7127



**Keep in touch with Roxford**

If weather keeps you from church, check out our Live Broadcast; go to our website [www.roxfordchurch.org](http://www.roxfordchurch.org) and click on live broadcast. Also, like our facebook page to keep track of church events.

### PLEASE NOTE

To Committees or groups: If food or drink is left in the refrigerators at the FLC (not Designated) it can be used by any group or church function. Please check for items before you purchase more. (we are getting a big amount of items left) Any outdated items will be disposed of by the janitors. **THANK You!**

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p>Lent Begins Ash Wednesday</p>		<b>1</b> <b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  Rusty & Tina Walters	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>3</b> Youth Explosion 7/10 pm FLC  Dianna McCartney Lyman Brokaw	<b>4</b>   Larry Everett
<b>5</b> Choir 5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>7</b> Co-Ed Volleyball 7/9 pm FLC  Jan Heasley	<b>8</b> Bible Study 7 pm	<b>9</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Food Pantry 9/10:30 am
<b>12</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins Evangelism after S. School Trustees 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Mary Jane Walker Millie Myers	<b>13</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  James McCartney Erma Thomas	<b>14</b> Pastor/Parish 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>15</b> Bible Study 7 pm  <b>NEWSLETTER            DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Youth YMCA 6:30/8 pm Missions 5:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm	<b>20</b> <b>SPRING BEGINS</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Miles Smith	<b>21</b> Women's Group 7 pm Co-Ed Volleyball 7/9 pm FLC Judy Horn Iris Kerschbaumer	<b>22</b> Bible Study 7 pm	<b>23</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>24</b>   Holle Reichman	<b>25</b> Men's Group Shoney's 7 am  Mildred Malone Rich & Lisa Skelly
<b>26</b> Finance 5:30 pm Choir 5:30pm	<b>27</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC	<b>28</b> Co-Ed Volleyball 7/9 pm FLC  Bob Armstrong	<b>29</b> Bible Study 7 pm	<b>30</b> Adult Basketball 7/9 pm FLC  Dusty & Karen Renicker	<b>31</b>   Ellie Bower	



### JUDAS BAGS

Bags will be passed out March 5th. These are to be filled with 30 pieces of silver, the price of Jesus' betrayal. Return bags on Palm Sunday, April 9th.



MARCH 12



### ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS



Lilies, tulips and hyacinths

Place order March 12 - 26

Watch bulletin for order form and pricing or call office before due date



### "Jars of Joy" Challenge"

Did you accept Pastor Ron's challenge to take a mason jar, a peanut butter jar, or whatever you have on hand & turn it into a "jar of joy?" The challenge: take a small slip of paper & write down when someone does something good for you or



when you do something good for someone else. The challenge is to put a slip in your jar @ least once every week. I hope it will turn out to be more than that. Then in December we will all bring our jars to church & place them on the altar & give thanks to God for all the good things that have been done for us & that we have been able to do for others. What a day of RE-JOY-CING that will be! It's never too late to get started, but why wait for tomorrow when you can get started today!!!

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Max Lucado, pastor and author