



***The United Methodist
Church
of Garretttsville
Newsletter
September, 2025***

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

John 17:9-23

In the book of John, Jesus prays for His disciples. He prays not that God would not take us out of the world but that He would Keep us from the Evil One.

In some traditions make Faith a kind of “escapism”, where we completely remove ourselves from every association where we might face temptation as we walk through life in the presence of “sinners”.

But that’s not what Wesley believed. Wesley believed in a loving and forgiving God, One who is strong yet leads with tender mercies. Wesley taught THAT God “sanctifies” His people.....He removes from us the desires for the wrongful things we used to do, so that we no longer yearn for the things or the associations of our past but rather seek out the wholesome and holy things God places before us. We yearn to be in His presence throughout our days. We shun the things that could lead to sin. But we do not shun those enslaved by sin....we reach out and lovingly lead them to repentance and relationship with our God, trusting His Spirit to warn us that sin is standing at our doors so that we may flee its grasp and remain focused on Him. We know if we fall unintentionally, He will forgive and restore us.

Let our prayer be “Father do not allow me to use my faith to escape my calling in the world. Instead keep me from engaging in the wrong I see. Sanctify me by Your words of truth. 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

**THIS IS THE PERMANENT WOR-
SHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT
13 MONTHS**

THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE QUARTER-
LY JOINT SERVICES, SO PLEASE SEE THE
LIST BELOW AND KEEP THIS HANDY. IT
WILL NOT BE RECOPIED.

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

March 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

May 31, 2026 at Nelson

August 30, 2026 at Windham

November 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

Facing Challenges:

Dick Finney
Sgt. Matt Soltese
Benny Bailey
Edgar Brady
Tom Cannon
Tony Lake
Mollie Lewis

Melissa McQuire
Cairo Svonovec
Beverly Soricki
Cody Stone
Elliot Thompson
Alex Washington



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

THOSE FACING CHALLENGES:

Tommy Miller
Pam Montgomery
Dick Finney
Sgt. Matt Soltese
Benny Bailey
Edgar Brady
Tom Cannon
Tony Lake
Mollie Lewis
Melissa McQuire
Cairo Svonovec
Beverly Soricki
Cody Stone
Elliot Thompson
Alex Washington

OUR SHUT-INS:

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

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

John Wolfe
John Sedensky, Sr.
Ken & Evonne
Marie
Steven (tumor)
Brenda (lung cancer)
Eleanor (need more God in
schools)
Harry (Shoulder)
Elsie Norton (fx hip)
Frank (hospice)
Hendricks (John
Wolfe's grandson)

Pam Maynard
Molly Lewis
Faith
Donna & Lyle
Debbie

Connor Hunt
Jim's Mother
Those not with us to-
day
Situations in our coun-
try
and world
Allie (Niece)
Pam (Friend)
Michael (Son)
Sgt. Matt's Family
A Friend

The Vision Committee
has installed our beautiful new sign.
It will be operational very soon.



Vision Committee

Which type of underwear does King Tut wear?

Fruit of the tomb



The JAG Back To School Bash

When Jeanette learned about an opportunity to show Christ's love to children at James A Garfield school, she brought it to the Vision Committee's attention and we all 'toe'-tally agreed that this is the kind of thing we wanted to do. Garretttsville area churches were asked to gather new socks and underwear of all sizes for school children of all ages, and our church family enthusiastically jumped in! We gathered. We held a drive through drop off. We donated. To put it 'briefly, approximately 150 children visited the bash and every one of them left with what they needed. You are 'undie'-niably generous!

**When we love others so freely,
we reflect the Father who delights to lavish love on us.**

Pat Singelyn and John See had a table set up at the bash. They shared smiles, candy, coloring pages, brochures, and information about our church. There were hand chimes for the children to try and a little Messy Church science too! Garretttsville United Methodist Church cares and connects with our community!

The members of the Vision Committee thank God for all of you!!!

Why does a pirate wear underwear?

To hide his booty



Denise & Mark Ellerhorst in Action!



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.

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,
September 9 @ 5:30pm**

MemberCare Committee

News about the Can Can

That's the recycle pop can trash can beside the side entry to the church!

The good news is we have been recycling a load of cans about once a month which brings in between \$25 and \$35 dollars. Thank you to everyone who rinses, saves, and brings their bags of cans to the church. If you ever need help hauling your bags, just let me know and I'll gladly come by and pick them up.

Here are some FAQ's (frequently asked questions) about recycling. Alright, maybe nobody asked but I'll answer anyway.

1. Can I flatten my cans? Sure. The only limitation would be if you use a large bag and it gets too heavy to lift.

2. Can I include cans like corn, beans, and cat food cans along with the pop/beverage cans?

Short answer: It's really not helpful.

Longer answer: I have to sort the steel cans out separately as they sell for a different price.

or some other mysterious creature in the neighborhood wants to see what's in the bag and tears it open, leaving a bit of a mess.

I have noticed that bags are sometimes left on top the can and I wonder if the bungee cord is a difficulty. I have followed John's example by putting one on the can, but would appreciate your input if you think we don't need it.

Again, thank you for recycling and helping the pop can fund grow. Don't forget to turn in requests to use some of that money to the Membercare committee.

Your can team,

Stevie and sidekick Jay Byrne



September 2025

09/02:	Andrew Ellerhorst	09/19:	Diane Irwin
09/03:	Sandra Bray		Peggy Thomas
	Shirley Cline	09/20:	Zander Blaze
	Collen Goodwin	09/21:	Larisa Catcott
09/04:	Sue Andrews	09/22:	Ann Kalina
	Sandy Everett		Bill McDowell
	Michael Parazeau	09/23:	Brandy Cushing
	Amy Shaffer	09/24:	Javier Blaze
09/05:	Kristen Gospodenok		Sug Gough
09/06:	Megan Gonzales	09/25:	Michael Cooper
09/09:	Eleanor Furlong		Kannon Molnar
09/10:	Madeline Lawless		Nathan Molnar
09/13:	Jaxen Cushing	09/26:	Joseph Catcott
09/15:	Chris Brys		Linda Fall
	Lydia Ellerhorst	09/27:	Hollyn Blaze
	Lisa Washabaugh	09/28:	Kirsten Hoover
09/16:	John Parker		Bonnie Oliver
	John Wolfe		Marlilee Louk
09/17:	Laura Young	09/30:	Allen Michael



09/07: John & Jane Parker

**09/11: Mark & Denise Ellerhorst
Orville & Barb West**

09/15: Rich & Sandy Everett

09/17: Frank & Mistie Obreza

09/20: Tom & Any Shaffer

09/23: Jeanette & Ted Poole

09/29: Gale & Rick Lane

FINDING JOY IN SERVING:

There are many ways to daily live out our Christian life bringing the messages of love, peace, and joy to those we meet.

Thru the music choirs of our church, you can bring Christ's message with your voice or arms (ringing bells). Our Wednesday night Chancel bell choir has a need for ringers as well as does the youth Jesu Choir.

The choral choir always welcomes new voices on Wednesday nights. We start again in the fall.

If you are interested and what to learn more about our choirs, just give the director a call:

Chancel Bells: Jeanette Poole @ 330-527-2648

Jesu Bells: Linda Fall @ 330-730-4672

Chancel Choir: Gail Mikula @ 330-569-4826

Welcome back Appletree Preschool!!!

Jane Hill and Lisa Schwan welcomed back the children and parents for the 2025—2026 school year. The parents were greeted with coffee, tea and goodies.





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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by
September 22 , 2025

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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***