

*Garrettsville*  
*Methodist Church*  
*Newsletter 2026*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings everyone! May is here and like you, I am excited that spring is on the way! We can be expecting warmer weather and beautiful flowers to brighten our days!

The other thing that is special about May this year is that we celebrate the feast of Pentecost on the 24th. Take a moment if you will to read Acts chapter 2.

In this chapter, we see the recorded history of the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the church world, we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church, but it's so much more than that.

Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples and in Act chapter 2, we see some amazing things happen. First of all, we see the disciples and Peter in Jerusalem. For sometime after the resurrection, the disciples had lived in fear, huddled in the upper room and afraid of what the Jews might do to them if they were recognized of being known associates of Jesus. But now they are out on the street with the rest of the crowd. The Holy Spirit falls upon the disciples and upon those there to celebrate the feast which is known as Shavuot. And once the Holy Spirit enters, Peter, this normally frightened man, is brave enough to speak about the coming of Jesus and his teachings and his death and resurrection to the crowd, and 3000 people give their lives to Christ. It's not just "I believe in Jesus", it is a total life change for every person who place their face in Jesus.

Secondly, all those who believe in God hear the gospel for the first time in their own languages. A miracle called glossalalua.

# **FROM THE PASTOR (CONT)**

And lastly, I just want to touch on the growth of the church happening as people become so hungry for God that they meet daily for common meals, and prayer, and study of the scriptures, and communion. That is still exactly what gross the church... Those things are our life blood.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher, our helper, our guide. He awakens our souls to the truth of scripture. Let us celebrate this month that God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us to live the lives we are called to live.

Pastor Sandi Dennis

**Church Office Hours**

**Mon. thru Fri. 9am—  
Noon**

**Tues thru Thurs.,  
Peggy Thomas 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

**Website:**

Garrettsvilleohumc.org

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 1 - AUGUST 31,  
2026**

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

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

March 29, 2026 at Garretts-  
ville

May 31, 2026 at Nelson

August 30, 2026 at TBA

Nov 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

Dec 19, 2026 at Nelson



**\*\*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
- Adam Walker

**CELEBRATING A JOY**

**OUR SHUT-INS:**

- Ann Kalina
- Belva Smith
- Kay Smith
- Roderick Nimtze
- Joanne Kraft
- Carrie Kraft

**:FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

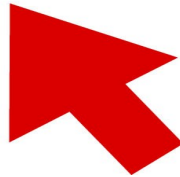
- Rev. John Wolfe Family
- Ben & Cheryl Singelyn Family

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

- Rick McKenzie
- Janet Heiss
- Jane & Fred Bell
- Pastor Sandi Dennis
- Jack Schultz
- Susan Dade
- Matt & Ann Long
- Ken & Evonne Fox
- Kat Berry
- Esler Hyde
- Shirley Cline
- Jean Reichelderfer
- Kim Cooper
- Janice Roach

# Church Directory

## UPDATE



Welcome to our New Members:

### **Donald Thomas Darlington**

9977 N. chapel St.  
Garrettsville, OH 44231  
DOB: 08/21  
Cell: 330-389-0461

### **Harry Skiles**

9135 Hickory Circle  
Windham, Oh 44288  
DOB: 01/23  
Cell: 330-931-0374

If you would like to request the 2026 GUMC Directory, please email Gale Lane at [garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com](mailto:garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com) or leave a message at 330-527-2055 . For updates, also contact Gale.



## Send a “Thinking of You” Card

Living is sometimes difficult, and is harder for some more than others. Even if you have suffered your own losses — a job, ability to travel, in-person contact with loved ones or worse — letting others know that they are on your mind and in your heart can be healing for you both.

Getting through tough times together is far easier than alone. Make sure the people you care about know you're there for them and they'll likely be there for you, too.



*Dear Church Family,  
please come!*

The Vision Committee would like to invite you to participate in some small group fellowship time to discuss how you see the future of our church.

We will meet after services on Sunday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Light refreshments will be served and childcare will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact a Vision Committee member:

Beth Drebus  
Jeff Drebus  
Amanda Duncan  
Mark Ellerhorst  
Jeanette Poole  
Lisa Schwan  
John See  
Pat Singelyn



## TWO NEW PROJECTS

Light fixtures in the Sanctuary and replacing the joints in the exterior brick. Gualtieri Construction Co. has completed the brick work and has been paid.

Trustees, Finance Committees and Church Council all agreed that these projects needed done before material/labor prices went up. Once payment is made the Building Fund will have a negative balance. We use a fund accounting system which will cover the account until we make up the negative balance.

We need ideas for fundraisers and help implementing them. Please give your ideas to Elaine Long or Jay Byrne.

Scotchmans Electric	\$7,590.00
Gualtieri Construction	\$3,005.00 Paid
Building Fund Balance as of 4/12/26	\$2,145.72

Balance needed \$-5,444.58 to cover the full cost.

Any extra that you can give to the Building Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Finance & Trustees Committees



**ATTENTION MEN!!**

**The First Annual Nelson-Garrettsville Men's Retreat is set for Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th at Camp Asbury. Rev. Bruce Hitchcock is our guest for the weekend.**

**Dinner will be served Friday evening with breakfast and lunch on Saturday morning and departure from camp approximately 3PM on Saturday afternoon.**

**We will have talks, breakout sessions, and activities geared to men.**

**More information to follow.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

# **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, up-  
lifting,**

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

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## **The GRIEF GROUP**

**meets the 1st Sunday of each month @ 2pm at the  
Garrettsville UMC for approximately 1 1/2  
hours and is open to any who have  
experienced loss.**

**Facilitator, Pastor Sandi (440-228-3093)**

**All are welcome!**

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 &  
bring a friend!**

**Messy Church is on the 2nd Tuesday  
of every month @ 5:30pm.**

**Hope to see you there.**

# 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.

The title 'High School Bible Study' is written in a white, handwritten-style font. It is centered against a background of numerous thin, radiating lines that create a starburst or sunburst effect. The lines are colored in shades of purple and blue, with the brightest light at the center where the lines converge.

# High School Bible Study

We are currently offering a Bible Study for high schoolers on Sunday morning during worship hour and again on Thursday evenings 6-7ish.

This is a great way to connect with other teens, discuss scripture, and grow closer to Christ together!

# Happy May Birthdays!



5/01: Judy Thornton

5/18: Terra Hill

5/03: Jeff Drebus

5/21: Pat Amor  
Sherri Silvis

5/06: Michael Hill

5/24: Rick McKenzie

5/10: Brad Phillips

5/25: Mark Ritts

5/14: Butch Seiler

5/27: Corley Owen  
Jude Bratnick

5/16: Reese Hill

5/17: Stevie Byrne

5/31: Ted Poole



**NO ANNIVERSARIES  
THIS MONTH**

# ***2026 Garretttsville Christmas Walk***

## ***‘Let the Presence of Jesus be your Present’***

Our church will be in the 2026 Garretttsville 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 Red, Gold, Silver, White and Green:

Wired Ribbon, Wrapping paper, small boxes and **shirt 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





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Garrettsville  
8223 Park Avenue  
Garrettsville OH 44231-1223**

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

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

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

**Website: [garrettsvilleohumc.org](http://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, Web Designer & Newsletter Coordinator**