

The word "April" is written in a large, purple, serif font. It is decorated with several yellow flowers with purple centers. The background behind the text is a light gray and white checkerboard pattern.

**2025**

*The United Methodist Church  
of Garrettsville  
Newsletter*

**Hello Friends:**

**It's April and we are celebrating Resurrection Sunday at the end of the month. I prefer calling it "Resurrection Sunday" because it helps us stay focused on what we're really celebrating. It's so easy to get caught up in "easter baskets", "easter bonnets", "easter clothing", and "easter dinner" that somehow, the word Easter loses its meaning, due in part to the fact that even non-believers are celebrating "Easter".**

**This is a beautiful season, a season of newness and freshness, and our hearts soar at the touch of warm air on our skin and the smell of the blossoms that are soon to be.**

**The word "easter" is Old English "eastre", which has Germanic origins, related to the words "east" and "Ostern": and comes from "Eastre", a goddess associated with spring.**

**There is a "resurrection" of sorts in this season, as the earth begins to green and robins return, butterflies flit around and the earth is full of color.**

**Think of how, over the years, "new life" has been represented...chicks and bunnies, butterflies, and in the Jewish culture, boiled eggs, which we joyfully color to celebrate "newness of life". In the Jewish culture, when someone dies, the first thing they do after prayer at the funeral luncheon, is eat a boiled egg as a sign that those left behind are celebrating their loved one's new life with God.**

**So as we move through this season of color and gaiety, let's stay focused on the Resurrection of Jesus, and what that means for us. It is a promise not just of newness in nature, but of our own resurrection and an eternity of newness of life in the presence of Christ.**

**THAT my friends, is sure something to celebrate!**

**- Pastor Sandi**

## **Easter Basket Collection Begins!**

**We will be collecting donations for our Easter Baskets from  
March 31- April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday).**

**Please see the back of this paper for a list of items needed.**

**We will pack the baskets on Wednesday, April 16th at  
10:00am and recipients will be able to pick up their baskets  
on Thursday, April 17th between 11:00am and 1:00pm and  
4:00pm and 6:00pm.**

**Thank You for your generosity and  
caring!**



**Questions? Please call  
Pat Singelyn @ 330 592-1170  
Lisa Schwan @ 330 842-0866  
Church office @ 330 527-2055**



### **Food List for Easter Baskets**

**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Pasta:**

**Spaghetti, noodles, macaroni**

**Mac & Cheese**

**Green Beans, Peas, and Corn**

**Baked Beans**

**Applesauce**

**Tuna**

**Soup and Crackers**

**Sugar and Flour**

**Cake, Brownie mixes**

**Frosting**

**Cereal**

**Canned Fruit**

**Potatoes**

**Toilet Paper**

**Paper Towels**

**Dish Soap**

**Laundry Soap**

**Hand Soap**

**Shampoo**

**Kleenex**

**Tooth Brushes**

**Tooth Paste**

**Please Note:**

**Cash donations are also gratefully  
accepted.**

***Pray For:***

**Pope Francis**

**Those persecuted**

**Peace in the world**

**Stanley Foster**

**Carol Gaj**

**Dan Brawn**

**John Noel**

**Corley Owen**

**Grace Smith**

**Sgt. Matt Soltese and family**



***CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:***

**Fred and Jane Bell**

**Ann Kalina**

**Belva Smith**

**Dave and Brianne Finney**

**Kay Smith**

**Roderick Nimtze**

**The Families of**

**Dottie McCoy**

**Marguerite Strawman**

**The Cushing family**

**John Porter**

**Carol Olin**

**For their recent Loss**

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 day is Tuesday, April 8th @ 5:30pm**



**Sunday, April 13th will be Birthday Sunday for those born in April. Please plan to attend the celebration with cake and**

**drinks downstairs after church.**

**First Youth Group Meeting**

**Sunday, April 27th**

**5-7pm.**

**Details soon!**





2025

Easter Flower Order

Deadline for orders and money:



April 6, 2025

Indicate the number for each plant you want:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily x \$10.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips x \$9.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths x \$9.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils x \$9.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Joy of the Season: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Please place order form and money in an envelope and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office. If paying by check, make check payable to the Garrettsville United Methodist Church.

Thank you!

On May 18, after our church service, we will host Gary Jones of the East Ohio Conference. He will present information to help us ensure the safety of our church family and visitors, especially children, youth, and other vulnerable people.

Let's learn how to take good care of each other and create a safe sanctuary for all!!!



Making our Church  
Safe for All



**Church  
Council  
Meeting**

Thursday, April 10th at  
7pm. Looking forward to  
seeing members there.

## **OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE**

Please visit our new website. Church Service hours are posted along with a wonderful history of our church. This is our church community site so please let Gale know if you would like something posted about your church event.

### **Grief Support Group**

**Sunday's at 3pm**

The group will meet on Sunday's at 3pm at the Garrettsville UMC for approximately 1 hour and is open to any who have experienced loss.

For more information, call Pastor Sandi at  
**440-228-3093**



**Grief Support**





## **Our Easter Season**

**April 13 Palm Sunday**

**April 17 Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

**April 18 Good Friday**

**April 20 Easter Sunday**

**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:**

Garrettsvilleohumc.com

**Email:**

Garrettsvilleohumc@gmail.com

**Facebook:**

Garrettsville United Methodist Church

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Sundays**

9:45 am - Praise Music begins  
10:00 am - Worship in the church

**Thursdays**

11:00 am - Bible Study at GUMC

**2nd Sunday of Month**

11:00 am - Monthly Birthday Celebration

**2nd Tuesday of Month**

5:30 pm - Messy Church



## Send a “Thinking of You” Card

Even if you have suffered your own losses - a job, ability to travel, 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.



### ***FYI***

Our worship service is livestreamed on Facebook.

This is a wonderful tool for anyone who doesn't want to miss a Sunday message due to sickness, weather, or being out of town. There are friends and former church members who watch every week! We are family, and when we **cannot** gather, the next best thing can be connecting online.

What you need to know is that you are on camera!

You might have noticed: there are markers in the pews that let you know if you are visible. This is not to make you self-conscious, but instead to make you aware...it's only fair and right that we tell you!





**APRIL 2025**

- April 2; Janet Heiss**
- April 5: Scott Corning**
- April 10: Jeremy Hill**  
**Matt Hill**  
**Sawyer Hill**  
**Richard Lane**  
**Jeremy Tarnowski**
- April 12: Christine Bell**  
**John See**
- April 14: Denise Cain**
- April 16: Vincent Gonzales**
- April 19: Elise Edwards**  
**Jason Edwards**
- April 21: Samantha Ensinger**  
**Benjamin Singelyn**
- April 22: Tom Fitt**  
**Stacie Oliver**
- April 25: Max Ellerhorst**  
**Marcus Schlegelmilch**
- April 27: Tom Countryman**  
**Diane Irwin**
- April 28: Jordyn Blaze**
- April 30: Jennifer Pavelko**



**April 28      Tom & Kathy Countryman**

**April 29      Mike & Cindy Cooper**

## **FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE!**



### **Live, Love, Laugh and Be Happy!**

**It's Ohio, so spring comes and goes day by day. There are a lot of things happening in April and in May. Every second Tuesday is Messy Church. It's always a special time of stories, crafts and fellowship, topped by a delicious dinner. Come and bring a friend.**

**April 8th from 5:30-7:00pm.**

**Sometimes we all need a little help, so the Membercare Committee is willing to help with rides and healthcare appointments, grocery shopping, occasional dinners. Contact Jane for more information,**

**The Vision Committee is formed to "Look for ways to be involved in our church and community". Greeters are being sought to assist the ushers in greeting people on Sunday mornings. Ushers are also needed.**

**May 4th will be John Porter Sunday. There will be a cookie and peach fellowship after service.**

**Easter is such a wonderful reflective time, a time of renewal. Holy Thursday will be observed at GUMC at 7pm with Communion. Good Friday service will be held at Nelson Church at 7pm. On April 20th, Easter services will be held in all 3 churches at their regular worship times. April 13th is Palm Sunday, It is also Birthday Sunday, so we will have cake after service.**

**Coming events in May include:**

**Mother's Day (May 11), May 13: Messy Church, May 18th: Birthday Sunday during service, and after service Barry Jones of East Ohio Conference will present information about security and safety in our church. May 26 is Memorial Day.**

### **Thought for the Month**

**When Spring is dancing among the hills, one should not stay in a little dark corner. Kahlil Gibran**



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## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

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

**April 25, 2025**

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

**Website: [garretttsvilleohumc.com](http://garretttsvilleohumc.com)**

**Facebook: [Garretttsville 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,  
Peggy Thomas, Secretary  
330-527-2055**