

*Garrettsville*  
*Methodist Church*  
*Newsletter 2026*



What a wonderful day!

103 friends and members of our 3 church families joined to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter! And our amazing District Superintendent Rev. Angela Lewis performed the ceremony! So much love! So many blessings! God is good!



**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

**Website:**

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Garrettsville United Methodist Church

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SEPT. 7, 2025 - February 28, 2026**

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

**MARCH 1 - AUGUST 31, 2026**

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

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

March 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

May 31, 2026 at Nelson

August 30, 2026 at Windham

Nov 29, 2026 at Garrettsville

Dec 19, 2026 at Windham



**\*\*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  
Cheryl Hall

**CELEBRATING A JOY**

**OUR SHUT-INS:**

Ann Kalina  
Belva Smith  
Kay Smith  
Roderick Nimitz  
Joanne Kraft  
Carrie Kraft  
Janet Heiss

**:FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Jane & Fred Bell  
Pastor Sandi Dennis  
Jack Schultz  
Susan Dade  
Matt & Ann Long  
John Wolfe  
Ken & Evonne Fox  
Kat Berry  
Esler Hyde  
Shirley Cline  
Gale Lane  
Jean Reichelderfer

**March - 2026**

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                        | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday                |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|-------------------------|
| 1<br>* Worship Service<br>9:45am<br><br>Greif Group 2pm   | 2<br>*G-villeBible Study 1:00 pm<br>*Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm                        | 3                              | 4<br>Chancel I Bells<br>6:15pm<br>* Choir Practice<br>7:15pm<br>*Nelson Bible Study<br>6:00 pm  | 5<br>* Member Care<br>G-ville Bible Study<br>11am | 6      | 7                       |
| 8<br>* Worship Service<br>9:45am<br>* Youth Group<br>5pm  | 9<br>*G-villeBible Study 1:00 pm<br>*Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm                        | 10<br>* Messy Church<br>5:30pm | 11<br>Chancel I Bells<br>6:15pm<br>* Choir Practice<br>7:15pm<br>*Nelson Bible Study<br>6:00 pm | 12  | 13     | 14                      |
| 15<br>* Worship Service<br>9:45am<br><br>Greif Group 2pm  | 16<br>*G-villeBible Study 1:00 pm<br>*Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm                       | 17<br>St. Patty's Day          | 18<br>Chancel I Bells<br>6:15pm<br>* Choir Practice<br>7:15pm<br>*Nelson Bible Study<br>6:00 pm | 19<br>* Preschool—<br>Muffins<br><br>w/Moms       | 20     | 21                      |
| 22<br>* Worship Service<br>9:45am<br>* Youth Group<br>5pm | 23<br>*G-villeBible Study 1:00 pm<br>*Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm                       | 24<br>* Vision Comm.           | 25<br>Chancel I Bells<br>6:15pm<br>* Choir Practice<br>7:15pm<br>*Nelson Bible Study<br>6:00 pm | 26  | 27     | 28<br>* Men's Breakfast |
| 29<br>* Palm Sunday<br><br>* Worship Service              | 30<br>* JAG Spring Break<br>*G-villeBible Study 1:00 pm<br>*Jesu Chimes 5:30 pm | 31<br>* JAG Spring Break       |   |   |        |                         |

\*JAG Spring Break Mar 30 thru Apr 3



**WELCOME!**

## **EOC Online Registration @ [eastohiocamp.org](http://eastohiocamp.org)**

**Summer Camp at Aldersgate, Asbury, and Wanake**

**Family Events**

**Senior High CYF**

**Reach Out**

**Lakeside Institute**

**Retreats and Events (Adults, Teens, Families)**

Please be aware that some events have mandatory forms to be completed before you can submit your registration.

The medical form and Parent-Staff Information forms for Aldersgate, Asbury & Wanake will go live on May 1, 2026. This form requires your insurance, the date of the camper's last tetanus shot, and the doctor's contact information.

For the Get Acquainted form, you will need your camper's input to complete the form.

**NEW! - East Ohio Summer Camp Gift Cards are available for any occasion!**

If you should need assistance, call East Ohio Camps at 1-800-831-3972 ext. 139. Money is available now.



**Church  
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update**

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## TAX FORM FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

After helping with the collection plates at church, I noticed that several contributions were cash (not put in an envelope). Beginning Tax Year 2026 you will be allow to claim a portion of your charitable contributions. So if you are interested in this, put your cash in an envelope with your name on it. After the end of the year your will receive a statement showing your contributions. I do not know the tax laws but was told you would be able to claim for 2026 even if you file short form.

**Our Building Fund** needs to be replenished. The reason for this is that we have purchased 3 new furnaces, fixed the elevator, and purchased a new hot water heater. If any donations above and beyond your normal giving could be designated to the building fund, hopefully we'll be able to move forward with upcoming projects.

Elaine Long, Financial Chair



Have you ever listened to the handbells play in church  
and thought what a wonderful sound.

Wouldn't you like to be one of those ringers?

We would love to have you join us!

Jeanette Poole is a wonderful leader & teacher.

So, don't hesitate to talk with her about joining our  
Channel I Bells on Wednesday nights @ 6:15.

1. "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple,  
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don,

5  
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;  
Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;

## *The COMFORT SINGERS*

*meet every 3rd Sunday of the month to bring comfort or uplifting to those who need.*

*Please join them on Sunday, February 15th*

*@ 3pm in bringing joy to others.*

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

*please contact Jane Parker.*



# *Grief Support Group*

**The group will meet on 1st Sunday of the  
month @ 2PM**

**at the Garrettsville UMC**

**for approximately 1 1/2 hours and  
is open to any who have experienced  
loss.**

**For more information or to register,  
call Pastor Sandi at 440-228-3093 or the  
Church Office at 330-527-2055**

# Member Care Committee

WHAT A BUSY GROUP!!!!



Jane Hill has been very busy chasing church members with her camera. Please stop by the Narthex bulletin board and see the exceptional job she has done collecting members smiling faces.

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Also we have a new care committee member, Linda Fitt. Linda grew up in Nelson and Graduated from Garfield. After 40 plus years away she and her husband, Tom, have moved to Hiram Township.



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Member Care committee is also working on freezing homemade soup, Leah Schultz's recipe, to take to members under the weather.

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!**

**Next fun day is  
Tuesday,  
March 10 @ 5:30pm**

# 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.

We are currently teaching Sunday School to our High Schoolers on Sunday mornings during worship and on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Spread the word!

All are invited.



Our study will begin on February 18th at 10am or 7pm in Pastor Sandi's office. Study books are available for \$22.00. Study will be taught by Pat Singleton and Pastor Sandi.

All are welcome.

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How Exciting! I followed some of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes; they have been delivered in Peru and in Panama! If anyone else traced their boxes and wants to share, please do.

# Recent Trustees Happenings!!

Recently two systems projects have been completed by the Trustees. A guy riding by on a horse would not notice either improvement. Such is life with necessary systems repair. The elevator has been repaired and may be used. The other project is actually two-in-one: Both furnaces in the Harris Room furnace room, have been replaced. One furnace heats the greater Harris Room area and the other heats the Sanctuary.

Both rooms seemed to be cold this winter. The Sanctuary furnace operated loudly, and the Harris Room furnace failed to come up to temperature in mid-February. It was discovered that the Harris Room furnace heat exchanger had failed and was producing carbon monoxide as well as heating poorly. Both furnaces had passed the end of their expected operational lives, and although the Sanctuary unit was technically functioning it was decided to replace them both at the same time. Doing so saved over \$1,000 on the cost of new equipment and installation. The new furnaces are more efficient than the previous machines. They are two-stage which means they operate at a reduced level until outside temperatures require maximum operation.

We also have arranged an annual maintenance program with the HVAC folks to have all four (yes, four!) furnaces (Sanctuary, Harris Room, Wesley Room and Office/Classroom floor) checked and serviced twice each year.

The two new furnaces also come with new thermostats which have been programmed to operate at a baseline of 62 degrees (saving on heating costs). They will automatically increase temperatures for Sunday service and choir practices Wednesday and Thursday in the Sanctuary. At other times, temperatures may be raised manually as needed. Instructions are posted at each thermostat. No other user function is available. Each thermostat is programmed to return to a baseline 62 degrees from a manual change at either 1, 5, and 9 p.m. - which ever time comes next.

If an event is planned in either area, be mindful that it takes a bit of time for the space to heat up - especially the Sanctuary. Setting the thermostat up in advance of an activity might be wise. Thermostats in the other areas of the building also allow for temporary increases with a return to baseline at regular intervals.

Jay Byrne, Trustee Chair

# March Birthdays



|          |                   |          |                    |
|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|
| March 02 | Jan Pratt         | March 16 | Michael Jajcinovic |
| March 06 | Elaine Long       | March 22 | Kathy Countryman   |
| March 08 | Mandy Duncan      |          | Mark Ellerhorst    |
| March 09 | Bethany Drebus    |          | Charlee Hill       |
|          | Tom Miller        |          | Marty Hill         |
| March 10 | Gail Mikula       |          | Sarah Tarnowski    |
|          | Michael Polifrone | March 29 | Heidi Parizeau     |
| March 13 | Richard Fall      |          |                    |
| March 15 | Timothy Duncan    |          |                    |



**March 26**

**Fred & Jane Bell**

8214 Clover Lane  
Garrettsville, Oh 44231



The HS musical this year is The Addams Family  
Opening Night March 19 @7  
March 20 @7  
March 21 @ 2 and @7

We have church family members involved: Sanura Oliver and Jaxen Cushing.

Colin Cupples is not only running lights but also the Stage Manager!

Elise Edwards is in the ensemble

How exciting!!!



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**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

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

**March 27, 2026**

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

**Website: [garrettsvilleohumc.org](http://garrettsvilleohumc.org)**

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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, Web Designer & Newsletter Coordinator***