



*Garrettsville*  
*Methodist Church*  
*Newsletter 2026*

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## **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 & WOR-  
SHIP AT 10:15 AM**

**SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**

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**Special Praise Music by  
Jack Carmichael**

**Many of our congregation  
can probably remember Jack  
being part of our Sunday  
School and Appletree Pre-  
school. He has graduated  
from Garfield and is now  
enrolled at Hiram College  
where he is pursuing his mu-  
sical and theatrical talents.**

**Jack lives in Garrettsville an  
is working for JC Electric for  
the summer.**

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**JOINT SERVICES ON 5th  
SUNDAYS:**

**August 30, 2026 at TBA**

**Nov 29, 2026 at Garrettsville**

## **Worship Times:**

**We just want to take a moment to touch on our worship times and share with you from our hearts.**

As you may remember, when we had three churches in our cooperative parish, it was very difficult to come up with worship times that fit each parish. We had some early hours and that was hard on our families with children. We had some late hours and that was hard on the folks who are early risers. We were at 10:30 am when I got here but in order to adjust for three churches, we had to do our praise and worship segment at 9:45 and begin our worship service at 10 AM.

Now that it is Nelson and Garrettsville in this cooperative parish, adjustments have been made to make things a little bit more convenient and to set a standard worship time for both parishes so that we don't continually have to adjust for the summer. Moving back and-forth and switching worship times was not good for any of our three churches.

In joint meeting with Nelson, it was determined that Nelson would do well at 9 AM and that our worship service would be at 10:30 AM and that is for the full year. Therefore in the fall, we will start our praise and worship segment at 10:15 AM and begin the worship service at 10:30 AM.

There was a lot of confusion prior to this about the worship times, and hopefully having a set worship time for the year will help us to avoid confusion and move on, looking forward to our time together as worshiping followers of Jesus.

God bless each and every one of you!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **Ephesians 3:14-17**

“ for this reason, I bow my knees before the father, from whom every family in heaven, and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. “

In this highly pastoral prayer, Paul asked for blessings upon his people. He prays that God grant them strength in the inner being. He praise that God induce them with power through his spirit. And he praise that Christ dwells in their hearts, richly through faith and all of these things as they are being rooted and grounded in love.

## **FROM THE PASTOR (CONT)**

There is a settling that has to occur in the Christian life. Just like we take plants from the nursery in the summertime and prepare the soil, digging the holes into which the plants will be placed, covering them up and making sure they are nourished With both fertilizer and frequent watering, so too Christ has prepared for our growth and unity in the spirit. He does so by showing us his amazing love. He pulls us in and plants us in the kingdom of God.

And as we experience his love we become healthy plants, rooted in that love, steady. And that love continues to help us to grow together as the body of Christ.

Celebrate where God has planted you, regardless of where it is, what high place or what low place. Celebrate his love and share that love with other others so that you might be rooted, grounded, steady, and all you do.



**\*\*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:**

Benny Bailey  
Marie Elium  
Wade Johnston  
Mollie Lewis  
Pam Montgomery  
Cody Stone  
John Sedensky, Jr.  
Elliot Thompson  
Adam Walker  
Alex Washington  
Rebecca Williams

### **CELEBRATING A JOY**

#### **OUR SHUT-INS:**

Ann Kalina  
Joanne Kraft  
Carrie Kraft  
Rodrick Nimtz  
Belva Smith  
Kay Smith

#### **:FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Ben & Cheryl Singelyn  
Family

### **THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Jane & Fred Bell  
Kat Berry  
Shirley Cline  
Pastor Sandi Dennis  
Susan Dade  
Ken & Evonne Fox  
Janet Heiss  
Esler Heyd  
Kim Cooper  
Matt & Ann Long  
Rick McKensie  
Jean Reichelderfer  
Janice Roach  
Kathy Shulda

**JAMES A GARFIELD**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**  
**August 15th**



**UPDATE!!!!**  
**DRIVE-BY-DROP-OFF**  
**at GUMC**  
**August 11th 5:30pm-7:00pm**

Our church has been asked to help by supplying new underwear and socks for boys and girls of all ages.

They will offer free food, school supplies, giveaways, games, clothing and haircuts for those students in need.

A box for items is at the back of the church or bring them to the office during office hours. All items need to be brought in by Monday, August 15th.

Thank you so much for your donations!!



# ***2026 Garrettsville Christmas Walk***

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

It's time to get started for the Christmas Walk.

**Please help!**

We invite you to join us to wrap boxes. The boxes will be used in decorating both the upstairs and basement of the church. We have set up 2 times and hopefully you will be able to make one of them.

It will be in the basement on:

**Saturday, August 15th at 9:30am and**

**Tuesday evening, August 18th at 6pm**

For more information, please contact Elaine Long.





## **Calling All Singers!**

**NO TRYOUTS!**

Please join me and Pat Amor for the first rehearsal of the new choir season on the last Wednesday of August, August 26, at 7:00. Whether you're a returning member or someone who would like to give it a try, we welcome you! If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, we need you!

Rehearsals will begin at 7:00 for the first few rehearsals but will change to our usual time of 7:30 when the bells start their rehearsals 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 on August 26!**

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



## ***2026 Garrettsville Christmas Walk***

The Christmas Walk group has started making plans for the luncheon. This is a big undertaking but, 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.

## **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung**

**Active**

**United States**

**North Central Jurisdiction**

**The Ohio Episcopal Area**



Born in Korea to parents who practiced Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism, United Methodist Bishop Hee-Soo Jung met a missionary when he was sixteen. The missionary, who was working in a nearby field preparing the land to build a church, told Jung that God loved him. Before the floors were finished in the new church building, Jung was baptized and a lifelong pursuit of building bridges between his faith and his family, between the gospel and culture, between people across faith traditions, had begun.

Bishop Hee-soo Jung was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the North Central Jurisdiction.

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On September 1, 2024, Bishop Jung will be the new resident bishop of the East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences.

Bishop Jung previously served as the resident bishop in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and has served in this role since September of 2012. He played a key role in Wisconsin's Imagine No Malaria Campaign, which raised more than \$1 million.

Prior to leading the Wisconsin Conference UMC, Bishop Jung served eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference (Chicago area). He was instrumental in inspiring the Harvest 2020 movement in Northern Illinois, which resulted in many new faith communities.

Previously, Bishop Jung served as an elder in the Wisconsin Conference, where he was a pastor and a district superintendent. Bishop Jung taught and chaired the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Kangnam University in South Korea. He also served as pastor of congregations in California, Texas, and South Korea.

## Bishop Jung (con't)

He is currently the president of the General Board of Global Ministries, chair of the UM Korean National Plan, and a member of the Board of Directors for Bread for the World. Bishop Jung serves as a member of the Ecumenical Forum for Korea at Geneva, Switzerland, and is actively involved in Korea peace and reconciliation. He has served as faculty for the Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation since 2005, and has taught in various Five-Day Academy sessions in the U.S. and abroad. Previously, Bishop Jung served as president of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and as a member of the Board of Directors for the General Board of Discipleship, the UM National Hispanic Plan, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.

Im-Hyon, Bishop Jung's wife, is an elder in the Wisconsin Conference and currently serves as the director of International Relations, Asia & Global Programs, for the Upper Room/Discipleship Ministries. The Jung's are the parents of two adult sons, Jae-Hugh and Jae-Joon, who is married to Brittney.

Thanks,

East Ohio Conference

## **Good news!**

**Bishop Jung will be visiting more churches on the Northern Waters District on August 19 and 20, barring any unforeseen schedule changes.**

Our *tentative* plan is as follows:

Wednesday, August 19, he will start at Hudson, visit Portage Faith, then Camp Asbury, including lunch. After his time at Camp Asbury, he will continue on to Garretttsville and Nelson. (It will be just a short stop at Nelson, so Nelson laity should plan to be at Garretttsville for the conversation with the bishop.)G

Thursday, August 20, he will start at Rocky River and Story Church, then on to Willson, Cory, St. Matthew, and Aldersgate. (It will just be a short stop at Willson, so Willson laity should plan to come to Cory or St. Matthew for the conversation with the bishop.)

Laity are encouraged to be present as able for a brief time of conversation with the bishop after he prays at the altar of each church. In a few cases, we will ask the laity to join at another church, and he will make a brief visit to the other church, as in the case of Nelson and Willson.

We are still working out the detailed itinerary, but I want to make sure that these dates will work on your church calendars, or if I will need to swap a church out for a different one. Please let me know if you can make these dates work.

Thanks,  
Lisa Huston, Administrator, NWD



# **GUMC Apple Tree Preschool**

**Registration for 2026/2027 School Year**

**Will be open for new families  
beginning March 15th, 2026**



**Please reach out for registration information**

**Email [gumcappletree@gmail.com](mailto:gumcappletree@gmail.com)  
Or call GUMC office at 330-527-2055**



**ATTENTION MEN!!**

**UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE!**

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH ALONG WITH YOUR \$35 PAYMENT**

**UPDATE! UPDATE!**

**FORMS FOR MEN'S RETREAT ARE ON A  
CLIPBOARD IN THE NARTHEX**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**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.**





**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.**

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**The Grief Support 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:



Messy church will continue through the summer months 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!

# YOUTH GROUP REPORT



## ON RECESS UNTIL SEPT

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.



**UPDATE!!!**

High School Bible Study is on hold until Fall until Bells start again. Be sure to update your calendar.

Have a wonderful summer!

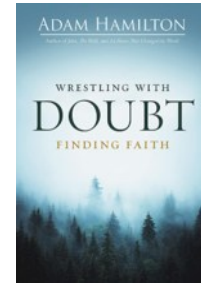
## **SMALL GROUP STUDY WILL BEGIN SOON.**

Each group will have a facilitator and will start after Sept. 13th, Rally Day. The titles of books will be:

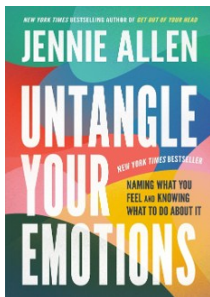
- 1) What Happens Next  
By Max Lucados



- 4) Wrestling with Doubt,  
Finding Faith  
By Adam Hamilton



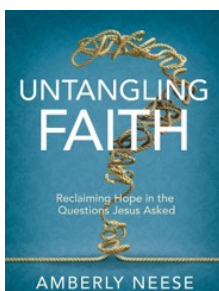
- 2) Untangle Your Emotions  
by Jennie Allen



- 5) Stuck  
By Jennie Allen



- 3) Untangle Faith  
By Amber Neese



**\*\*For more information,  
contact Patty Singleton.**

# 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.”





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|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| 08/02 | Sally Hammel      | 08/19 | Ember Blaze    |
| 08/03 | Cissy Raab        | 08/21 | Jesse Crate    |
| 08/04 | Timmy Tarnowski   |       | Dan Darlington |
| 08/05 | Dave Quick        | 08/22 | Van Ellerhorst |
| 08/10 | Miley Collopy     | 08/25 | Eddy Berry     |
| 08/12 | Scott Russell     |       | Jack Duncan    |
| 08/16 | Cindy Cooper      | 08/30 | Jane Hill      |
| 08/17 | Kristina Cupples  |       | Kathy Bytnar   |
|       | James Irwin       |       |                |
| 08/18 | Dennis Pavelko Jr |       |                |





- 08/03 Javier & Jordyn Blaze
- 08/04 Chuck & Connie Evans
- 08/05 Todd & Amy Hoover
- 08/06 Paul & Melinda Ensinger  
Tom & Dana Lininger
- 08/10 Tammy & Richard McKenzie
- 08/14 Gerald & Lisa Washabaugh
- 08/15 Adam & Kat Berry
- 08/17 Kristen & Mikhail Gospodenok
- 08/19 Brad & Kimberly Phillips
- 08/25 Jay & Sandi Richmond



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