



*Garrettsville
Methodist Church
Newsletter 2026*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's June! What a wonderful time of year! The trees have budded, the grass is green and the flowers are blooming and it's finally - a bit warmer! God is good!

This past month we celebrated Mother's Day and in a couple weeks we will celebrate Father's Day.

It got me to thinking about the Ten Commandments and what they have to say about how we live our lives in relationship to others. As we read the Ten Commandments, we come across "Honor your Father and your Mother". Hence we have all kinds of celebrations that surround these two days on our calendar.

But the Hebrew word for "honor" doesn't mean we set apart special days for moms and dads. That word literally means "take care of". How do we do that? Well, we check in. We make sure they're making it to doctor's appointments, that there are groceries in the house, that they are eating. We pay attention to the things that are important to them.

FROM THE PASTOR (CONT)

We spend time with them conversing and keeping them company. We make sure they know how much we love them.

We in the church are surrounded by people who are lonely, people who don't always feel loved. If God commands that we take care of parents, it stands to reason that as the people of God, that care should also extend to others.

How blessed are the people who serve the unattached, lonely, unloved persons around us with the same care we extend to our own! How can we "take care" of all those who are part of our community?

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



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.

Jean is now home. Here’s her address if you’d like to send her a card:

Jean Reichelderfer

7905 Zupancic Dr.

Garrettsville, OH 44231



Patricia Amor

Please join her family and Garretttsville United Methodist Church as we celebrate Pat's 86th birthday and 45+ years of musical ministry in our community with an open house.

Saturday, May 30

1-4 p.m.

Garretttsville United Methodist Church

8223 Park Avenue

Garretttsville, OH



VERY THIN WHITE LINES ARE WATERMARKS. THEY WILL NOT BE IN THE DOWNLOADS.

RSVP via text to Julie Brawn at

330-842-3895

Gifts are not necessary, but may take the form of donations to the GUMC Chancel Choir if desired.

CAMP READ-A-LOT

Who: Kids entering Grades K – 3

What: Reading Intervention with Lots of Fun!!

(lunch will also be served)

**When: Wednesdays – June 17, 24, July 1, 8
from 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Where: Garretttsville United Methodist Church
(8223 Park Ave.)**

Goals:

Provide children with fun and engaging activities to encourage them to develop a love for literacy and support retention of reading skills over the summer months.

Provide support and encouragement for parents and guardians.

Cultivate a love for reading and development of reading skills in a caring environment.

**Need more info or want to help? Call the Church at 330-527-2055
or email Mrs. Singelyn @ plsteacher207@yahoo.com.**

To register online go to:

Garretttsvilleohumc.org & select Camp Read-a-lot.

TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT Pat Singelyn.

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
Or call GUMC office at 330-527-2055**





Thank you!



The Vision Committee wants to thank all of you who were able to stay after church to share what is important to you and what you think will help our church grow and thrive.

Your time and ideas are important, we heard you, and we are hoping to use the information to better care for each other, serve in our community, and glorify our Heavenly Father.

The church is a community of individuals working together; we are the body of Christ!



A Pop Can Recycling Story

A nice thing happened when I recycled cans in April. I take cans to C & B Recycling in Windham about once a month when I have collected enough bags to fill the back of my car. So on April 21 I made the usual trip. The young man who weighs the cans said it was too bad I hadn't come the next day which was Earth Day when they give a special bonus for cans. I made a note to myself to remember that for next year. When I checked out Michelle, the office manager, said she had given me the bonus so we made 65 cents a pound, five cents more than usual.

The amount that added to our pop fund was not significant, but the kind gesture was. Michelle often mentions how she enjoyed knowing John Porter, who took care of cans before me. It's nice to do business with people who are kind. Thank you for all the bags of cans you drop off at the church. We are keeping a lot of cans out of the land refill while building a small fund for special needs.

Stevie Byrne



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 Men's Group has been traveling again.

Our group of wayfaring wanderers travelled to The Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio in April (See pictures below). Of course we had to stop for a little something to eat so our group of 16 men popped into The Mocha House first.

Then off to the museum we went where we were greeted by Packard enthusiast Charlie Duffield. Charlie's excitement for his avocation rubbed off on our group of "boys" aged 12 to 90. Thank you Mr. Duffield for taking the time to meet with us.

Our next meeting will be at the Nelson United Methodist Church on June 27th at 9:00am.

Come join us!

Mark Ellerhorst





**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 com-
fort, uplifting,**

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

**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!



Garrettsville
Historical
Society



June 15th 6pm
Garrettsville United Methodist Church
8223 Park Ave.
Garrettsville, OH 44231



CRAFTS

For James A. Garfield Historical Society's 2026 Christmas Walk

The Historical Society would like to invite you to join them in exhibiting your work at this year's Christmas Walk. This is a tour which is very well attended with between 1,000-1,500 visitors over a 2 weekend period.

For more information and Registration form,
text:

Melanie Homistek (HS member)

at 330-373-8444.

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, Plain 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



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



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 on a background of radiating lines in shades of purple and blue, creating a starburst or sunburst effect.

High School Bible Study

Even though bells are finished playing for the year, our high school Bible study will continue meeting on Thursdays, but we are changing the starting time to 6:30.

Dinner is still included!

We might go through the summer, unless the students say they want a break. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please let Lisa Schwan or the office know so that we can include you in our communications.



06/05 Colin Cupples

06/07 Bruce Greene

Sherry Hecky

06/16 Linda Fitt

06/19 Denise Ellerhorst

06/23 Adam Berry

Jordyn Hill

Leah Hill

06/26 Kimberly Polifrone

06/29 Russ Hammel



6/01 Brett & Shawna Foy
06/05 Dennis & Jennifer Pavelko Jr.
06/07 Karl & Sherry Hecky
Richard & Susan Jajcinovic
06/12 Jacob & Caitlin Lawless
06/18 Jay & Stevie Bryne
06/20 Jack & Leah Schultz
06/25 Robert & Lisa Schwan
6/30 Tom & Linda Fitt



**The United Methodist Church of
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

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, Web Designer & Newsletter Coordinator**