

*Garrettsville United*

*Methodist Church*

**January 2026 Newsletter**





## From the Pastor's Desk:

“He Who was seated on the throne said, “I am making all things new.”” Rev. 21:5 a NIV

God loves to make things new, to restore, revive, remake. This passage from Revelation reminds us that one day Jesus will return and he will make all things that we have known new.

We are on the cusp of the New Year 2026. The very same Jesus who will make all things new upon his return, is in the business of making all things new in our relationship and experience now.

What in your life needs refreshing, restoring or revival? Meditate on that question as you approach this new year. It is a gift, filled with opportunities to get to know Christ more personally and to serve him with greater passion as we serve others. We have been given 8,730 new hours in 2026 to do just that.

So as we are on the approach, let us seek God in all our ways. Let's be open to His leading, even when it doesn't make sense to us. Let's remember that, while we think there are things we can't do, God equips us and gifts us specifically to do all He's asked of us.

Best of all, let's just simply draw near and receive His refreshing for this next season of life. Let Him renew you and continue to make you into the person He created you to be.

Much love and blessings for the New Year!

Pastor Sandi

**Church Office Hours  
Mon. - Fri. 9am-Noon**

Please call and leave a message.

Office Phone #:  
330-527-2055

Pastor Sandi has office hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The door is locked for security. Please ring the doorbell to gain entry.

Thank you for your patience

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Garrettsvilleohumc.org

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Garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:45 — Praise Music**

**10:00— Traditional Service with Sunday School**

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**JOINT SERVICES ON 5th SUNDAYS AT 10AM:**

March 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

May 31, 2026 at Nelson

August 30, 2026 at Windham

November 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

December 19, 2026 at Windham

**UPDATED Phone Numbers:**

Elsie Norton (330) 646-8565 &  
Cheryl Hall (330) 344-0741



**\*\*When a prayer need arises, please contact Linda Fall, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 330-730-4672.**

**THOSE IN OUR HEARTS NOT MENTIONED THIS DAY**

**THOSE FACING CHALLENGES:**

Wade Johnston  
Tommy Miller  
Pam Montgomery  
Benny Bailey  
Mollie Lewis  
Cody Stone  
Elliot Thompson  
Alex Washington  
Rebecca Williams  
John Sedensky, Sr.  
Marie Elium  
Tom Gibson  
Adam Walker  
Cheryl Hall

**CELEBRATING A JOY**

**OUR SHUT-INS:**

Fred & Jane Bell  
Ann Kalina  
Belva Smith  
Kay Smith  
Roderick Nimtze  
Joanne Kraft  
Carrie Kraft  
Janet Heiss

**:FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Dick Finney

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Jack Schultz  
Susan Dade  
Matt & Ann Long  
John Wolfe  
Ken & Evonne  
Kathy Schulda  
Shannon Seiler  
Kristina Cupples  
Jim Dennis  
Kat Berry

# The Vision Committee

We are doing something new in 2026  
A Calendar of Events!!

The Vision Committee would like our family to be aware of what goes on here in the church AND some happenings in our community. We are introducing a monthly calendar available to all.

If you are a part of another committee or ministry that has regular meetings, if you have a meeting coming up in the next month, if you have a church event, this could be a wonderful way to let others know!

We would like to also share **some** community and school events so that we can support them. While nobody can attend all events, nobody can attend anything they didn't know about.

So, look this over, see where you might fit in and where you can get plugged-in and be 'salt and light' in our little corner of the world!

To include your event in the February Calendar, please contact John See and/or Gale Lane.

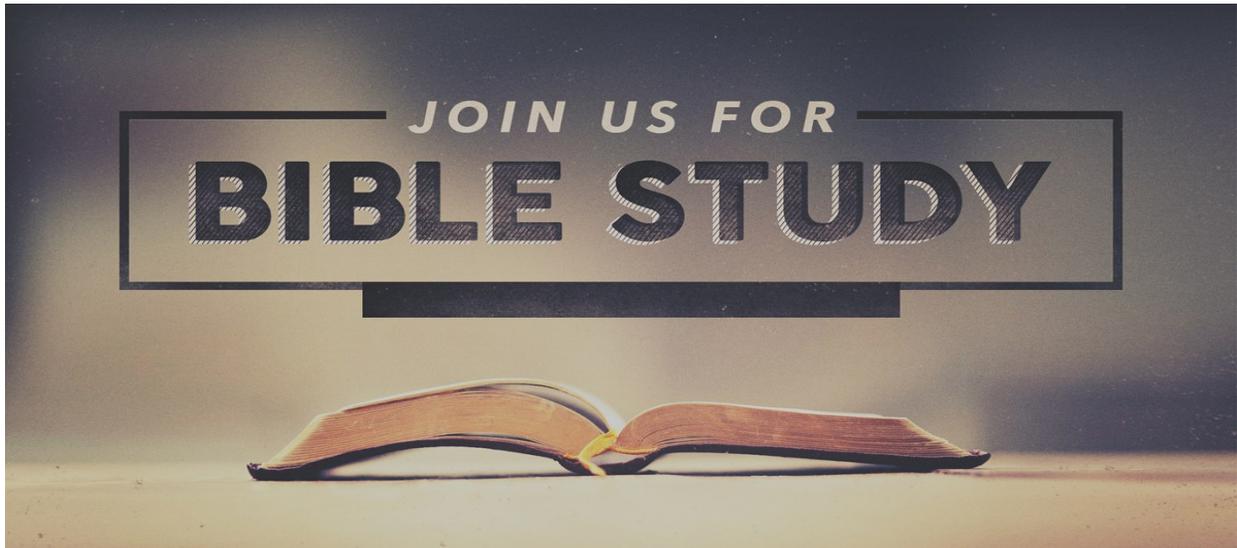
Thanks,  
Vision Committee

## ***January Community and School Events***

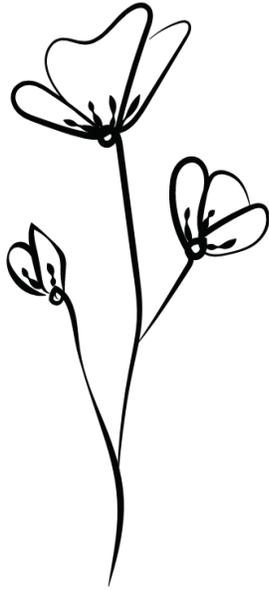
- \*Curtains Up Show—Phantom of the Opera (16,17,18,23,24)
- \*Crysalis Flight (17,18,19)
- \*Apple Tree Donuts w/Dads

**January - 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> * Member Care *G-ville Bible Study 11:00 am *Chancel II Bells 7:15 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> * <b>Worship Service 9:45 am</b>	<b>5</b> *G-ville Bible Study 1:00 pm *Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm *Nelson Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> * <b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b> *Chancel I Bells 6:15 pm	<b>8</b> *G-ville Bible Study 11:00 am *Chancel II Bells 7:15 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> * <b>Youth Group 5 pm</b> * <b>Worship Service 9:45 am</b> * <b>Grief Group 2pm</b>	<b>12</b> *G-ville Bible Study 1:00 pm *Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm *Nelson Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>13</b> * <b>Messy Church 5:30 pm</b>	<b>14</b> * <b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b> *Chancel I Bells 6:15 pm	<b>15</b> *G-ville Bible Study 11:00 am *Chancel II Bells 7:15 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> * <b>Worship Service 9:45 am</b>	<b>19</b> *G-ville Bible Study 1:00 pm *Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm *Nelson Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> * <b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b> *Chancel I Bells 6:15 pm	<b>22</b> *G-ville Bible Study 11:00 am *Chancel II Bells 7:15 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> * <b>Youth Group 5pm</b> * <b>Worship Service 9:45 am</b> * <b>Grief Group 2pm</b>	<b>26</b> *G-ville Bible Study 1:00 pm *Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm *Nelson Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>27</b> * <b>Vision Comm.</b>	<b>28</b> * <b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b> *Chancel I Bells 6:15 pm <sup>6</sup>	<b>29</b> * Apple Tree Donuts W/ Dads * G-ville Bible Study 11:00 am *Chancel II Bells 7:15 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> * <b>Men's Group</b>



- **Monday at 1:00pm in the  
Joint Parish Study at the  
Garrettsville UMC in Pastor's  
office**
- **Wednesday at 6:00pm in the  
Nelson UMC Fellowship Hall**
- **Thursday at 11:00am in the  
Garrettsville UMC Fellowship Hall**



# *Grief Support Group*

**The group will meet on 2nd and 4th  
Sunday's of each month @ 2PM**

**at the Garrettsville UMC**

**for approximately 1 1/2 hours and**

**is open to any who have experienced  
loss.**

**For more information,**

**call Pastor Sandi at 440-228-3093 or the  
Church Office at 330-527-2055**



## Member Care Committee

You don't have to be alone for church services or other church events. The following people have volunteered their services of driving, to any Member of our church in need of a driver.

Volunteer Drivers available at this time are:

Shirley Cline                      330-235-3240

Jane Parker                        812-655-0908

John Parker                        216-496-0422

Beth Drebus.                      440-496-2060

(June, July & August  
only)

Richard & Linda Fall   330-221-5918.

Thank you very much,  
Kim Polifrone  
Member care committee.

## **Outreach Committee**

**The Outreach committee organized food to be delivered to 12 families with 45 children over the Holidays. What a wonderful mission to help children in our community!!**

**They would like to thank the  
Drivers,  
Monetary Givers,  
Those who Baked,  
Packed and helped Cook.**

**Without your help, these children would not possibly have food over the holiday.**

**THANK YOU!**

You're invited to:



**You are welcome to join the fun for  
an evening of a lesson,  
activities and a great meal.**

**Hope to see you there.**

**Next fun days are  
Tuesday,**

**January 13th @ 5:30pm**

**Plan on coming the 2nd Tuesday of  
every month!!**

# YOUTH GROUP REPORT



Grades 6 - 12 are welcome.

We meet on the  
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month  
at GUMC from 5 - 6:30pm

**Bring a friend or 2!**

Dinner included.

# ***Men's Group***

Men from Garrettsville, Nelson and Windham are invited to join them on their next adventure in 2026. Contact Mark Ellerhorst for details @ 330-672-1009.

## ***2025 Poinsettia Order***

***We are blessed to have 14 families donate poinsettia's this year in Memory of, in Honor of or Joy to the season.***

***Thank you!***

Thank you to our ***Music Department*** for the beautiful Christmas Concert! The music was presented by our Chancel Choir, directed by Gail Mikula; Chancel Bells I and Chancel Bells II, directed by Jeanette Poole; and the Jesu Bell Choir directed by Linda Fall. A lot of preparation went into this performance.

We truly appreciate you!



We are looking to make a schedule to have the Nursery covered when needed during Sunday Worship.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call the church office @ 330 527 2055. Leave your name and phone number or sign-up in the narthex at the welcome desk.

We will contact you to see when you are available to help.

Thank You!!!

# **COMFORT SINGERS**



2 Corinthians 1:3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

The Comfort Singers is a group of people who want to share God’s love by singing to whoever needs some joy or comfort in their life. The goal is to provide a light hearted short visit, singing old familiar hymns and to share smiles. It’s a simple way to bless and serve His people. The group meets on the third /Sunday of each month, at 3:00, at the church. If you know of someone who needs to feel God’s love and presence in their life, contact Linda Fall @ 330-730-4672. Want to share your voice and smile? Contact Jane Parker @ 812-655-0908.

The comfort singers surprised some shut-ins . This what they had to say:  
“Your voices brought us comfort and much joy. The hymns lifted our spirits. Your ministry is wonderful. Keep Singing.

Thank you and God bless you.....Jack & Leah Schultz

I am sorry this is so late but Fred and I appreciated so much your coming to our home and serenading us. It was wonderful to see all our friends and hear your music.

Thank you.....Jane & Fred Bell



# Church Committees

## *WHAT DO THEY DO?*

Do you know what our church committees are and what they do and their mission in our church? I just KNOW that every one of these committees is important and serves a great purpose in and through our church.

Church committees carry out the practical and administrative work of the church, allowing senior leadership to focus on spiritual guidance. They are run by volunteer members of the congregation and ensure the effective operation of ministries, finances, property, and outreach efforts. The specific responsibilities depend on the committee's purpose and the church's unique needs.

Each month, we will highlight a committee as to what they do and their mission in our church.

**Enjoy!**



## *A little bit about our Church Council*

The Church Council is all of the chair committee leaders, Pastor Sandi, the Lay Leader, 3 Council at Large and the Secretary. Pastor Sandi opens with information she wants the council to know. Each Chair Leader give a report on what their committee is doing with discussion if needed.

Any upcoming events are brought to the meeting. Problems or wants are discussed with ay minds to come up with solutions.

Major changes require a motion with a majority vote to pass.



## **What have our Trustees been up to?**

**Here's an update from them. Believe me, they work very hard to keep our church up and running!!!**

### **Projects:**

- Thank you for keeping our sidewalks shoveled for our safe walk into the church
- They have been working with Joe Leanard to fix some of the broken stained glass windows in the balcony.
- On the shelf by the Secretary's desk is a binder titled "Electric circuits". It maps all the circuits from the seven breaker panels. Jay has updated as needed. It also lists the locations of all the smoke alarms, thermostat and all the emergency lights.

# ***2026 Garrettsville Christmas Walk***

## ***'Let the Presence of Jesus be your Present'***

What do I do with my Christmas 'Stuff' I just don't want to put away again this year? Well, I have an answer! Our church will be in the 2026 Garrettsville Christmas Walk. As you know it takes a lot of people and a lot of decorations to make our church beautiful for the Walk..

If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the box in the narthex or call the church office and we will arrange for pick up.

**Every little bit is appreciated!!**

Wanted in colors of Burgandy/Red, Gold, Silver, White and Green:

Wired Ribbon, Wrapping paper, small boxes, scotch tape, zip ties, pipe cleaners, Christmas picks, garland and greens (no Christmas trees).

Here are some pictures of how we are using the items





## January 2026

<b>01/01</b>	<b>Jessica Edwards</b>	<b>01/23</b>	<b>Madison Noll</b>
	<b>Peggy Gage</b>		<b>Cheryl Hall</b>
<b>01/02</b>	<b>Donna Pittman</b>	<b>01/24</b>	<b>Valerie Green</b>
<b>01/04</b>	<b>Beth Masters</b>		<b>Susan Jajcinovic</b>
<b>01/05</b>	<b>Dan Brawn</b>		<b>Andrew Lininger</b>
<b>01/07</b>	<b>Becky Harrington</b>	<b>01/29</b>	<b>Kylie Hoover</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Amy Hoover</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Owen Musch</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Kendall Manlove</b>		<b>Stacey Owens</b>
<b>01/12</b>	<b>Christin Noll</b>	<b>01/31</b>	<b>Brianne Finney</b>
<b>01/15</b>	<b>James Heisler</b>		
	<b>Kirk Lentz</b>		
<b>01/16</b>	<b>Caitlynne</b>		
	<b>Harrington</b>		
	<b>Garrison Rose</b>		
<b>01/17</b>	<b>Doug Amor</b>		
	<b>Silis Blaze</b>		
<b>01/19</b>	<b>Evy Harrington</b>		
	<b>Grace Edwards</b>		
	<b>Natalie Lawless</b>		
	<b>Devon Kirimi</b>		
<b>01/20</b>	<b>Zoe Catcott</b>		



**No Anniversaries This Month.**



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**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by

**January 23, 2016**

**Email: [garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com](mailto:garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com)**

**Website: [garrettsvilleohumc.org](http://garrettsvilleohumc.org)**

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**Submission by email is desired , however if email is not an option please feel free to provide a hard copy to the church office.**

**Thank You,  
Gale Lane, Secretary**