



## *A Message from Rev. Rich*

Hello Friends:

I don't know if anyone else is having this reaction, but looking at the year that arrives in a few days, I cannot help but think of what we call *sci-fi* ( science fiction ). **2021 !!!** That sounds a bit like a futuristic novel that someone might have written back in 1967! *We will all have flying cars!* **2021**. If nothing else, that is striking me as a *high number*. But it is almost here. And we will greet its coming with uncertainty but possibly also with hope.

Christmas Eve ( and Day ) was quite different, if not plain old disappointing. We probably all have customs for the holiday season. Usually we have 10 extra people in the parsonage, and we enjoy certain foods and desserts. This year we had none of that. On Sunday we met with our kids on the front porch for 3 hours, which was actually great. We had to find a way to make the best of it. We have been forced to do this more and more for the last 9 months. Hopefully we are getting used to it. And hopefully, at this time next year, we will have many things running normally again. But we need to make the best of it until we get there.

With the coming of the new year, I am planning to make the best of the winter months by doing a special series of messages. This is going to be called "*YOU ARE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.*" I actually did something like this 4 years ago. This will take us through the beginning of Lent, which will begin on February 17. We are kind of a captive audience as there will not be much else for us to do. But we need to keep making the best of the days that surround us now.

We will not get these days back. If we have to continue to hunker down and stay home, we have a chance to do some more serious thinking about what we believe and why it matters. So that is what I have planned. We will continue to ZOOM in lots of ways.

For now, please continue to be careful and stay safe. A great danger that seems to happen to people is that they get tired of being careful. They let their guard down. We cannot do that. Spring is coming, and things will get better. We can do this.

May God bless and keep you all, and all the world. Happy New Year!

*Rev. Rich Theurlis*

***Pray For:***

Carson Cooper

Ann Kalina

Melody Norton

Heidi Parazeau

Harriet Singelyn

Barb West



***CONTINUING***

***PRAYERS FOR:***

Rich & Jessie Adams

Nancy Baldwin

Jr. Barker (Nephew of Jack & Leah Schultz)

Fred Bell

Rev. Edgar Brady

Donny Fackler

Nancy Faulkner

Becky Gardner

Mollie Lewis

Hermine McGarvey

Holly Schaffer

Melissa McGuire

Maxine Nimitz

Roderick Nimitz

Kenny Norris Jr.

Shirley Porter

Jerry Pesicek

Reita Silvis

Bob Singelyn

Pam Steinfurth

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Thank you for your  
patience

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP**

### **Sundays**

9:30 AM - VIRTUAL WORSHIP  
SERVICE

**PLEASE SIGN INTO ZOOM**

### **Monday**

**10:00 AM Nelson Bible Study**

**7:00 PM GUMC Bible Study**

**Both Bible Studies are on Zoom**

Dear Friends,

The offering envelopes are available for 2021. If you would like them mailed to you or delivered, please call Shirley Cline at 330-235-3240. You can still give without using the offering envelopes. Contributions can be mailed to:

Garrettsville UMC

8223 Park Ave.

Garrettsville, Ohio 44231

c/o Shirley Cline

Thank you for all your contributions.



## Send a “Thinking of You” Card

Living through a pandemic is incredibly 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.



01/01: Jessica Edwrds

01/02: Richard Davis

01/04: Beth McMasters

01/07: Becky Harrington

Mary Hecky

01/12: Jeffrey Ellerhorst

01/16: Caitlynn Harrington

Tammy McKenzie

01/19: Grace Edwards

Ivy Harrington

01/24: Valarie Green

Susan Jajcinovic

Andy Lininger

01/27: Daniel Ensinger

01/31 Brianne Finney

**No Anniversaries for January.**



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## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by  
**January 21, 2020**

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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, Secretary  
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