

# The Common Line

## Completing 150 Year Celebration of Music By Mary K. Walsh

August 2018 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of forming the first choir at First United Methodist Church Nelsonville. The year-long celebration, planned by the Music Guild, a re-creation of the group formed decades ago, included the Y'all Come Choir comprised of current singers and choir members who "came home" to sing at the event.

The creation of the Katie McCoy and Mary Jane McKinley Music Scholars Fund used donations from church members and friends of the church to recognize local students and teachers who use their talents in music ministry. The Praise Singers, under the guidance of pianist Kim Resanovich, continued their strong, meaningful contribution to music each week. Guest organist LaMar Wyse and guest director and pianist Janice Paris added their talents. The Chancel Choir sang at Christmas and Holy Week and FUMC coordinated Buckeye Ministerial Association's Carol Sing on the Public Square during North Pole Nelsonville. The Ohio Senate sent a proclamation celebrating our achievements.

What's next? Y'all Come Choir will sing again August 18. The Music Guild is exploring children ringing bells and involvement of more students in our music. If you like music, there's a role for you. Share ideas with Patsy Clark, Mary K. Walsh or anyone involved in music at FUMC.

(See the proclamation on the back of the page.)



Like to sing, but can't commit to regular participation in church music? **Y'all Come Choir** is for you. Come August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:15, for practice and sing in morning worship. It will be fun!

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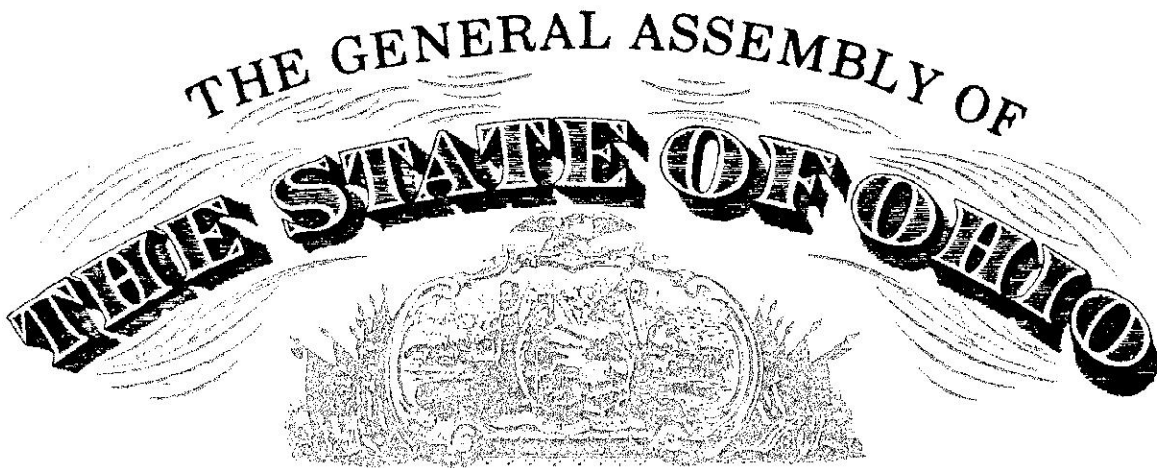
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### Psalm 33:12

Blessed is  
the nation  
whose God is  
the Lord.



FOR THE TRUTH  
FOR THE WORLD  
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



## OHIO SENATE

HONORING  
THE NELSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR  
ON ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to extend special recognition to the Nelsonville First United Methodist Church Choir on the auspicious occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary.

The Nelsonville First United Methodist Church Choir is deserving of high praise, and its talented vocalists have every reason to be proud, for they have demonstrated their fervent commitment to singing praise to God and entertaining local citizens. Over the years, the choir has earned the appreciation of countless music enthusiasts and has set an example of service worthy of emulation.

The Nelsonville First United Methodist Church Choir has established a solid foundation of musical success upon which it can continue to grow and prosper. The group has won the respect and admiration of many, and we are certain that in the years to come, it will maintain its unwavering devotion to excellence.

Thus, with great pleasure, we congratulate the Nelsonville First United Methodist Church Choir on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary and extend best wishes for the future.



Senator Larry Obhof  
President of the Ohio Senate

Senator Frank Hoagland  
30th Senatorial District

## **Operation Giving**

### **By Leah Banik**

If you've been to church recently you may have noticed the large poster with the words "Operation Christmas" written on it. Your first thought when seeing that was most likely that it was way too early to be thinking about Christmas! But, for me, it's not too early. It is never too early to think about how we can bless the lives of other who are less fortunate. That's why I started this little ministry. But I didn't want to limit ourselves to only helping families at Christmas time, so not only are we collecting Christmas gifts for teens and children, we are also going to collect items for Nelsonville-York City Schools.

In June we kicked off our collections by accepting small toys for children ages 3-12 as well as anything that would make a great Christmas gift for anyone 13-18 years old. We are also collecting cash and gift card donations that will be used to purchase items as needed. It's been a slow start but donations are coming in. We will continue to accept donations through November, though each month we may request something a little different. In July our focus will be on new packages of socks and underwear that we will donate to Nelsonville-York Elementary. We are also looking for new clothes for boys and girls ages 3-18. This can include socks, underwear, shirts, pants, headbands, sunglasses, shoes...anything you name it! Of course, we will still be accepting toys and other Christmas gift donations, so don't feel limited!

Donations can be items you find on clearance, have bought but never used, items that you meant to return and never got around to it, items in bulk that you find online at a great price. The options are endless. In the future months we plan to collect school supplies, back packs, lunch boxes, toiletries and personal hygiene products, games, books, stuffed animals, and cold weather gear. You can begin to bring those items in at any time as well. Donations can be dropped off on the table by the entrance to the Sanctuary.

## **Trustee Report**

Tina McWilliams has graciously accepted the position of the project coordinator of the Raise the Roof project. Our goal is to raise \$80,000 to replace the shingle roof of the sanctuary, the gutters, the downspouts, and the fascia boards. We are excited to get started with this process and continue the beautification and maintenance of our facility. As some of you are aware, we have several leaks and this is a very urgent matter. If anyone is interested in helping host a fundraising event or offer a financial gift, please visit with Tina. We would like to raise as much as possible to minimize how much we borrow to complete this project to ease the financial burden of a monthly payment.

Blessings to you all,

David Loge – Chair, Trustee Committee  
Ben Robey – Trustee  
Cort Forgrave – Trustee  
Adam Carlson - Trustee

## **Anchored Youth Update**

### **By Kaleigh Cox**

Youth group officially flies out on July 26th from Columbus. We will return in the evening on August 5th. We will primarily be in Witney, Oxfordshire, a small country town near Oxford. We will have updates on our Anchored Youth page throughout the trip, including insight from youth and photos from their ministry and people they meet. Tune in to that page to keep up to date with what they are doing. We will save some things for our presentation in front of the church at the end of August after we've had time to debrief and reflect on the week. Thank you again to all who have donated time, money, and effort to sending us over to England this summer!

## All That a Trip Can Be By Steve McGuire

It's that time of year. With vacations, get-a-ways, holiday cookouts, day-trips, and extra-curricular activities that require travel, we will spend even more time in our cars. It's actually surprising that we can do this more than "normal," more than when our schedules are just "routine."

I have quite a few memories of times in the car with the family. No heartwarming movies have been made of them—but neither have any comedies. One of our kids did single-handedly manage to discourage travel of any distance for several years. It was a long trip—800 miles. He was little and hated his car seat. We laugh about it now but then we were so worn out we determined we would not travel again for a long time! Then there was the time [long before GPS] my detailed directions to our place at Myrtle Beach blew out the window when I hurried through a West Virginia toll booth. Those were some of the crazy times. I would imagine you have your own stories like those.

Yet, there are also the memories of going to new and fun places and the conversations that can range from the most sincere to the most hilarious. These trips, when you are stuck in the car together are about just that—*togetherness*. They are opportunities for new closeness, for seeing different kinds of growth in the family, for asking what God is doing in our lives, and for sharing fresh understanding of each other. You can't put a price tag on the value of those times.

So, this summer, whether your trip is long or short, a mission trip to London or a drive out to Lake Hope, remember *all* of the opportunities that the trip may afford you. Travel safe. Go with God.

## VBS Off to a Roaring Start By Mary K. Walsh

Vacation Bible School begins as the July newsletter goes to print. More than 15 children from our church and the community pre-registered and more than a dozen volunteers serving as teachers and support staff are on-site or worked in advance along with the Boy Scouts. VBS pictures will appear in August Common Line.





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### **Other Events and Announcements**

Sunday School every Sunday at 9 AM.

Worship services every Sunday at 10 AM.

Anchored Youth Group every Sunday at 5 PM.

AA every Monday and Thursday at 8 PM.

Leadership Team Meeting July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM

Pastor Steve McGuire is currently spending Wednesdays in the church office and community. If you would like to meet or speak with the pastor please call the church office, 740-753-1939, on Wednesdays or email him directly at, [maxsmcguire@gmail.com](mailto:maxsmcguire@gmail.com).

### **Cub Scouts Schedule**

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

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

**Webelos 1:** Every other Tuesday at 6PM; Zach Odenthal (740) 707-7035

**Webelos 2:** Sundays at 6PM; Zach Odenthal (740) 707-7035

\*If you have any questions about Cub Scouts, you can always contact Dee Dee or Dave Loge (740) 707-1630

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***Faith is believing  
BEFORE what will  
only make sense  
AFTER.***

**— Steven Furtick**