

***The United Methodist
Church
of Garrettsville
Newsletter***



2025

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS - HE NEVER LEAVES YOU
Isaiah 43:2-5 New International Version

2. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

I think we all go thru times in life when we question whether we are loved by God. They are usually the rough patches we go through. We look around us and we see the blessings others are experiencing and we look at our own lives and the problems we face, and we simply question. I think it's human nature. But I want to show you something in this passage. We read all through the Bible about how God loves us and shows His love for us, including in Romans 5:8, where was read, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." We have to agree that it is an amazing love that causes God to offer up His only son on the cross for people who didn't even know they needed Him and mostly ignored Him. But he did.

(Pastor's message con't)

This passage that we look at this month is THE ONE AND ONLY TIME in the Bible where God openly says "I love you." And in it, He describes the emotions we feel when life hits us hard. If you do nothing else this month, meditate on this passage daily and spend time speaking with God about it.

God doesn't say "IF life gets hard" or "If you're having a bad day". He says "when". And what He wants you to take from that is that joyous moments are wonderful, but if all we experience in life is mountain top living, we cannot know how much we need God or how deep His love is for us. It is in the valley that we look up and cry out to God, and these valley times are not punishments....they are simply normal life.

God wants us to know He is there for us even then. Nothing is too difficult and nothing too ugly. He simply offers His presence in good times and in bad.

So come aside, dear ones, and rest awhile in God's presence. Seek Him out. He's waiting. Fall in love with Jesus, because he never leaves you!

**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
Carrie Kraft

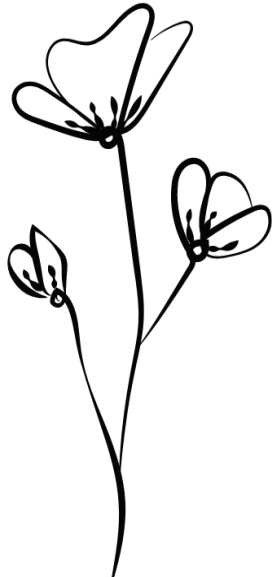
THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

The Finney Family
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



Send a “Thinking of You” Card to a church member to thank them for their involvement, contributions, or presence at the church.



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**



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 will start with Board of Trustees. Enjoy!

What Do a Trustee Do?

September 2025

Recently, Lisa Schwan requested that Committee Chairs send the Newsletter a simple explanation of what their committees do.

The Trustees take care of stuff...

...by maintaining stuff so it works, and

...by fixing stuff when it breaks.

What we don't do:

We don't decide how the church gets used (there's a Pastor and several Committees for that).

A thick book called "The Discipline" lays out in dense detail how the United Methodist Church and its congregations are to operate. Would you believe there is an article in the Discipline on "Powers and Limitations" of the Board of Trustees? It's Article 2533 (which suggests there are a bunch of other articles in the book). If a bit more detail about Trustee duties interests you, here are a few highlights from The Discipline.

Article 2533.1

"...the board of trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church..."

That is, we maintain stuff and fix it when it breaks.

But the Trustees...

“... shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted in the Discipline [nor] prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of the said property for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes...”

That is, we don't decide how the church gets used. However, in the case of a request by an outside group the Trustees should not...“...permit the use of said property for religious or other meetings without the consent of the pastor.”

There are eight sections under Article 2533, which go into some detail about the required supervision and care. Some requirements seem directed at larger more complex churches than ours.

Here is an overview of requirements that seem to apply to us:

Article 2533.2

“The board of trustees shall annually [review] the existence and adequacy of the church's insurance coverages...”

Article 2533.3

“When a pastor and/or a board of trustees are asked to grant permission to an outside organization to use church facilities, permission can be granted only when such use is consistent with the Social Principles (§§ 160-164) and ecumenical objectives.”

Article 2533.4

“The chairperson of the board of trustees ... the chairperson of the committee on pastor-parish relations, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance.”

Editorial Comment: the annual review is to ensure proper maintenance of the property by the pastor, and to ensure proper provision and maintenance by the church of the facilities due the pastor.

Article 2533.5

“Subject to the direction of the charge conference ... the board of trustees shall receive and administer all bequests made to the local church; shall receive and administer all trusts; and shall invest all trust funds.”

Editorial Comment: Our church has directed that these duties are delegated to the Finance Committee.

Article 2533.7

“... the board of trustees shall, in consultation with the pastor ... evaluate the adequacy of the facilities that house the church’s permanent records, archival materials, and historical objects (§247.5), with particular attention to conditions that endanger them, and shall recommend to the charge conference a plan to correct any deficiencies.

So that’s what Trustees do. If you want to read the Trustee Powers article in full (page 743), or if you want some light reading before bedtime, find all 903 pages of The Discipline online with the link below.

(https://issuu.com/cokesbury/docs/the_book_of_discipline_of_the_united_methodist_church?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ).

Pleasant dreams.

Jay Bryne, Trustees Chairman

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,
October 14th @ 5:30pm**



October 2025

10/01	Bob Schwan	10/24	Dianne Bradfield
10/05	Jean Reicheldefer	10/25	Alyson Rose
10/06	Cameron Cupples	10/27	Maddie Lininger
10/07	Jack Schultz	10/28	Alexis Phillips
10/08	Terry Gage	10/29	Sandi Richmond
10/09	Linda Dolgan	10/30	Mark Ellerhorst
10/10	Cindy Rado	10/31	Parker Hill
	Keith Ellerhorst		
	Connie Evans		
10/11	Maylyn Blaze		
10/12	Gerald Washabaugh		
10/15	Isabella Phillips		
10/16	Karl Hecky		
10/17	Maureen See		
10/20	Laura Cantale		
10/21	Gabbee Tarnowski		



10/06	Tim & Mandy Duncan
10/09	Micheal & Terra Hill
10/18	Vincent & Megan Gonzales
10/19	Michael & Kim Polifrone
10/25	Phil & Kim Bell

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.



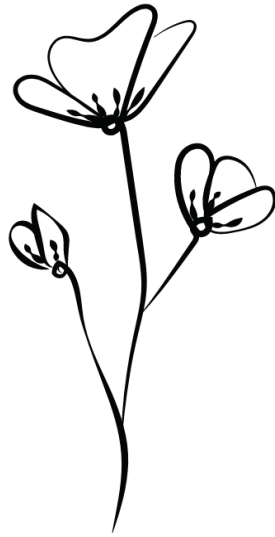


PLEASE SAVE YOUR PULL TABS!

Leah Schultz would like to thank you all so much for your donation of pull tabs. So far, they have collected over 2 shopping bags full.

Remember!! A few pull tabs go a long way in helping others. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

October 27, 2025

Email: garrettsvilleumc@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***