



# Community Connection

2022 Summer

## 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!



There will be a reception honoring couples who have been married for 50 years on June 26th between worship services. Any couples who have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, 2021 or have celebrated or will celebrate in 2022 are invited to participate. Couples who wish to participate, please contact Doris in the office: 859-371-7961 or Buddy Dittus at [oedittus@oedin.net](mailto:oedittus@oedin.net) by June 15th. Also if any couples are celebrating any milestone anniversaries of 60,65,70 or 75 years are welcome to participate.

### Welcome New Members

The following persons recently joined our Florence UMC church family. Please welcome:

Tonja Boeh

Paul & Gerry Miller

Scott & Kelly Miller

Katie O'Neill

James & Stephanie Proffitt

George & Suzi Sherwood

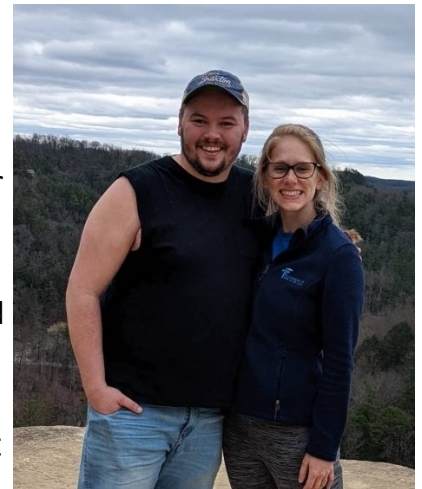
Abby Schroeder

Ed & Sally Stahlecker

## Meet The Staff

### Rev. Matt Abel

Hey church! I'm Matt Abel and I've been the Associate Pastor and Youth Minister at FUMC for 3 years. I'm originally from Elizabethtown, KY and studied ministry in undergrad at Lindsey Wilson College (GO BLUE RAIDERS!) where I met my lovely wife, Carolyn.



During college I became a Licensed Local Pastor in the UMC and have been serving as a pastor since 2015. This past December I completed my Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary so I'm officially done with school for the foreseeable future.

I love my job and getting to serve alongside such an incredible church and youth group here at FUMC. For fun I enjoy cooking, reading, hiking, telling lame jokes, playing board games, playing the drums, and playing with my two dogs. If you're ever looking for a place to have a good meal, good conversation, or play a board game you've probably never heard of before let me know, we'd love to have you over (please excuse the dog hair!)

I look forward to continuing to serve alongside Florence UMC for years to come as we learn how to love God, love others, and make disciples together.

# *Touching Lives...Making a Difference!*

## Giving Opportunities

### Items Needed

**Ida Spence** is currently in need of laundry soap, basic hygiene products, etc. Email Gina Snavely: [Ginac.idaspence@gmail.com](mailto:Ginac.idaspence@gmail.com)

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

**Be Concerned: (United Ministries)** canned goods, cereals, laundry detergent.

If you have anything you would like to submit for the next edition of the Community Connection, please submit it to the desk of Doris Daugherty ([doris@florenceumc.com](mailto:doris@florenceumc.com)) **no later than June 25.**

### Old Photos Requested

Florence UMC will celebrate 180 years in ministry this year. To help the planning team prepare for one of the birthday events, they are requesting to borrow any old photos you may have to be shared for potential use. If you are able to provide a digital file of a photo you have, please email it to the church. Or, drop your photos off at the Connection Center on Sunday in an envelope with your name on it and we will create a digital file. Any descriptions, dates, names or context about the photo would be appreciated. Pick up your borrowed photos (at the Connection Center) about 4-6 weeks after dropping them off. Thank you for sharing your photos.

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*  
Psalm 103:8 KJV

## Calendar of Events

June 4	Church Rummage Sale/Mountain Mission
June 6	Theatre Camp
June 10	Theatre Camp Program
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School
July 29-30	Children's Clothing Event

## Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, well wishes and cards I received during my surgery and recovery. I am blessed by your lovingkindness.

Doris Daugherty

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Hydrangea. Can't wait for it to warm so I can plant it in the yard. I've been overwhelmed by kindness and caring from so many people and I'm so grateful.

Blessings,

Ruth Johnston

Thanks to...

Richard Wilmhoff for bringing the staff delicious donuts!

Bob Nelson for the baked goods for youth group!

Sandy Stephens & Chris Cummings for office assistance