

The Common Line

Welcome Pastor Dave and Linda Roach



We are pleased to announce Pastor David Roach will be joining FUMC as Interim Pastor. Dave and his wife Linda are both natives of southern Ohio. Dave was born in Ironton, Ohio and moved with his family during high school to Logan where he met, and in 1976 married, his high school sweetheart, Linda Rauber.

Dave and Linda have been serving in ministry together for 40 years. Their assignments have included the Jacksonville/Glouster Charge in Athens County, as well as serving United Methodist Churches in Ironton, The Plains and Upper Sandusky. Dave and Linda retired from active full-time ministry in 2018 from Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Ohio and Dave spent the past year and a half serving as retired part-time associate pastor at The Plains.

Dave and Linda have three adult children, Bethany, Chris and Jeremy, two daughters-in-law, Molly and Julie, and two grandchildren, Finnigan and Annie. They now make their home in Logan on the family farm occupied by Linda's family for six generations.

On his first Sunday at FUMC, Dave shared his memories of singing in church and ecumenical choirs with Mary Jane McKinley, Katie McCoy and others from our church and has known most of the previous pastors of our church back to the early eighties. Dave comes to us with a strong conviction and focus on grace and practical discipleship. He and Linda are so very excited to become a part of our church family and to be in ministry to and with us!

Dave and Linda are already known and appreciated by many members of our congregation and we are grateful they have decided to dedicate a portion of their retirement years to accomplish important goals here at First United Methodist Church Nelsonville.



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FOR THE WORLD
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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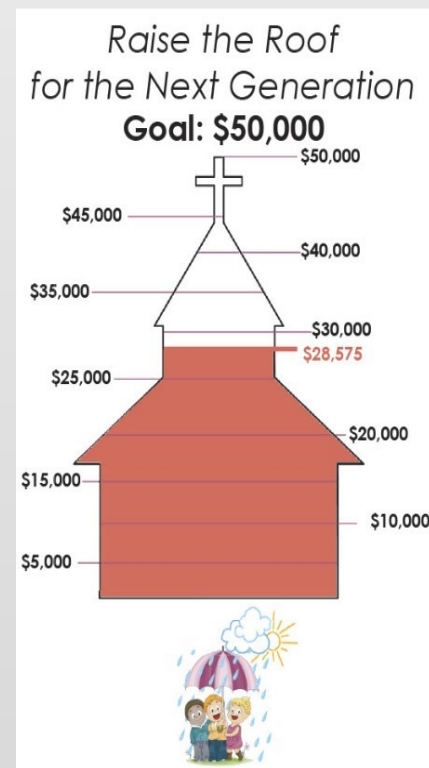


Pastor Steve and Rose McGuire say good-bye to FUMC on June 14 as they prepare for their new church assignment in Belpre. After receiving a gift and cards from the church and congregation, they greeted the exiting congregation on the sidewalk outside.

Roof and Campaign Progress

The campaign total is nearing \$30,000. If you have not already pledged or donated, you may do so with a one-time gift or on-going gifts in 2020 and 2021 by check, cash or online via credit card ([on-line giving](#)). Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone special to you.

The lumber for roof repairs has been purchased from McCarthur Lumber and Post Company and will be milled in Amesville to the special size needed to match the existing wood on our roof.



Food Cupboard campaign total reaches \$1,030



Giving by our congregation and those who join our worship via Facebook exceeded our goal of \$1,000 for the *FUMC Breakfast, Bath and PBJ* campaign to support the Nelsonville Food Cupboard. Shoppers from FUMC will purchase and deliver the food to the Cupboard in July. Our food and supply delivery dropped off in May represented the first \$200 collected.

Join the volunteers making church safe

The church is looking for additional people to help make our worship services safe. The work involves greeting people at the door, taking temperatures, offering masks or sanitizer if needed and recording names of attendees. Volunteers also use sanitizing wipes to clean off bathroom surfaces such as handles and doors. If you can help occasionally on Sunday mornings, let Debbie Cox, Trisha Dean or the church office know that you are interested and you will be contacted.



Debbie Cox greets Sunday morning worshipers



Trisha Dean places social distance signs on the pews.



Steve Perry sanitizes a door

FUMC Hosts Blood Drive August 11

Blood Drive coordinators Emily McCulloch and Amy McCulloch along with Jordan Fomash Wellinghoff of the American Red Cross announce a blood drive will be held in our church, August 11 from 1-7 pm. Jordan reminds us, "COVID-19 has been tough on the blood supply. The need is real because potential donors are staying home more. We know how to keep donors safe." Jordan shared that as an added benefit for a limited time, ARC will test donors' blood for COVID-19 antibodies so that people can find out whether they may have had the virus earlier and didn't know it.



In April, 16 people pre-registered for our blood drive and Emily wishes for "a goal of 20 people to be pre-registered." She also shared that, for safety reasons, walk-ins can't be accepted. Amy and Emily will handle the general sanitization of areas such as the restrooms, chairs and other surfaces. The medical personnel keep all people safe during the process. To pre-register or to ask questions contact Emily and Amy at Kea.mcculloch@yahoo.com or 740-603-4603 or contact the American Red Cross.

Making more than 5,000 masks for the community

Leadership Team member Trisha Dean dug deep to learn ways our congregation is serving the broad community by making masks to protect people from COVID-19. We learned that Audrey Smathers and Claire Abraham applied their skills and delivered, at last count, 5,600 masks to a wide audience.

Audrey started making masks the third week of March. She and her friend Amanda Rollins met at Audrey's house every Tuesday and Thursday and in Audrey's words, "We made them all day. We made them for the public and anyone who wanted one. After 3,000, we started accepting donations. We have now surpassed the 5,000 mark." They actually took orders from many local groups and orders also came through the internet from Indiana, Washington, Kentucky, Texas, Florida and South Carolina.

Claire Abraham started her mask project right after school closed for the pandemic, ending her in-school experience as a 7th grader at Nelsonville-York Middle School. She got her family involved. On two Sundays they worked together as an assembly line. Family members helped measure and cut fabric, pin, pleat and Claire sewed, creating 600 masks. Claire described the process, "It was crazy for a while and then we ran out of fabric and elastic. A very nice woman from the Hocking Hills donated fabric as long as we made some masks for the employees at Peoples Bank in Nelsonville." There were nights when Claire and her mother were up until after midnight filling orders.

For four weeks Claire was at the post office mailing masks to businesses, restaurants and some companies in Columbus. She made sure her family members in the health care field were taken care of including her Aunt Millie who was a nurse for the First Response Team for COVID-19 traveling where needed. She also made sure masks went to her special friends such as her favorite D.A.R.E. officer at the sheriff's department and Rich from Kona Ice. She also turned her attention to making ear savers for the comfort of wearers. Money donated for orders was put right back into the project.

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Audrey Smathers and friend Amanda Rollins at one of their marathon sewing sessions.



Supply of Audrey's masks.



Claire Abraham with Rich from Kona Ice, one of the many recipients of masks she made.

Some groups receiving masks from volunteers in our congregation --

Nelsonville City Hall, Water Department,
Police Department, Fire Department
Kimes Logan Healthcare
Hocking Valley Industries
Franklin County Sheriff's Department
Westerville Police Department
Nelsonville Home and Savings Bank
First National Bank
Peoples Bank
Mama Renies
Dominos Pizza
JJ's Pizza
Friendly Paws Pet Supply

Home health aides and LPNs
Fruth Pharmacy
Walmart employees
Athens County EMS
Mail and newspaper carriers
Refuse collectors
Athens County D.A.R.E. Officer
Kona Ice
Funeral Homes
Miscellaneous orders from Indiana, Washington,
Kentucky, Texas, Florida and South Carolina
Columbus area businesses



Hope & Faith with their "drive-by"
craft project

Sunday School finding new ways to reach our children

Hope and Faith Joyce show off the craft of "**Jesus Feeds 5,000**" they created from kits handed out at **Drive-By Craft Time** by Director of Education Ainsley Kuhn and teachers Debbie Cox, Amy McCulloch and Emily McCulloch. The teachers created the lessons and gave them to families as they drove by following Sunday worship. Parents and guardians are invited to drive by the church between 11:00 – 11:30 am each Sunday, with or without their children in the vehicle, where teachers will hand the kits through the car window. The program which began June 28 runs for six weeks.

July is time for Boy Scout Camp

Nelsonville First United Methodist Troop 364 is off to Muskingum Valley Camp Reservation in Zanesville. Dave and Dee Dee Loge shared that there are many requirements issued by camp officials to keep the Scouts safe. Because of COVID-19 camp fundraising was cut short. Scouting is one way FUMC reaches out to the community. Anyone wishing to support the camping experience so that all interested Scouts can attend, may make a donation to the church noting that it be directed to the Scouting program.

Survey respondents believe FUMC has many gifts

Last winter the congregation participated in the 2020 Goal Development Survey identifying our church's strengths, resources, opportunities and vision for the future. When asked what they were ***"most proud of"***, respondents, including youth, said our worship service and music, plus classes and groups including Scouting. Respondents also take pride in our missions and service including Vacation Bible School.



2019 VBS

When asked about ***"resources within our church"***, most often mentioned were the teachers and youth leaders in our church and programming they provide for youth. Also listed often are those who make beautiful music plus the contributions of our pastor, lay leaders and the workers and doers. Having people in our congregation who are well-connected to the community was noted among our assets including a congregation interested in service to others and our church's central location in Nelsonville.

Opportunities for ***"growth and development"*** toward a vision include a greater focus on youth, including adding a middle school youth group and attracting more youth. People want a full church for worship and more people leading and serving so that we can expand activities, build relationships, help vulnerable populations, partner with others for a better Nelsonville and take our Christian message to the community.

A third of respondents are ***"willing to meet to plan"*** the future, but that was before COVID-19. While some things are on hold, we can each do our part worshipping in person or remotely, inviting people to church or online worship, sharing our newsletter to tell our story, making community connections and staying in touch with each other providing material, spiritual and emotional support. We can give to missions and donate to operate and maintain the church so it is ready for greater service when normal times return. We can keep planning and imagining what God wants FUMC to be in Nelsonville, Ohio.



2019 Scout Spaghetti Dinner raised money for activities and church roof



2019 Rally Day with the neighbors

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"Make
each day
your
masterpiece."
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Other Events and Announcements

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

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

AA 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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