



*The United Methodist Church  
of Garretttsville*

*January 2019 Newsletter*

## *A Message from Rev. Rich*

Hello Friends:

I must share with you that in spite of a little cold and cough, I am quite happy about this new year of 2019 ( although I am shocked that the year **2020** is not that far away, and that year always has sounded like something from Science Fiction to me! ). One year ago we started the year with 2 Sundays that were about +1 F, and our attendance showed it! Much worse than the cold, we were informed that we were financially in trouble. 2017 had beaten us up and had not ended well. We had a chronically leaky roof, and some real concerns. But God was good, and you all were faithful. We literally ended 2018 in a far better place than 2017. On the last Sunday of 2017, our attendance was 44. Yes, 44. Why so low? Well, it was close to New Years. Well, the last Sunday of 2018 was also close to New Years. But instead of 44, we had 90. God was good, and you were faithful. Comparing December 2017 to December 2018, we had 100 more people at the Cantata this year, and 70 more people in worship for the month. I hope that this might be a trend for our Congregation.

*Hello  
January*

**Pastor's Message**  
Page 1—3

**Prayers**  
Page 4

**Opportunities**  
Page 5-6

**Card Shower**  
Page 7

**4F's**  
Page 8

**Soup & Sandwich**  
Page 9

**Birthdays & Ann**  
Page 10

**Bell Choir  
Celebration**  
Page 11

**Nursery Schedule**  
Page 12

I thank God for many good things from 2018. I thank God for a wonderful Confirmation Class ( along with good kids and their families who still come to church! ) [ b.n. please note that it has been common in churches for kids to go through Confirmation and then abruptly just disappear from their churches ]. I thank God for more and more young children who are with us most Sundays. A special thank you to Kat Berry for her tireless and steady work for children's Sunday School. I am thankful for another strong Camp Read-a-Lot and VBS. I thank God for a new roof, and a way to pay for it, along with a first fund-raiser chicken and biscuit dinner ( in my time here again ). I thank God for a December gathering with youth and leaders from the now-closed Aurora UMC along with a group of our kids, so that for the first time there was a youth group gathering in our church, the first in my 3 and 1/2 years with you. I thank God for a new choir director, and great choir and bell programs. I thank God for all the special Mission work that was done again by this church. Thank you to Pat Singelyn and her passion for those who are hungry. Make a note to be with us on January 20, as we will celebrate and learn more about the local Mission work of our church. Please make a note for the following Sunday, January 27, when we will celebrate the joy of 30 Years of Hand Bells in our church.

I am thankful for the AppleTree Preschool children and families who were with us in worship, and for our 2nd Christmas Brunch, and sadly our 1st Roger Norton Memorial Brunch. I miss his friendship, and all our saints, who from their labors rest.

We can look forward to more happening with the Youth of our church, along with the passion of Beth McMasters for this important work.

Once we make it through the Winter and beyond Holy Week, there will be a new group of our people going through the NETWORK program, along with revisiting those who have already taken part. I still have this great dream, of the right people, in the right places, for the right reasons, at the right time ( to quote the NETWORK motto ). I still dream of us living more and more into our weekly Benediction, which is also our statement of Purpose: to be the Body of Christ in this place. That means that each one of us has a job to do, as we are all called to be living body parts.

God has been good, and you have been faithful. Happy New Year! ( And thank you to Russ Hammel, whose quiet goodness keeps so many things running in this place, including Sunday mornings. Thank you Russ. )

*Rev. Rich Theurlis*

P. S. And it is so nice to have an actual NFL team in Cleveland once again!



***Pray For:***

Melody Norton



***CONTINUING***

***PRAYERS FOR:***

Ken Beatty

Fred & Jane Bell Family

Martha Cain

Don Cline

Helen Deitz

Donny Fackler

Nancy Faulkner

Becky Gardner

Daniel Loyd (Helen Manlove's Grand-  
son)

Harold Metheny Jr. (Sue Jajcinovic's  
Father)

Vera Moore

Jack McCoy

Valerie McCullough

Maxine Nimitz

Roderick Nimitz

Kenny Norris Jr.

Racheal Norris

Allie Paul

Karen Phillips

Marilyn Porter

Shirley Porter

Evelynn Rood & Family

Jack Silvis

Rita Silvis

Pam Steinfurth

**For those not men-  
tioned here but in our  
hearts.**

**Remember our shut  
ins:**

Pat Shepard

Dorothy Watson

***Church Office Hours***

***Closed Mondays***

***Tues. - Fri.  
9 am - 1 pm***

***The door is locked for  
security.***

***Please  
ring the doorbell to  
gain entry.***

***Thank you for your  
patience***

***Office Phone #:  
330-527-2055***

***Website:  
Garrettsvilleohumc.com***

***email:  
Garrettsvillumc  
@frontier.com***

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Sundays**

9:30 am - Singing and praising God

9:45 am - Worship Service

10:15 am - Children's Sunday School

10:50 am - Light refreshment

11:00 am - Adult Sunday School

3:00 pm - Grief Support Group

**Lunch Bunch @ Cal's on 2nd Sunday**

**Monday**

5:45 pm - Jesu Chimes practice

7:00 pm - Bible Study at the Church

**4F's on 2nd Monday @ 12:30pm**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP  
(CON'T)**

***Office Hours for  
Rev. Rich***

***Mondays***

*9am—Noon*

***Tuesdays***

*12 am - 1pm &  
6pm - 7pm*

***Wednesdays***

*10 am—1 pm*

***Thursdays***

*Day Of Rest*

***Fridays***

*9 am—noon*

**Tuesdays**

- 7:00 pm - BSA Troop 4262
- 1st Tuesday - Outreach @7:00pm
- 2nd Tuesday - SPRC @ 7:00pm
- 3rd Tuesday - Trustees @ 7:00pm
- 4th Tuesday - Church Council @  
7:00pm

**Wednesdays**

- 6:15 pm - Chancel Bells I Practice
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursdays**

- 7:15 pm - Chancel Bells II Practice
- 1st Thurs - Membercare @ 9:30am
- 2nd Thurs - Finance @ 7:00pm



## CARD SHOWER RECIPIENT

**January 2019**

Jay's Mother is celebrating her 98th  
birthday on January 7th

Margaret Byrne  
2525 47th Ave. SE Apt. 404  
Albany, OR 97322



***FUN, FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP  
& FAITH***

**FREE**

**JOIN US ON January 14th @ 12:30**

**AT:**

**GARRETTSVILLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**8223 PARK AVE.**

**THE 4F'S WILL INCLUDE  
REFRESHMENTS  
AND FUN ACTIVITIES.**

**BRING A FRIEND!**





**Lent is just around  
the corner.**

The Ash Wednesday Dinner and Soup and Sandwich dinners held on each Wednesday after Ash Wednesday are in the works. All Committee Chairs are asked to contact Pat Singelyn as to which Wednesday your committee wishes to do the Soup and Sandwich dinners.

From the 1st Ash Wednesday dinner 1/2 the money will be used for scholarships for people wanting to participate in the Emmaus Walk and 1/2 will go to the General Fund. The money from the rest of the dinners will go directly into the General Fund. These dinners will be advertised starting the 1st of 2019.

Thank you to all who help make these dinners possible.



## **Birthdays:**

**January 2:** Richard Davis

**January 4:** Beth McMasters  
& Joshua Steinberger

**January 7:** Mary Hecky

**January 24:** Valerie Green &  
Susan Jajcinovic

**January 27:** Daniel Ensinger

No Anniversaries In January.....



Congratulations Bell Choirs

For 30 years of beautiful music!!

*\*\*\*Chancel I Bells\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Chancel II Bells\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Jesu Chimes\*\*\**

Please join us on Sunday, January 27th at our morning worship service for a special celebration with our bell choirs. Former & present ringers will be honored.

Thank you Jeanette Poole and Linda Fall for your continued dedication and love of our bell choirs.

# Jan-Feb Nursery Schedule

---

**Jan. 6... Jean Reichelderfer 330-527-2636  
330-612-5029 Cell**

**Jan. 13.. Sandy Bray 330-527-2749**

**Jan. 20.. Valerie Green 330-469-7087 Cell**

**Jan. 27.. Cindy Cooper 330-527-4793**

---

**Feb. 3... Joanne Kraft 330-297-0533**

**Feb. 10.. Janet Heiss 330-527-4766**

**Feb. 17.. Sherri Silvis 330-527-4231  
330-235-3562 Cell**

**Feb. 24.. Jean Reichelderfer 330-527-2636  
330-612-5029 Cell**

**Thank you for your help!**

**Any questions call Jean Reichelderfer:**

**Cell: 330-612-5029**

**Home: 330-527-2636**



The United Methodist Church of Garretttsville  
8223 Park Avenue  
Garretttsville OH 44231-1223

Phone: 330-527-2055  
E-mail: [garretttsvilleumc@frontier.com](mailto:garretttsvilleumc@frontier.com)  
Website: [garretttsvilleohumc.com](http://garretttsvilleohumc.com)

## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by  
**January 29, 2019**

**Email: [garretttsvilleumc@frontier.com](mailto:garretttsvilleumc@frontier.com)**  
**Website: [garretttsvilleohumc.com](http://garretttsvilleohumc.com)**

**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, Secretary  
330-527-2055**