

Mission Statement

The Mission – To love the people of the Nelsonville area into relationship with Jesus Christ and give away to the world what God has given us.

The Vision – Imagine a ragtag collection of surrendered and transformed people who love God and others. They are mesmerized by the idea that this is not about them, but all about Jesus. They are transfixed by His story and His heart for their area. They are seedthrowers and firestarters, hope peddlers and grace-givers, risk-takers and dreamers, young and old. They link arms with anyone who tells the story of Jesus. They empower the poor, strengthen the weak, embrace the outcast, seek the lost. They serve together, play together, worship together, live life together. The Nelsonville area will change because God sent them. They are us.

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Fruitful Congregation



Our church is working on becoming a Fruitful Congregation. We've discussed the difference between a *faithful* and a *fruitful* congregation and after a study of scripture determined God calls us to not simply be faithful but more than that – fruitful. We're to reproduce Christians. We're to grow disciples. While we generally meet the second Tuesday of the month, this month we'll meet on August 3rd. We'll discuss where God's calling us right now. We'll gather at 6:00 pm for a light dinner and, a time of prayer to seek God's direction and

holy conversation. This is a congregation-wide gathering.



It does not take a perfect church to introduce a man to the perfect Christ.

- Richard Woodsome



Gus Macker

This year's Gus Macker happened on the hottest weekend of the year! A special thank you to each one who came out in the terrible heat to support your church! God bless you. We brought in \$401 over the course of the weekend. Thank you!!



The Bible is to us what the star was to the wise men; but if we spend all our time in gazing upon it, observing its motions, and admiring its

splendor, without being led to Christ by it, the use of it will be lost on us. - Thomas Adams



Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours continue through August. We are open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-2 and often at other times as well.



School Start

We will hold our back to school event on August 10. This is before Parade of the Hills. Please bring in your school supplies and school clothes and supplies to donate to those who desperately need them! We need people to help sort school bags and clothes on Sunday, Aug 8 @ 2pm until we finish. We'll serve a hot dog supper on Aug 10 to those who come to get supplies. The event is 6-7:30 and we'd love to have a church full of volunteers to help people find the fellowship hall, the restrooms, the supplies, the clothes and experience the full force of FUMC hospitality beginning at 5:30 Aug 10.



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Caring Corner

The Caring Corner touches many lives. It's one way First shows the love and care of Christ to others. Birthday, get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards are always needed and stamps are welcome too. Also, please remember to sign cards on Sunday morning. Cards are sent each week to those we want to remind of God's love or those who are celebrating. We get messages back about how much the cards and prayers have meant to those who receive them.

We also prepare and deliver casseroles to those who are experiencing crisis. If you'd like to be part of preparing casseroles, contact Amy McCulloch (753-2524). The following items are needed:

- * Uncooked macaroni, rice, wide egg noodles, shells
- * Cream of celery, chicken and mushroom soup
- * Frozen vegetables: broccoli, green beans, peas, spinach and corn
- * Shredded cheese, bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese



* Foil pans

We also deliver prayer shawls, quilt or hats if you make those. The 11:00 service folks prayer over those before they're delivered.



Preconceived notions are the locks on the door to wisdom.



Noodles

We're making noodles! If you can help make noodles for the Parade of the Hills, please plan on coming to the church on Wednesday, August 4 @ 8am. We mix, roll and cut noodles and lots of hands make for light work! The fellowship is fun too! See ya in the Fellowship Hall.



Evangelism Goal

Everyone at FUMC is challenged to pray for at least one unchurched person for at least one minute every day at 1:00 pm. If you cannot possibly pray for one minute at 1:00 pm, you may want to choose another time. The important thing is to pray!



Services

Tapes of our morning worship services are available each week. They can be picked up on the vestibule table or delivered if we know who needs them. Call the office at 753-1939 to make arrangements or for more information.



Kids' Sunday School

Sunday School is kicking off on September 12. We are excited to offer a new curriculum which is multi-media called Live Big – Live Your Belief in God.



FUMC Shut-ins

Mary Margaret Tomlinson, Charlotte Smathers – Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Drive, Logan, 43138

Lucille Steenrod, Crestview Manor, 925 Becks Knob Road, Lancaster, 43130

Dorothy Colwell, 1658 Connett, Nelsonville 45764

Chuck Mohney, 96 Mill St, Nelsonville 45764



Save the Date!

The date for our 2010 VBS is set for Friday, August 7th. To help cut down on expenses, we need donations of pretzels, peanuts, sunflower seeds, m&m's, string cheese, graham crackers and fresh fruit. If you are able to help out, please contact Trisha Dean.



Parade of the Hills Preparation

We are thankful to Karen Campbell who has agreed to chair our Parade of the Hills Food Booth. We will need desserts and helpers – watch for opportunities to volunteer! Parade of the Hills is August 18-21 this year. Our booth is open Aug 19-20.



Back to School Items

The items we need for the back to school event...

Very gently used clothing appropriate for school

Hygiene items – shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products

School supplies for high school students – college-ruled notebooks, index cards, pens, pencils, pocket folders

School supplies for elementary school students – wide-ruled paper, crayons, pencils, pencil box, tissues, rulers, scissors

For light supper – brownies



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