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# First United Methodist Church

163 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130



2012

Guide Book & Directory

ROSTER OF CIRCUIT RIDERS AND PASTORS  
 WHO SERVED THE METHODISTS OF LANCASTER FIRST CHURCH  
 The Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church  
 The First Methodist Church

1799-James Quinn  
 1800-Jesse Stoneman  
 1801-Joseph Chenowith  
 1802-Nathaniel B. Mill  
 1803-Asa Shinn; James Quinn  
 1804-James Quinn  
 1805-John Meek; James Ashley  
 1806-Peter Cartwright  
 1807-William Paterson  
 1808-Ralph Lotspeich; John Bowman  
 1809-Ralph Lotspeich  
 1810-Francis Travis  
 1811-James B. Finley  
 1812-William Lambden  
 1813-Archibald McElroy  
 1814-Charles Waddle  
 1815-Charles Waddle; Michael Ellis  
 1816-James Quinn; John McMahan  
 1817-John McMahan; Michael Ellis  
 1818-Sadosa Bacon; Peter Stephens  
 1819-Abner Gough; Henry Matthews  
 1820-Thomas A. Morris  
 1821-Joseph Carper  
 1822-Williams Stevens  
 1823-James Gilruth; Isaac Hunter  
 1824-Charles Waddle; Homer Clark  
 1826-James Quinn; Leroy Swormstedt  
 1826-James Quinn; James Laws  
 1827-James Laws; Gilbert Blue  
 1828-Jacob Young  
 1829-Z. Connell; H. S. Fernandez  
 1830 to 1839-The list of preachers (ministers) serving this period is known, but the year in which they served could not be ascertained. Names in order given in list:  
 William Young                      John J. Bruce  
 John Ferree                              Charles W. Swain  
 Edward D. Roe                          William T. Hand  
 William H. Lawder                      Charles R. Baldwin  
 Levi White                                John Reed  
 W. T. Snow                                Charles R. Lovell  
 1840-Henry Baker  
 1841-William R. Anderson  
 1842-William P. Strickland  
 1844-Randolph S. Foster  
 1846-M. Dustin  
 1847-Granville Moody  
 1849-William H. Sutherland  
 1850-Moses Smith  
 1851-Ancel Brooks  
 1853-N. Westerman  
 1854-James M. Jameson  
 1856-Ezra M. Boring  
 1857-Joseph H. Creighton

1859-William Porter  
1860-C. E. Felton  
1862-C. A. Vanada  
1864-Thomas H. Phillips  
1866-L. Taft  
1868-B. N. Spohr  
1870-Thomas R. Taylor  
1873-Joseph H. Creighton  
1874-T. W. Stanley  
1877-J. T. Miller  
1880-Orville J. Nave  
1882-Wm.P. McLaughlin  
1885-J. M. Weir  
1887-J. T. Miller  
1890-John W. Dillon  
1895-William L. Slutz  
1897-Charles C. Elson  
1907-Harry B. Lewis  
1910-Charles B. Pyle  
1913-Homer P. Ivey (part of year)  
1913-Earle M. Ellsworth  
1918-W. C. Millikan; H. W. Stody, Assistant  
1919-W. C. Millikan  
1920-W. C. Millikan; H. W. Stody, Assistant  
1921-N. E. Butler  
1924-William T. Blume  
1926-Thomas B. Roberts  
1929-William G. Seaman  
1936-Edward F. Andree  
1941-Walter P. Castoe  
1943-1944-George Taylor, Assistant  
1946-George W. Herd  
1976-Walter L. Plummer  
1979-George S. Brown  
1979-James T. Caldwell, Associate Pastor  
1982-J. Brooks Gregory, Associate Pastor  
1982-Nancy L. Swartz, Associate Pastor  
1983-Don S. Grant  
1984-Gerald L. Dickey, Associate Pastor  
1984-Simeon Brandyberry, Visitation Minister  
1988-Brooks W. Heck  
1993-David W. Wells, Associate Pastor  
1995-R. Robert Kimes, Parish Pastor  
1996-Sam D. Halverson, Associate Pastor  
2000-Ralph Hudson, Visitation Pastor  
2000-Larry C. Brown  
2006-Cheryl Foulk, Visitation Pastor  
2010-Robert McDowell

## **First United Methodist Church**

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### ***Sunday Morning Worship:***

9am – Worship Celebration  
10:30am – Praise Worship



## **The Stanbery Rising House**

131 N. High St.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
740-653-6418

## **Crossroads Family Ministry Center**

2095 W. Fair Ave.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
740-653-3320

### ***Wednesday Evening Worship:***

6:30pm – The Gathering

Crossroads website: [www.crossroadsevents.org](http://www.crossroadsevents.org)



Dear Friends,

Do the names Jacob Detrich, Peter Reber, Sarah Reber, Christian Weaver, Elizabeth Weaver, George Canode, Mary Canode, and Thomas Orr ring a bell? They are the reason First United Methodist Church exists today.

In the Spring of 1812, circuit rider preacher James B. Finley, with the aid of Nimrod Bright and Jesse Spurgeon, who were licensed exhorters, organized this group as the first Methodist class to meet in Lancaster, Ohio. Thanks to these faithful people, we now have over 1,400 members!

As we use this 2012 directory, let's give thanks to God for these names of faithful men and women from our first year as a congregation. Without these faithful people and the Holy Spirit empowering them, we would not be the people we are today.

Happy Bicentennial Year!



***Pastor Robert McDowell***

## Our Mission

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and world.

## Core Values

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-taking Mission
- Extravagant Generosity

## Church Staff

### **Pastoral Staff**

221\*---Robert McDowell, Senior Pastor

215----Cheryl Foulk, Visitation Pastor

### **Program Staff**

222----Pam George, Christian Education Director

224----Peg Parker, Caring Ministry & Assistant Education Dir.

103\*\*--John Coen, Dir. of Creative Ministry & Crossroads Manager

104\*\*--Sandra Yerian, Youth Director

Mary Grover, Child Care Provider

### **Music & Worship Staff**

232----Clarence McCoy, Worship Director

Michael Snyder, Organist

Brenda Graf, Choir Accompanist

### **Office Staff**

214----Deb Silvia, Treasurer

210----Sandy Roberts, Senior Administrator

218----Jill Warner, Financial Secretary

213----Annalee Hoover, Clerical Assistant

### **Building Staff**

Scott & Regina Gottliebson, Wedding Custodians

(Scott, Security)

\*Voice mail number--To leave a voice mail message for church staff, please dial 740-653-3330 and dial the voice mail number before staff names.

\*\*Crossroads--The number for Crossroads is 740-653-3320. Dial extension 101 for the Tower Hall phone, 102 for the Kitchen, 103 for Creative Ministries, and 104 for Youth Ministries.

\*\*\*E-mail--E-mail address for staff members: [firstname.lastname@lancasterfumc.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@lancasterfumc.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### **Education and Mission**

The Education and Mission Team plans and coordinates the educational opportunities and the mission outreach programs for children through grade six.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 for children under the age of two in Room 12 (left side).

Preschool for ages 2-3 is held in Room 12 (right side)

Pre-K and Kindergarten for age 4 – Grade K is held in Room 11

Elementary

9:00 – Sunday Shop is a multimedia experience using music, drama and puppets for Grades 1-6 in Fellowship Hall

Bible Fun offers relational teaching of bible stories with games, crafts and activities for Grades 1-6, Room 10

10:30 – Bible Fun offers relational teaching of bible stories with games, crafts and activities suited for Grades 1-3, Room 9

Feasting on the Word – Older children (Grades 4-6) go deeper into the bible through discussions, worship centers, and crafts in Room 10.

Learning to use My Bible Class

Each year our third graders are presented with bibles as a gift from the church. A five-week class soon follows during the months of October and November. Children learn basic bible skills that lay the foundation for the special importance the bible will have in their lives.

Vacation Bible School (July 9-13, 2011)

**5 Exhilarating Days - Hordes of Children – Loving Volunteers**

Each day will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities where kids sing catchy songs, play team-building games, nibble treats, experience Bible stories in fun and interactive ways, and create crafts that help them remember the lesson. Plus children have an opportunity to live out their faith by supporting a mission project. VBS is for children who are at least 3 years old & potty-trained through those who are entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade (older children may volunteer).

Children need not be a member of FUMC or any other church for that matter – all are welcome!

Special Events

The Special Events Planning Team provides fellowship opportunities for children and their families; and provides programs and events which reach out to new families in our community. They provide seasonal events such as a yearly Advent Party, fellowship programs that encourage intergenerational activities, and family support ministries such as Couples Nights Out.

Sing & Praise

The Sing & Praise team provides both an inspirational and enthusiastic setting where children can sing and praise God on Sunday morning from 10:00 – 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This 30-minute program enriches children through contemporary Christian songs and traditional hymns.

Additional information may be found in the Circuit Rider, bulletin announcements and our website in late spring.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

FUMC has a number of youth ministry programs. Here's how youth can get involved:

### **Youth Council**

A dynamic group of youth representing church members in grades 7-12. We meet monthly to develop plans and schedule youth activities and events.

### **Youth Group**

FUMC youth meet every Sunday at Crossroads from 6 – 7:30pm. This is a time to hang out with friends, talk about ideas and concerns, enjoy great activities, goofy games, get to know other youth and caring adults who really care, and learn a little about how God is with you in your struggles and celebrating your joys with you.

### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation class meets every Sunday morning throughout the school year at the Rising House from 9:15 to 10:15am. The class is designed to help 7<sup>th</sup> graders explore their faith and make important decisions regarding their faith and their commitment to the church community.

### **New Member Class**

We occasionally offer New Member Classes for youth who have decided they want to wait to join the church and could not participate in the Confirmation Class.

### **Youth Sunday School Class**

High School meet in the Rising House, Room 21 every Sunday morning at 9:15am during the school year.

### **Thursday Breakfast**

During the school year, the youth can enjoy a great breakfast every Thursday morning in the Rising House. A short devotion/prayer and drive to school are included. Breakfast begins at 6:30am. Donation \$2.

### **Retreats**

Every so often we take retreats ranging from one night to a week long.

### **Youth Summer Mission Trips**

Every summer the youth take mission trips to various places.

There are many youth who get involved at FUMC through First Community Kitchen, Scouting, Sunday morning worship and teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Come and get involved!

## **CREATIVE MINISTRIES**

One of the first things God did in relationship to humanity was to create – and look at how creative God's creating was (and is). You are created to create, too. Within you is the ability to be creative.

### **Clowns**

Clowning reaches out with the Gospel in ways and places that other methods can't. Clowns let others know they are loved and that they make a difference. Clowning is a fun way to serve others. Persons sixteen years or older are encouraged to find the clown inside of them. Join the fun!!! They participate in parades; perform programs for children and adults at churches, festivals, etc.

### **Puppets**

Virtuous Reality is a black light theater team that shares the good news through puppetry and black light techniques. They perform at churches, festivals, and conferences. Persons who are 10 years of age or older may participate.

### **Video**

The video ministry provides instructional/educational videos about our church for visitors and for television commercials. If you have skills in videotaping or editing, or would like to learn, please let us know. We are in need of volunteers.

## **Visual Arts**

If you have artistic skills or a good eye for decorating, there are many ways you can get involved at the church. Set designs, painting, room décor/design, bulletin board displays, costuming, banners, stoles and more!!! A very flexible ministry allows you the freedom to be as involved as you would like.

## **Magic Ministry**

Our newest ministry shares Christian messages through the art of illusion. If you've ever wanted to be a magician or even an assistant, come join us! Age 15 or older (younger by special arrangement).

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Music Ministry at FUMC provides a wide variety of musical styles to enhance the worship life of our congregation. Whatever your age or musical talent, we can find a place for you to be involved in music ministry.

### **Chancel Choir**

The Chancel Choir provides musical leadership for our Celebration Worship. Membership is open to person's high school age through adult, and the choir practices on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

### **Bell Choir**

The Hi-Lo Ringers is a 5-octave English handbell ensemble that provides music periodically throughout the year for our worship services. Membership is open to person's high school age through adult, and the group practices on Thursday evenings at 6:30.

### **Praise Team and Praise Band**

This group of singers and instrumentalists leads worship at our Praise Worship. Participation is determined by audition. If interested, contact Clarence McCoy.

### **Drumming in the Spirit**

Periodically we offer opportunities to be involved in a world drumming group, using hand drums to make music together. The groups are open to different age groups at different times, and no previous music experience is required. Meeting times are communicated through the church newsletter and weekly bulletins.

## **Adult Ministries**

### Adult Classes

#### **Adult Bible Class**

This class uses the "Adult Bible Studies" which is an official resource of The United Methodist Church. This curriculum is designed to help adults understand the meaning and authority of the Bible for Christian life. Each session is Bible-based and Christ-focused. The class meets each Sunday in Room 26 at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Faith Matters**

This class taught by Rev. Cheryl Foulk, discusses books by popular Christian writers, faith issues, and seasonal topics. This class meets on Sunday from September through May in Room 22 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Ark Builders**

This class discusses contemporary faith-based topics. Books are selected according to the interests of the group. This class enjoys lively discussion, class interaction, and meets on Sunday in Room 22 at 9:15 a.m.

#### **Mid-Week Bible Study**

This adult Bible study meets each Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Crossroads. The study is facilitated by one of our pastors and examines the preaching text for the coming Sunday. The

format welcomes questions and shared discussion. All adults are invited to join in this experience. For questions, ask Rev. McDowell.

### **Wesley Way**

This class helps you understand scripture in fresh ways through studying the books of the world's leading New Testament scholar, N. T. Wright. The class meets Sundays in Room 26 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Sisters Study Groups**

These groups are held for one hour a week during September through May. They are held both in the daytime and the evening. These groups for women aid in increasing one's knowledge of Christian education, promote Christian friendships and faith sharing. New groups are started periodically.

### **Cokesbury Table Ministry**

Quality Christian books are sold on Sunday mornings in the parlor during Fellowship Hour. Special order books are available upon request.

### **Church Library**

The library is open on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During the week, the library is locked, but can be accessed by any member of the staff. Books are loaned for four weeks, CDs for three weeks and videos for one week.

### **Chair Volleyball**

First STARS is our church's chair volleyball team. STARS (Seniors Tackling Aging Responsibly) is a fun way to stay active, have fun and develop friendships with others. Our team practices regularly and competes with other teams in the community.

## **Hands and Hearts Ministries**

These ministries involve items that are made by our hands and given from our hearts.

### **Knitting For A Better World**

On Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Rising House, you can join other knitters in a ministry that provides hope to people around the world. You can knit items for needy children: sweaters, premie clothing, and infant burial buntings. You can help adults by knitting chemo caps or 7"x9" sections that are later joined together to make blankets for homeless or battered women's shelters. Knitters not able to attend on Wednesdays can knit items from home and drop them off at the church when completed.

### **Cross-stitching**

Persons who enjoy cross-stitching are invited to share their talents by cross-stitching gift items given on behalf of our church.

### **Outreach Sewing Ministry**

*Comfort Bears/Blankets* - By sewing simple items, this ministry provides help to the Fairfield Medical Center in several ways:

*Comfort Bears* - Young patients can be comforted by hugging these soft bears when they undergo unpleasant procedures such as shots, sutures or IVs. The pattern is simple, just stitch and stuff.

*Blankets* - Infants admitted through the ER often need blankets they can be wrapped in when they return home. Selecting the fabric, cutting it, and hemming the edges is all that is needed.

If you would like to learn more about these projects or sew one of the items, contact Pam George for patterns.

### **Baby Quilters**

This group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 26. They work on quilts (knot and tie) that are given to Fairfield Medical Center's newborns.

### **Creative Spirits**

*Scrapbooking and Paper Crafting* - Bring your tools and supplies and join others for a time of food, fellowship and fun on the third Friday of each month at Crossroads. Cost is \$5, which includes your meal, beverages and a snack, a chance to win door prizes, and participation in projects and clinics. While advance registration is not required, it would be appreciated in order to plan for food and drinks. You may register by calling the church office.

### **Cookie Bakers**

Nothing beats the taste of homemade cookies! Our cookie bakers faithfully bake cookies in their homes for guests who attend worship with us for the first time. Our Monday Night Callers deliver these cookies to our guests in appreciation for their presence in worship with us.

## **Missions Ministries**

### **Local Missions**

The Local Missions Team coordinates projects throughout the year that reach out to our local community and county. They minister to the poor, the sick and the hungry. Second Saturday meets at Crossroads on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:30am and go in teams to do selected community projects until 12 noon.

### **Global Missions**

The Global Missions team looks beyond our local community to ways our church can be involved around the world including missionary support and mission trips.

### **United Methodist Women**

The organized unit of United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## **CARING MINISTRIES**

### **Attendance Care**

Attendance Care tracks worship attendance so that we know when someone has missed several weeks in a row and can check to see if all is well.

### **Circle of Support Group**

The Circle of Support Group is an open forum group for those who find themselves caring for or lending support to an aging relative or family member, a chronically ill spouse or loved one, or even a friend or child in need. Circle of support meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month from 10 – 11:30am in the Tower Hall at Crossroads.

### **DivorceCare**

DivorceCare is a 13-week seminar and support group conducted by someone who understands what you are experiencing. Most importantly, you'll learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward

to rebuilding your life. There is no charge for this seminar. Please call the church to let us know you are interested and how you can get involved.

#### **Family Concerns**

Families of members who have lost a loved one gather at the Rising House after the funeral to be served dinner by this group of volunteers.

#### **First Community Kitchen**

First Community Kitchen serves lunch to those in need at noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

#### **Fellowship Dinners**

Dinner is served every Wednesday evening from September through May by volunteers. This is a great time for the church family to fellowship together.

#### **Fellowship Hour**

Volunteers serve coffee and doughnuts every Sunday morning from 8:30 – 10:30am in the parlor.

#### **Hospital Visitation Team**

The team is composed of trained volunteers who visit Fairfield Medical Center on a rotating schedule. Along with the pastors, they provide a caring visit to members/friends of our congregation who are hospitalized. The team meets quarterly for updates and review. Contact the pastors if you are interested in the team.

#### **Parish Nurse Ministry**

This ministry helps the congregation and the community with information, knowledge, and skills that will help raise awareness of the relationship between health, spirit and wholeness. They currently are making blood pressure screening available and are supporting DivorceCare and the Circle of Support. They provide information on health issues and promote community health education opportunities. The Parish Nurse Ministry meets as needed.

#### **Prayer Ministry**

A group that supports the congregation and those in need through prayer. We have a Prayer Tree Ministry where participants are sent e-mails or letters with our prayer request.

#### **Rose Ministry**

People who have lost a loved one meet the first Thursday of each month to share lunch and fellowship with special programs.

#### **Sharing Hearts**

A ministry of reaching out to those who are in nursing/assisted living facilities, and to those at home who are less active. You can partner to visit a certain person, or to visit all from our church family who live in a particular facility. You can also show care by sending cards. For further information contact Susie Griset or Loretta Dozer. Supported also by church staff Peg Parker and Cheryl Foulk.

#### **Spirit Café Coffee Shop**

The Spirit Café Coffee Shop is open every Sunday morning from 8:30 – 10:30am. Cappuccinos, mochas, Americanos, espressos, teas and hot chocolate are available for purchase and it is a great place for people to gather and fellowship. Stop by and check it out!