



# Community Connection

Fall 2021 Edition

## Pastoral Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Dr. David Grout

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Matt Abel

**Children's Pastor:** Rev. Anna Merlo

**Church Office:** 859-371-7961

[www.florenceumc.com](http://www.florenceumc.com)

## Welcome To Florence UMC!

See [www.florenceumc.com/live](http://www.florenceumc.com/live) for more info. Please send prayer requests to [doris@florenceumc.com](mailto:doris@florenceumc.com) or call the church office!

**Services at 9 a.m. (traditional) & 11 a.m. (contemporary)**



## Meet The Staff



**Doris Daugherty**

**Administrative Assistant**

I'm from this area and remember when Union was just a little rural town of 250 people with more cows than cars!

I grew up in a tiny house built in the 1930's by my grandfather. It was located along a creek where many hot summers were spent wading and carrying buckets of water to irrigate thousands of seedlings in my dad's makeshift greenhouse. I also worked at a produce stand in the summertime. It amazes me that some of the same fields that I worked and played in as a child are now filled with tract homes. In 1975 I married Les (my high school sweetheart) and we're blessed to have 3 adult children and 10 grandkids! We moved many times during my hubby's 20 years in the USMC. Along the way we made many friends, had many wonderful times, endured many hardships. The only constant in my life was the unchanging grace and mercy that the Lord bestowed upon me throughout those years and still today. I graduated in 2009 with a BBA from Thomas More while attending school in the evenings and working fulltime at another church near there. I've had quite a variety of administrative jobs over the years but my most wonderful occupation is being in ministry with all of the people of Florence UMC for the past 8 years! In my spare time I love to write devotionals, visit family and friends, enjoy long countryside drives with Les, babysit grandchildren, take care of my pets, and enjoy the beauty of my flower gardens. One of my favorite Bible verses is found in Nehemiah 8:10: "**The Joy of the Lord is your strength.**"

### Church BBQ/Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Florence Youth are hosting a BBQ around noon on Sunday, September 5th. Our menu will include Pastor Matt's smoked pulled pork, potato salad, coleslaw and some homemade sauces. Join our church family for fellowship, food and fun!

*Make a contribution to Youth Mission Trips at lunch if you'd like! **RSVP online or call the church office.***

### Children's Home

Florence UMC has spent the month of August highlighting the [Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes](#). This year, the Children's Homes are celebrating 150 years of caring for vulnerable children! To help celebrate this milestone, Florence UMC is encouraging families who are able to make a special gift this month designated to "the Children's Home" in -person or through [online giving](#). *This Sunday, Julie Hager Love, the president of the Children's Homes will share a message with us.*

### Groups

It is not too late to join our churchwide study of "Love Like This" by Dr. Les Parrot! **Sign Up Online or call the church office!**



### Calling All Crafters, Quilters and Sewing Enthusiasts

Crafters, quilters and sewers are invited to bring projects to work on as they share time together each month, beginning Wednesday, September 1st. This group will meet in U23 on each first Wednesday of the month from about 12:30-2 pm. For more information, contact [Shirley Goodman](#): 502-693-2040 or [sgoodman5815@gmail.com](mailto:sgoodman5815@gmail.com)

# Touching Lives...Making a Difference!

## Giving Opportunities

**SNL Food Pantry Needs:** Fruit cups, peanut butter, canned pasta, Pop Tarts, bottled water, toilet paper.

**Be Concerned: (United Ministries)** canned goods, cereals, laundry detergent. Drop off at the church during designated times.



If you want to submit an article for the next edition of the Community Connection, send to Doris Daugherty (doris@florenceumc.com) [by Sept 15](#)

## July Giving Summary

General Fund \$52,419

2021 Budget \$710,000

Building Fund \$145,902

Mortgage \$1,770,791



## Part Time Assistant Preschool Teacher Needed

Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool, a Ministry of FUMC, is in need of an Assistant Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. The schedule is Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Join us to touch lives and make a difference for our students and their families. For more information please contact Karen Sherman at 859-371-5433 or [creativebeginnings@florenceumc.com](mailto:creativebeginnings@florenceumc.com).

***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall***

***obtain mercy. Matthew 5:7***

## Calendar of Events

**August 29** Worship Night

**September 1** Crafters, Quilters, Sewing Enthusiasts

**September 5** BBQ Fundraiser noon at church for Youth Mission Trips

**September 6** Labor Day (Church Office closed)

**September 10** 6:30-8:30 pm: Funtastic Friday

**September 14** 4-10 pm: Restaurant Fundraiser for Youth Missions at BJ's Restaurant

**September 17** 7 pm: Movie Night

**September 19** 4 pm: Church Council Meeting

**September 19** 6 pm: Youth Parent Meeting

**September 26** FUEL NKU

**October 15** Mark Bishop Concert

**October 16** Church Rummage Sale

## Thank you Notes

Our family would like to thank FUMC for all the many special things you did during Jim's illness. We very much appreciated the prayers and cards from this loving faith community. Pastor David was wonderful especially singing "Sweet Sweet Spirit" at the Memorial service. The Davis family

Judy, Brian, DeAnn, Kelsey and Zachary

Thank you for letting us use the building while we were on our way to a Mission Trip this summer. It was great! Stan Pegram (Pastor of BMZ UMC Boscobel, Wisconsin)

Joe and I would like to thank the church members who took the time to send a card or note to Erin, our granddaughter as she started her training at West Point. She said that she appreciated each and every one.

Carol Kanabroski