

Give Thanks



***The United Methodist
Church
of Garretttsville
November's
Newsletter***

2025

VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Psalm 136:26 " Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
His love endures forever"*

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

November begins with the celebration of All Saints Day on Sunday the 2nd and we close out the month with Thanksgiving day.

I love November! The crisp fall air, the color of the leaves and their crunch underneath your feet as you walk. My dachshund puppy, Willy, loves the fallen leaves, and he is always picking one up and carrying it home when we're on our

This month I want to encourage you to remember those saints who now stand before the throne of God and cover us with their prayers. They touched our lives, shared their faith, led us to Jesus. A Saint is a believer who is committed to growth in relationship to Jesus and other believers. They are saints. We are

As we march toward Thanksgiving, I also encourage you to make a list and add to it daily; a "Thankfulness List".... Blessings of family, of friendship, of health, of safety and those spiritual blessings of God's presence with us, His communion

Advent begins Nov. 30th. Let's use the blessings of November to begin our spiritual preparation and enter Advent with longing for Christ to come to us anew and afresh

Much love - Pastor Sandi

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING for All Saints and Memorial Occasions.

This Sunday is All Saints Day. Please watch our online service on Facebook and after the Pastor Sandi's Message, follow along with the congregation with the following:

Minister: The Lord be with you. **Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts. **Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), Creator of heaven and earth: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we

proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you— Name(s) —(in our hearts). Silence may be kept for the remembrance of names. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. Amen

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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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SEPT. 7, 2025 - February 28, 2026

8:30am Windham

10am Garrettsville (Praise Music with Sunday
School 9:45am)

11:30am Nelson

MARCH 1 - AUGUST 31, 2026

8:30am Nelson

10am Garrettsville (Praise Music 9:45am)
with Sunday School

11:30am Windham

JOINT SERVICES ON 5th
SUNDAYS AT 10AM:

November 30, 2025 at Windham
with Pot Luck to follow service

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

Facing Challenges:



Dick Finney
Benny Bailey
Mollie Lewis
Cody Stone
Elliot Thompson
Alex Washington
Wade Johnston
Carol Guy
Gannon Housy

**Let our friends know
you care
Send a card!**

THOSE FACING CHALLENGES:

Tommy Miller
Pam Montgomery
Dick Finney
Benny Bailey
Mollie Lewis
Cody Stone
Elliot Thompson
Alex Washington
Rebecca Williams
John Sedensky, Sr.
Marie
Carol Guy

OUR SHUT-INS:

Fred & Jane Bell
Ann Kalina
Belva Smith
Kay Smith
Roderick Nimitz
Joanne Kraft
Carrie Kraft

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

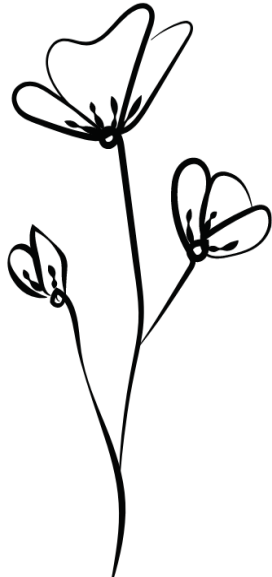
Janet Heiss
Jack Schultz
Todd Phillips Family
John Wolfe
Ken & Evonne
Steven (tumor)
Harry (Shoulder)
Elsie Norton (fx hip)
Hendricks
(John
Wolfe's grandson)
Molly Lewis
Faith
Donna Pittman
Kathy Schulda
Shannon Seiler

Connor Hunt
Jim's Mother
Those not with us
today
Situations in our
country
and world
Allie (Niece)
Pam (Friend)
Michael (Son)

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



- **Monday at 1:00pm in the
Windham UMC Fellowship Hall**
- **Wednesday at 6:00pm in the
Nelson UMC Fellowship Hall**
- **Thursday at 11:00am in the
Garrettsville UMC**



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**

**Did you notice the beautiful doors
to our Church?**

**Thank you to Jay for sanding
them down and staining them!
We appreciate your hard work
with helping to keep our church
beautiful.**





GUMC

Outreach Committee

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Outreach Committee is again preparing to help our community by giving Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need. Your help is always appreciated. You are welcome to donate food items and/or help pack and pass out the baskets. For additional information, see Pat Singleton.

The pick-up date is Tuesday, November 25, 2025 between 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm.

Listed below are the items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Watch the sale ads and help us fill baskets. Cash donations are accepted. Items may be dropped off at the church during business hours, 9am to noon, Monday thru Friday.

Cereal

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Boxed Stuffing

Mac and Cheese

Manwich

Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles

Applesauce

Canned fruit

Gravy

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soup & Crackers

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Potatoes

Cake Mixes & Icing

Cookie Mixes

Canned Pumpkin

Brownies

Flour & Sugar

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Laundry soap

Dish soap

Kleenex



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 or two as to what they do and their mission in our church.

This month we'll highlight the **Finance Committee** and the **Member Care Committee**.

Enjoy!

Finance Committee



We have a Fund Accounting System. There are 36 different funds. The most used are the General Fund, Building Fund and Mortgage Fund.

Requests for money are brought to the Committee and we decide how we can make them happen. Any decisions we make are then presented to the Church Council for approval.

We also put together a Budget for the upcoming year. It is very helpful if pledge cards are turned in so we know what we have to work with. The budget for 2025 is \$112,677.60.

Our church program allows Kathy Countryman, Church Finance Treasurer, to enter all money in and out in our automated PowerPoint system. This system is used to generate reports for us to make accurate decisions.

Elaine Long—Chairperson

Shirley Cline—Financial Secretary

Kathy Countryman—Treasurer

Members: Jack Schultz, Tammy McKenzie, Russ Hammel, Sally Hammel, Mark Ellerhorst (SPR), Gail Mikula.

Submitted by: Elaine Long, Finance Committee Chairperson

Member Care Committee

The purpose of the Member Care Committee is to provide watchful, compassionate prayer and aid to the bereaved, ill and homebound and those struggling with other needs.

Just a couple things we have planned:

- 1 We would like to get as many members as possible involved in sending baby pictures for a bulletin board “We are the church”. Waiting for information on date to be done.
- 2 Put together a call list of drivers that could help members get to appt if needed.
- 3 Will be putting together more game days. Talking about potluck. Also, would like to put together the same thing for evenings..
- 4 Will be distributing “pick me up” bags to the shut in’s.
- 5 Gratefully accepting any ideas the Member Care Committee could cover.

Kim Polifrone, Member Care—Chairperson

Jean Reichelderfer—Secretary

Members: Stevie Byrne, Linda Fall, Jeanette Poole, Leah Schultz, Jane Hill and Pastor Sandi.

Submitted by: Kim Polifrone, Member Care Chairprson

YOUTH GROUP REPORT



Grades 6 - 12 are welcome.

We meet on the
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month
at GUMC from 5 - 7pm

Bring a friend or 2!

Dinner included.

Men's Group Gathering

The Men's group met on October 25 to visit the Great Lakes Growers Greenhouse to learn about the hydroponic lettuce they produce. After the tour, they stopped at the New Hartville Hardware and finished up with lunch at the Amish Country Kitchen.

Men from Garrettsville, Nelson and Windham are invited to join them on their next adventure. Contact Mark Ellerhorst for details @ 330-672-1009 or call the church office @ 330-527-2055

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,
November 11th @ 5:30pm**



November 2025

11/02

Janet Heiss

11/04

Fred Bell

11/05

Misty McDowell

11/07

Cheri Wolfe

11/12

Katheen Braden

11/13

Jacob Lawless

Jane Parker

Jeanette Poole

11/15 Kim Bell

11/15 Kim Bell

11/17

Peggy Paul

11/19

Tom Lininger

11/23

Elsie Norton

11/24

Brett Foy

11/27

Piper Hill

Ashley Manlove



11/12:

Jeffery & Lydia Ellerhorst

11/27:

Chris & Donna Brys

Hank & Chalene Osterman



**Garrettsville JAG High School
Choir**

Our church will host the JAG High School choir on Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00pm. The concert is in preparation for their performance at St. John's Cathedral in New York City.

You are invited to attend and enjoy!



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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by
November 21, 2025

Email: garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com

Website: garrettsvilleohumc.org

Facebook: [Garrettsville United Methodist Church](#)

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***

Church Council Committee

A little bit about Church Council. It 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 gives 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 many minds to come up with a solution.

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

Elaine Long—Chairperson

Mark Ellerhorst—SPR Chairperson

Jeanette Poole—Worship Chairperson

Jay Byrne—Trustee Chairperson

Pat Singelyn—Recording Secretary

Lisa Schwan—Vision Committee Chairperson

Linda Fall—Faith in Women Chairperson

Kim Polifrone—Membercare Chairperson

Council at Large: Jack Schultz, Fred Bell & Hank Osterman

District Member—at-Large: John See

SPRC

(Staff Pastor Relations Committee)

¶ 258.2. There shall be elected annually by the charge conference in each local church a committee on pastor-parish relations or staffparish relations who are professing members of the local church or charge or associate members (¶ 227), except in cases where central conference legislation or local law provides otherwise. People serving on this committee must be engaged in and attentive to their Christian spiritual development so as to give proper leadership in the responsibilities with which the committee is entrusted.

In conducting its work, the committee shall identify and clarify its values for ministry. It shall engage in biblical and theological reflections on the mission of the church, the primary task, and ministries of the local church.

The committee shall reflect biblically and theologically on the role and work of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities. The committee shall assist the pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership and service. It is the responsibility of the committee to communicate with the committee on nominations and leadership development and/or the church council when there is a need for other leaders or for employed staff to perform in areas where utilization of the gifts of the pastor(s) and staff proves an inappropriate stewardship of time.

a) The committee shall be composed of not fewer than five nor more than nine persons representative of the total charge. One of the members shall be a young adult and one member may be a youth. In addition, the lay leader and a lay member of the annual conference shall be members. No staff member or immediate family member of a pastor or staff member may serve on the committee. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee. Immediate family includes spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, first cousins, siblings, adopted children, half-brother, half-sister, stepparents, and stepchildren.

b) In order to secure experience and stability, the membership shall be divid