

The Common Line



Scouts Enjoy the Outdoors



FUMC Troop # 364 on Coves Walking Bridge at camp, from left, Jacob Varner, Eli Herzog, Noah Loge, Grady Carlson, Trevor Boggs, Landon Osborn, Logan Meek, Logan Osborn, Morrison Bond, Leighton Loge along with leaders Jeremy Boggs, David Osborn and David Loge.

After weeks of limited activity and in-person connections, 10 boys from our FUMCN Boy Scout Troop 364 set out for Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation near Coshocton for a week of camping. MVSR was one of only three BSA camps in our state that could come to agreement with all local, regional and national authorities to hold a camp program this summer. It may have been an adjustment for some to give up video games and electronic devices, but the three scout leaders who accompanied the boys believed it was just what they needed. Leaders, Jeremy Boggs, David Osborn and Dave Loge followed the strict health and safety guidelines due to COVID-19 set forth by the camp and the county health department that included a week's worth of temperature checks before leaving for camp, daily checks during camp, each scout sleeping in his own tent, scouts interacting with only small groups called cohorts. (continued on Page 2)

All Aboard for Vacation Bible School

Nelsonville First United Methodist Church will be hosting a train themed virtual VBS August 17-19. Children ages 2-12 can receive a goodie bag full of crafts, snacks, and other surprises. Each night, Pastor Dave Roach will read a Bible story on Facebook live and then families can complete a VBS activity from the safety of their home. To ensure we have enough materials, pre-registration is appreciated. To reserve a goodie bag for your child or grandchild, please email Ainsley Kuhn at ainsleyk13@gmail.com or text her at 740-541-2144. Please include the child's first and last name and their age.



FOR THE TRUTH
FOR THE WORLD
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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will guard your
hearts and minds.*
-Philippians 4:7



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The usual camp activities of hiking, canoeing, cooking out, swimming and learning outdoor skills assured that each evening the boys were ready for bed, even though sleeping alone in a tent outdoors was somewhat daunting for the younger boys. As leader Dave Loge described it, “The tents were close enough to each other they could carry on a conversation so that helped those who might have been apprehensive. Although one scout was visited by a very large spider that sent him running for help because he thought it might be a ‘killing spider’, as he called it. We assured him it was the harmless variety as it was removed from his tent. In their small groups, some boys made new, close friends. All had a great time. It was good just to be out.”



Landon Osborn and Eli Herzog load backpacks with daily supplies.



Setting up camp, clockwise from left, Noah Loge, Logan Fisher, Grady Carlson, Jacob Varner, Leighton Loge (back to camera)

Youth Leaders Present Bibles to Seniors

Youth Group Leaders, Casey and Kaleigh Cox, met with FUMCN youth to present them with a Bible and a final farewell before heading off to college or graduate school. Pictured is Allison Loge. Other graduating seniors were Emily McCulloch, Grace Sinnott, Mackenzie Campbell and Corinne Jones.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAVE

In the Middle of the Storm

They had done it many times. In fact, more than one of them were fishermen by trade. And so going from one shore to the other in a boat shouldn't have been a big deal. But this time it was! This time was different. This time they found themselves in the middle of a very quick and very powerful storm! And they were terrified!!

And of all things, Jesus wasn't with them in the boat. He had decided to stay on the shoreside to pray. The One they looked to for guidance and protection had sent them ahead on their own. Why wasn't Jesus there when they needed him the most? They felt abandoned, alone, and helpless ... at the mercy of the powerful storm!

Does that sound familiar to anyone other than me? Has anyone else ever wondered where Jesus was when you felt like you needed him the most? I don't know about you (although I do have my suspicion), but there have indeed been times in my own life that I've felt abandoned, alone, and helpless in the midst of a powerful storm.

That's why I think there are a few important lessons to pick up on in this story of Jesus and the disciples. Let me briefly offer a couple of thoughts.

The first is that the disciples were right where Jesus told them to be. So it wasn't because of disobedience or rebellion that they found themselves smack dab in the middle of the storm. True enough, sometimes we do find ourselves in a storm of our own making. Bad decisions, wrong motives, and rebellion against God can lead to rough waters.

But that isn't always the reason we experience storms. That certainly wasn't the case with the disciples in our story. They were doing what Jesus told them to do. And the same can be true for us as well. Sometimes storms come into our lives because that's just how life is. We live in a broken and sinful world where hardships and trials come sometimes by no fault of our own. Being a faithful disciple of Jesus doesn't shield us from undeserved storms.

A second thing to notice from this story is that Jesus came to them in their time of need. Granted, probably not as quickly as they thought he should have. And notice that Jesus didn't immediately calm the storm. In fact, he invited Peter to walk with him in the middle of it! But in their distress, Jesus came to them. And eventually he did calm the raging waters.

And the same is just as true for us. Jesus is always there for us in the midst of the storms of life. He comes to us in our distress. He comes to guide us, strengthen us, support us, and to see us through the storm. Just like with the disciples, he may not end the storm as quickly as we might like, but he will always be there to walk through the storms of life with us.

Friends, whatever storm you may face in life, know that God is aware of what you're going through. Know that God is present. And know that God will see you through to the other side. God loves you and will not abandon you. You are not alone. His strength will see you through!!

In Loving Service,

Pastor Dave

Pastoral Care

This is indeed a difficult time for the church! With social distancing and the call to voluntary isolation, it has become a real challenge to build and nurture relationships within the church family. And this is especially true for me coming in as your new pastor. So let me offer some thoughts.

If you have or know of a need for pastoral care, or even if you'd just like a chance for us to get to know each other, please let me know. We can certainly talk on the phone or chat on face time or correspond through texts or email ... whatever you would be the most comfortable with. And while we are still enjoying the warm weather, if you would like a front porch visit using masks and social distancing, I would also be more than willing to do that as well.

The key for any of this to happen, though, is for you to reach out to let me know of your desire for a visit, however that may work best for you. Below you will find my personal phone number as well as my email address. Or you can call or email the church office and Linda, our secretary, will pass that information on to me and we can set up an appointment to make that happen.

During this time, it is so important for us to stay connected. As your pastor, I want to help make that happen in any way that I can. So please let me know how I can help.

Pastor Dave
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Message Excerpts from Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area, United Methodist Church

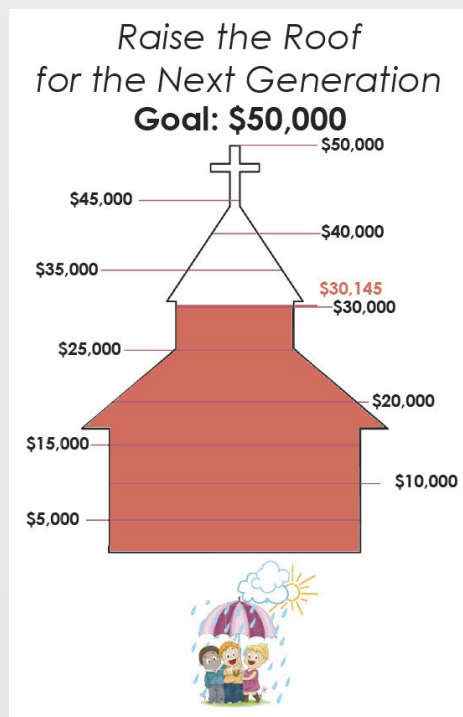


Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Thanks for all the ways you continue to extend the love and grace of God made known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to more and more and more people. Against many odds you are learning, stretching, and serving. I have taken special note of how you have navigated the safe resumption of in-person worship. I know not all of you are doing this but many of you are, without eliminating the online opportunities you have created. Wow.

...Friends, we have made enormous progress against this pandemic, but the current numbers are headed in the wrong direction and I want the United Methodist Church to do our part and more. We are in the business of love, life, compassion, and care for neighbor and self. Washing hands, appropriate physical distancing, and wearing masks is one way of caring for self and others right in our strike-zone. I am not suggesting that these actions are not challenging. Wearing a mask, standing six feet or more from people, not shaking hands etc. are so counter-intuitive for me. But in this season, it seems really wise and I contend it is what Jesus-like compassion looks and acts like in this time. ***“New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth.”***

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Bishop Gregory V. Palmer



Roof Replacement Update

The special size lumber for repairs has been milled. Shingles are being selected and the contractor expects to begin in August or September.

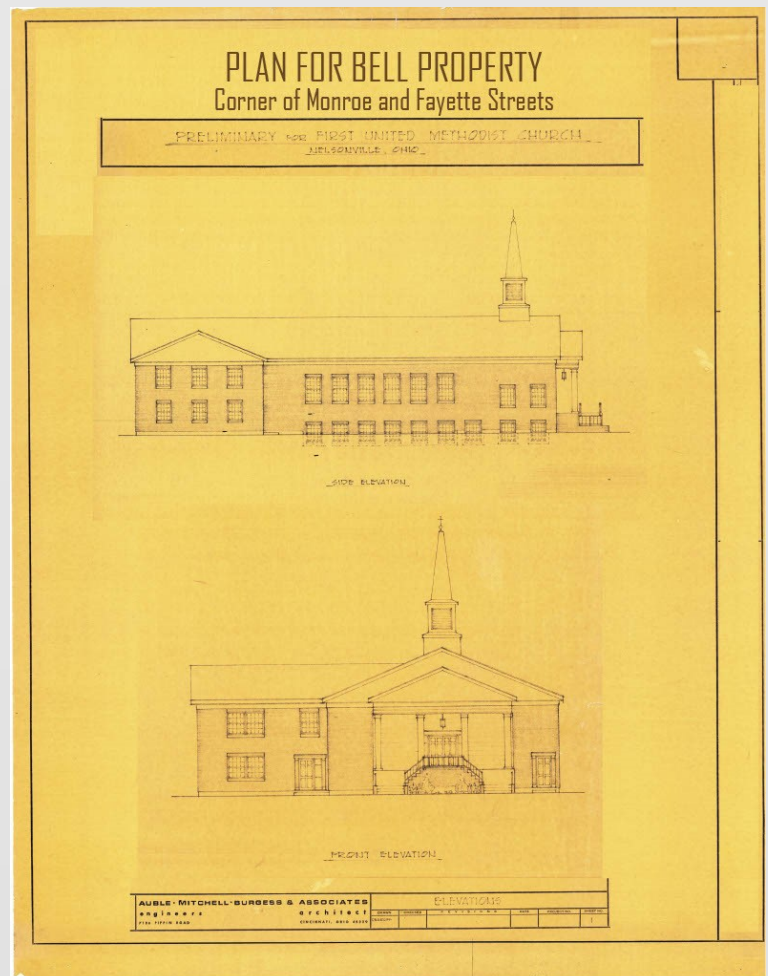
Donate to the sanctuary roof replacement project on-line or send check to church office.

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Extravagant Generosity - A Story of Building Our Church

While reviewing the original blueprints for our current church, in preparation for replacing the roof, trustee Dave Loge uncovered a second set of architectural drawings, showing a proposed two-story church. The option was planned for the corner of Fayette and Monroe Streets on the location occupied by the home of church member, the late Elizabeth Edington Hill Bell. At her passing in 1968 Mrs. Bell, or “Lizzie” as she was called, willed to the church, the house that she had shared with her late husband, veterinarian Dr. E. E. Bell. The property also included a second lot behind the house. Ultimately the Fayette St. site was not used and the more practical, prominent location was selected on W. Columbus St. Last fall our church leaders set basic goals for 2020 under the guidance of the UMC Foothills District. One of the goals was titled *Extravagant Generosity* and part of that 2020 goal was raising the first \$20,000 of the \$50,000 needed for the new roof. Mrs. Bell’s gift years ago was a wonderful example of “extravagant generosity.”

Eventually sold by the church, Mrs. Bell’s Victorian home still stands, a tribute to the quality of that special home, likely built in 1893, that helped to pay for the church we enjoy today. It is good to tell the stories of generous giving of those who came before so that we may be inspired to secure the future of First United Methodist Church Nelsonville.



Connecting yesterday to today – The Fayette St. house was purchased from the church in the early 1970s by Gary and Judy Bohyer, parents and father-in-law and mother-in-law of Pat and Angie Boyher. Elizabeth Bell is a distant cousin of Dee Dee Loge.

FUMC and ARC Invite You to August 11 Blood Drive in Ballard Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive chairs Emily McCulloch and Amy McCulloch ask us for one final push to recruit and register people for the upcoming blood drive. Amy shared the poster provided by the American Red Cross and said “Read the fine print, by giving blood you are automatically enrolled in a contest to win a trip to Knott’s Berry Farm on the California coast or Cedar Point on Ohio’s north coast.” Emily offered, “We have a small quantity of the signs like the ones you see on our church lawn. If you have access to property in a high traffic area and would like to place a sign there, call Linda Watkins in the church office and she’ll arrange for socially distant pick up. If you are in reasonably good health, you can give blood and make a difference.”

FUMC Provides Resources for Hundreds of Sandwiches, Breakfasts, Hand Washings and Baths

The final delivery from our “*Breakfast, Bath and PBJ*” campaign to provide emergency assistance to stock Nelsonville Food Cupboard during COVID-19 was the result of a campaign raising \$1,082 from the congregation and those who worship with us online. Unloading the items at the Food Cupboard are church treasurer Steve Perry, Food Cupboard board member Laura Johnson, volunteer Josh Wagner and Pastor Dave Roach.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS Together



Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church

Ballard Fellowship Hall
205 W. Columbus Street
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: NelsonvilleUMC.



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Come to give August 1-31 and you'll automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm! Includes travel, hotel, park admission and more! Terms and conditions apply, visit rcblood.org/CedarFair for details.



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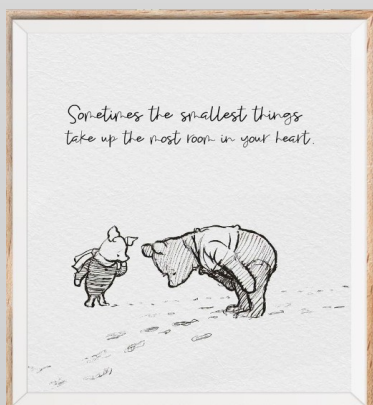
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Other Events and Announcements

Please Note: In-person events are currently on-hold with the exception of Sunday morning worship and Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 AM

Worship Services every Sunday at 10:00 AM
And Live on Facebook

Anchored Youth Group every Sunday at 5:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous every Monday
and Thursday at 8:00 PM

Leadership Team Meeting—TBA

Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month

Cub Scouts Schedule

Wolf: Sundays at 4:00 PM; Dee Dee Loge (740) 707-5318

Bear: Mondays at 6:00 PM; Ryan Harris (937) 902-9609

Webelos 1: Every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM; Jeremy Boggs
(740) 856-2795

Webelos 2: Sundays at 6:00 PM; Ryan Harris (937) 902-9609

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