



*Garretttsville United
Methodist Church
Newsletter 2026*

September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Chancel Bell I @ 6:15pm	3 Chancel Bells II @ 7:15pm HS Bible Study @ 6m	4	5
6	7	8 Messy Church 5:30pm	9 Chancel Bell I @ 6:15pm	10 Chancel Bells II @ 7:15pm HS Bible Study @ 6m	11	12
13 Sunday School begins RALLY DAY is after service	14 Jesus Bells @ 5:30pm Worship Comm Mtg @ 7pm	15	16 Chancel Bell I @ 6:15pm	17 Membercare Mtg @ 9:30am Chancel Bell II @ 7:15pm HS Bible Study @ 6m	18	19
20 Comfort Singers @ 3:00pm	21 Jesus Bells @ 5:30pm	22	23 Chancel Bell I @ 6:15pm	24 Chancel Bells II @ 7:15pm HS Bible Study @ 6m	25	26 Men's Breakfast 9:00am @ Nelson
27	28 Jesus Bells @ 5:30pm	29	30 Chancel Bell I @ 6:15pm	1 Chancel Bells II @ 7:15pm HS Bible Study @ 6m	2	3
4	5	Notes Pastor Sandy and Jim will be in Omaha for Phillip's surgery on September 8 - 11. She will be available by phone if necessary. Paster Bill Graham will be covering.				

Church Office Hours

**Mon. thru Fri. 9am—
Noon**

**Tues thru Thurs.,
Peggy Thomas, Secre-
tary, is in the office.**

**Mon. & Fri.,
Gale Lane is in work-
ing on the Newsletter
and Membership**

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

SEPTEMBER THRU

MAY 2026:

PRAISE & WORSHIP AT

10:15 AM

Regular SERVICE AT

10:30 AM

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JOINT SERVICES ON 5th SUNDAYS:

Nov 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

Dec 19, 2026 at Nelson

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Nehemiah 8:10 “The joy of the Lord is my strength.”

September is around the corner and with it, a lot of activity in our community, in the schools and certainly in the church.

Summer is nearly over and with that knowledge comes the understanding that many of us are returning to work, our children are returning to school, and activities will abound for us in the next few months. Sometimes we look at it even at the beginning and think “oh bother here we go again”.

This is a reminder that we don't have to look at the upcoming events on the school calendar or the church calendar or even the events in town and dread the continual activity and repetitiveness. Instead, we can look for joy.

Joy is a rare commodity in our world. But don't mistake joy for happiness. Happiness is based on circumstances... “If I win the lottery, I'll be happy”. Happiness is fleeting... Once we experienced the thing we longed for and time passes we start looking for something else to make us happy. But joy on the other hand is long lasting and deeply felt even in the midst of difficulty. Joy comes from being in the presence of God.

FROM THE PASTOR (CONT)

So if you want joy in your home, joy at work, joy at school, enjoying all the activities, including worship at the church, then make an effort to include God in everything you do. Make your home the place where God dwells because he is welcome as you include your family in daily prayers or study together or watching Christian films. Pray over your workplace and the job that you have, and pray over your days at school before they start. Get up Sunday morning and turn on Christian radio as you're eating breakfast together or listen to the radio on the way to the church and engage in Singing tunes in the car. That way your soul is already prepared for worship, and you will gain so much more from it.

Here's a list of some joyful things coming up:

September 13 is Rally Day at the church... It's a time to celebrate who we are as a family of God and to find out all that's going on in which we can take part.

Messy church returns in September and it's a wonderful thing for our kids! We are talking about some additional activities that may be available for teens this year.

Bible study returns on September 17 with a new format:

In addition to regular Bible study, **Small Groups** begin right after rally day They give us the opportunity to give just six weeks of our time allowing the Bible to help us change our lives in small increments. We are offering the following studies:

FROM THE PASTOR (CONT)

1. Stuck.... It will help you get out of the ruts

2. Untangling Your Emotions - For those of us who are really struggling this may be the help you need to settle those nagging emotions and approached life with new joy

3. Untangling Your Faith... Get a handle on what you believe and why, and let it change here every day life

4. Doubt.... Just how do you handle doubts

5. What Happens Next? A traveler's guide through the end of the age... What can we expect as believers as we move forward?

I hope that you will take an opportunity to engage in a short, six week study, if you can't commit to a full length Bible study. We are supposed to stand on God's promises and to get to know God's will, and that's very difficult if we are acquainted with what the Bible has to say. Engaging in one of these short studies will help you move forward in your Christian life and experience.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon! Please come to rally day and learn all about the things that are going on and sign up for one or more of the studies, if you don't get to sign up for them before.

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass and bring a place setting for yourself. If the weather is nice we will be outside and there will be games for children and opportunities for adults to catch up with each other. And if it rains, we will go inside to dry tables in the fellowship hall.

Blessings to you this season!



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

Change of Address for:

Cherri Wolfe at Aspen Glen Nursing Home

500 Selfridge Street Room 109

East Liverpool, OH 43920

**THOSE FACING
CHALLENGES:**

Wade Johnston

Pam Montgomery

Mollie Lewis

Cody Stone

Elliot Thompson

Rebecca Williams

Marie Elium

Adam Walker

Harry Skiles

Don Darlington

Mack Gansheimer

OUR SHUT-INS:

Ann Kalina

Belva Smith

Kay Smith

Roderick Nimtz

Joanne Kraft

Carrie Kraft

Cherri Wolfe

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**THOSE IN NEED
OF**

PRAYER:

Iva Walker

Shirley Danku

Lou Lutz

Jill Thewlis

Holly Thewlis

Kathy Schulda

Janet Heiss

Fred & Jane Bell

Dick Cupples

Ken & Evonne Fox

Kat Berry

Esler Heyd

Pastor Sandi Dennis

Kim Cooper

Shirley Cline

Nancy Watson

Hallie Higgins

Jill Thewlis had surgery for a broken leg. Cards can be sent to:

625 Shaker Drive

Medina, Oh 44256



With sadness in our hearts,
we learn that Jack Schultz entered into the presence
of the Lord at 9:45am on
Thursday, August 28, 2026.
Arrangements are pending and
we will update you when details are available.

Thank you for your prayers.



Looking for a way to
serve our church and
community at the same
time?

Join a bell choir!

Feel the joy of music!

All three bell choirs will be gathering again in September.

Mondays @ 5:30—6:15 , starting Sept. 14th —
Jesu Choir – 3rd grade thru 6th grade

Wednesdays@ 6:15—7:15 - Chancel I choir –
High School thru adult

Thursdays @ 7:00—8:00 - Chancel II – 7 th
grade thru adult

No prior music experience required. If you can count to 12 and are willing to learn we welcome you. Join a great fellowship of people.

Contact: Jeanette Poole @ 330-527-2648 or Linda
Fall @ 330-730-4672.

With Gratitude

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to our anonymous donor** for their generous gift that made it possible to replace our projector system and purchase a new laptop. **It is so much easier to see!** We are truly grateful for this wonderful improvement to our church.

We also want to thank everyone who helped with this project by sharing their time, knowledge, and guidance. A special thank you goes to **John See** for overseeing the project and coordinating it with the lighting project so that the scaffolding could be used efficiently.

We are blessed by the generosity, teamwork, and dedication of everyone who helped make this project possible.

Thank you so much!

Thank you!

Kristina Cupples



Calling All Singers!

NO TRYOUTS!

Please join me and Pat Amor for the new choir season! If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, we need you!

Rehearsals are at 7:30 starting in September. Our goal is to keep them at 90 minutes or less, and we do pretty well most of the time!

Think about it!

Pray about it!

We hope to see you in September!

Feel free to ask Gail Mckula, Pat Amor, any current member or call the church any questions you might have.



Community Rally Day

At the Garretttsville United Methodist Church

All are welcome!

Come join us for a picnic and discover what's going on at the GUMC. We have youth groups, men's group, adult and youth handbells, choir, Bible studies, grief group, kids lunch program, camp read-a-lot, Appletree Preschool, outreach for seniors and so much more!

Sunday, September 13th

10:30 Worship Service, 11:30-1:30 picnic lunch, games, and fellowship.

PROVIDED BY CHURCH:

Hamburgers and Hotdogs, condiments, Lemonade and water. Games for the kids.

Come for the afternoon and picnic with us. Visit with friends, neighbors, members. Enjoy, games in the yard and lots of fellowship. See what we are all about, we have speakers to explain everything and anything. Including, Times for our worship, all our committees etc.

BRING WITH YOU: dish to pass, chairs and a place setting for each person with you.

Garrettsville United Methodist Church, 8223 Park Avenue, Garrettsville OH 44231

Website: garrettsvilleohumc.org



Community Rally Day

At the Garretttsville United Methodist
Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**We need volunteers to help set up, Sunday morning,
the 13th, before church at 9:00am.**

**Also needed: Tents, long portable Tables of any kind, la-
beled with your names so we can get them back to you.**

**Any Questions call Kim Polifrone 330-328-8901 or
Linda Fall 330-730-4672**



NEW FACES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our church is welcoming a new preschool director, Samantha Tutwiler. She is a local person who lives in Nelson with her husband and three children. As an active Girl Scout troop leader she is involved with older children as well. Samantha is looking forward to serving our preschool families and our teaching team.

We also welcome Dee Porter our new teacher for the 3 year old class.

Dee has grown up in the Nelson/Garrettsville communities having a love
and

involvement with children.

She will join our veteran staff:

Diane Visocan -PreK teacher

Lori Andricanich – Classroom assistant

Listen for the children's excited voices and their art work
in the hall.



2026 Garrettsville Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk group has started making plans for the luncheon. This is a big undertaking but, with your help, this truly helps in raising funds for the church!

If you could please volunteer to make bake bread, pies, cakes or help setup, clean up, serve luncheon, it would be very much appreciated.

The Christmas walk will be the first two weekends in November. A sign up sheet will begin early in September. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fall, Jane Hill or Denise Ellerhorst.



The COMFORT SINGERS
meets every 3rd Sunday of the
month at 3pm to bring comfort or
uplifting to those in need.

**If you know of anyone who needs comfort,
uplifting,**

**Or would like to join in, please contact
Jane Parker @ (812) 655-0908.**

The Grief Support Group

**The next meeting will be on
Sunday, October 4th @ 2pm at the
Garrettsville UMC for approximately 1 1/2
hours and is open to any who have
experienced loss.**

All are welcome!



You're invited to:



Messy church continues with hopes of going outside for many of our activities.

Perhaps you would like to join in on some family fun, fellowship, and yummy food?

We meet the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7pm.

Come!

SMALL GROUP STUDY WILL BEGIN SOON.

Each group will have a facilitator and will start after, Sept. 13th.

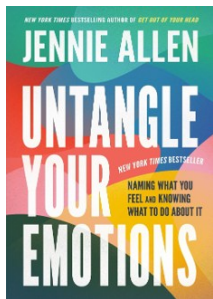


What Happens Next by Max Lucado

Facilitator will be Jim Dennis

Date: TBD

So began author Max Lucado's in-depth biblical exploration of the end of this age and its implications. The result is this deeply insightful, refreshingly approachable volume focused on what's next and why it matters. While believers don't know exactly when the Lord will return, we now he will — and we want him to find us watching.

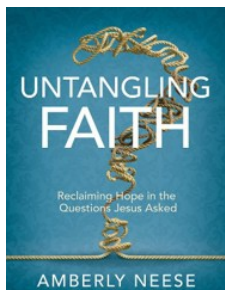


Untangle Your Emotions by Jennie Allen

Facilitator will be Kris Patt

Date: TBD

Untangle Your Emotions offers a five-step approach to noticing, naming, feeling, sharing, and choosing what to do with emotions. Through personal stories, biblical perspective, and research, Jennie Allen guides readers to face even difficult feelings as a doorway to deeper connection with God, self, and others.



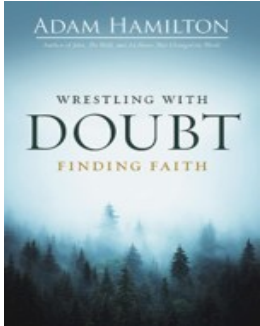
Untangling Faith by Amberly Neese

Facilitator will be Patty Singleton

Date: TBD

Reclaim your hope! Have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing? Join Amberly Neese in she explores the questions Jesus asked as a way to reclaim that faith. Chapters explore our own questions like Can God Be Trusted? and How Can I Grow in Faith. Amberly's unique humor and wit help the whole group find their way through deep and rich issues of personal faith, doubt, and growth.

SMALL GROUP STUDY Continued

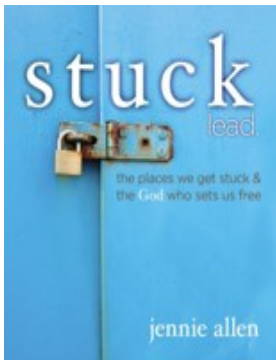


Wrestling with Doubt—finding faith by Adam Hamilton

Facilitator will be John See

Date: TBD

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith follows pastor Adam Hamilton as he engages life's hardest spiritual questions—Where is God in suffering? Is the Bible true? Why do prayers seem unanswered?—guiding readers toward a trust in God that embraces mystery and welcomes honest questioning.



Stuck by Jennie Allen

Facilitator will be Bonnie Oliver

Date: TBD

So many of us live stuck. Stuck in trying to seem perfect. Stuck in sadness. Stuck feeling numb. Stuck pursuing more stuff to make us happy. Stuck in something we can't even name. These stuck places often go unattended inside of us and they are shaping our lives more than we would like to think. We've been trying to fix this feeling with everything but...

God. He has a plan for these spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. *Stuck* is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us.

Thank You!

Did you see?

Have you noticed the flowers growing in front of the church?

These beauties are thanks to the hard work and generosity of
Jack and Leah Schultz
and the
Messy Church kids!

We sure do appreciate you!

Thank You so very much!

“The Vision Committee would like to thank you for taking the time to share with us what you feel is important and what you believe will help our congregation grow and thrive. We have gathered your thoughts and have delivered them to the leadership of our church. As leadership reviews our document and looks for ways to implement your ideas, they will be counting on all of us to work together. With God’s help, and a renewed spirit of commitment and cooperation, we will build our church for the glory of God.”



9/3: Sandy Bray

Shirley Cline

9/4: Sandy Everett

Mike Parazeau

9/5: Kristen Gospodenck

9/6: Karen Greene

Megan Gonzales

9/9: Eleanor Furlong

9/10: Madeline Lawless

9/13: Jaxen Cushing

9/15: Lisa Washabaugh

Lydia Ellerhorst

9/16: John Parker

9/17: Laura Young

9/19: Peggy Thomas

Diane Irwin

9/20: Zander Blaze

9/22: Bill McDowell

Ann Kalina

9/23: Brandy Cushing

9/24: Loreda Gough

Javier Blaze

9/25: Mike Cooper

Kannon Molnar

9/26: Linda Fall

9/27: Holyn Blaze

9/28: Bonnie Oliver

9/30: Allen Michael

Marlee Louk



9/07: John & Jane Parker

9/11: Mark & Denise Ellerhorst
Orville & Barb West

9/15: Richard & Sandy Everett

9/17: Frank & Mistie Obreza

9/23: Ted & Jeanette Poole

9/29: Rick & Gale Lane



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

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not an option please feel free to provide a hard copy
to the church office.**

***Thank You,
Gale Lane, Web Designer & Newsletter Coordinator***