



A Message from Rev. Rich

Hello Friends:

Last Saturday a small group of our people worked together in our sanctuary. Some lights were on, the PA was on, and preparations were being made. It was actually emotional for me. I think that it will be emotional on October 4th when some of us will return to Park Avenue for worship together.

While many of our churches have had limited reopening, some have remained closed. Let us not forget that over 200,000 Americans are no longer with us and if the death rate continues, this number will double by New Years Day. I imagine that most of us have taken this all very seriously over the last 6 months, so that we have learned to be careful. I fear that we will have to continue being careful for a long time to come. So, we will.

In other immediate news, this Sunday, September 27, we will have a special opportunity that we have not had before. In the face of this pandemic and the need for social distance, we will have a chance to worship with a few thousand friends, and with our Bishop. This will be a special service, and I am thrilled at the thought of many of our people hearing Bishop Tracy Malone for possibly the first time. Sunday morning, since there will be NO ZOOM (*just on September 27*), go to eocumc.com and click on the top right button that says LIVESTREAM. This will let you watch the service. I hope you will tune in to this at 9:55 am.

In one other important piece of news, the date for our Fall CHARGE CONFERENCE has been set for November 8 (Sunday) at 2 pm. This will be done with ZOOM as well, from our sanctuary. For everyone in positions of leadership, please save the date. Even though we have not been functioning in a normal way for 6 months, we still need to prepare for 2021. Reports will be made, a budget for 2021 will be proposed, and new committee members will be asked to serve. We will do our work, and these things will be accomplished.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the work of our church. Our budget had been going very well, all things considered, until the month of August. If you would normally be supporting our church in the month of August, and you might have overlooked this, we hope that you might fulfill it.

Please keep our schools, kids, and teachers in your prayers as we try to move forward. At least 6 teachers in the US have died from Covid-19 since schools have reopened. Pray for doctors and nurses who deal with this every day, and especially for those whose lives have also been taken by this virus.

May God bless and keep you, and all the world.

Rev. Rich Theulis

NEWS ALERT!

Our United Methodist Church of Garrettsville will be partially re-opened on OCTOBER 4, 2020 just in time for WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. This is for those who wish to return to our sanctuary, and who believe it is safe enough in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Others might not choose to do this at this time. But please understand this information:

1) There will be TWO services, one on ZOOM and a later one in the sanctuary. Our ZOOM service will continue on the computer at 9:30 am in our homes. This will be recorded for others to watch as well. Our Sanctuary service will begin with music at 10:45 am and the service starting at 11 am.

2) We will continue to make sermons available for those who would like them.

3) For those returning to the Sanctuary (as the COVID-19 troubles continue) we must have all safety protocols followed:

a) Masks are mandatory. They must be on at all times.

b) Social Distancing must be observed. People from the same household can be seated together, but all others must be 6 feet apart.

c) People can only sit in pews numbered 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 (basically every-other pew). 5 persons will be permitted to sit in the choir area. The balcony will remain closed except for the Sound-Video helpers.

d) There will be no hymnals, bulletins, or other books for people to touch. Offering plates and Communion will NOT be passed from person to person. *** Communion will be available in little self-contained portions, to be picked up while entering.

e) Restrooms will be available but hopefully people can take care of this before they arrive.

f) At the end of the service those towards the front will exit WITH DISTANCE through the front exit (by the organ), while others towards the back can exit WITH DISTANCE through either street-side door.

g) We will depart the sanctuary *immediately after the service*, and will close the doors up. Unfortunately there can be no inside visiting.

h) We will need some volunteer cleaners to clean up the sanctuary on the following Saturday. We currently have no custodian, but this will be filled at some point.

Other congregations have been doing this. Others are still closed. It is not the same as it was. The services will be shorter. We are not supposed to sing, which is really a great loss for now. But we will make the best of it. Please know that not all of our people will return to the sanctuary at this time. That is fine. There is no judgment. But there will be masks and social distancing.

If you do not feel well, *please do not come to worship*. Please.

Thank you. This has been approved by your Church Council.

Rev. Richard K. Thewlis

Daily Prayers for Morning and Evening:

Sunday Morning: You have brought us again to new life, Almighty God, and gathered us in the community of faith to be your people as we work and witness in this world. Feed us today with the presence of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be bold witnesses in all we say and do, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Sunday Evening: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you poured out your love for us and claimed us as your own. Keep us secure in your gracious embrace this night and in every tomorrow, by the power of your Spirit, in the name of Christ our risen Lord. AMEN.

Monday Morning: Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands to do the work of your creation, and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all. AMEN.

Monday Evening: Great God, you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken. Unite us with the scattered people of the earth that we may be one family of your children. Bind up all our wounds, and heal us in spirit, that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Master and Savior. AMEN.

Tuesday Morning: Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, in the beauty of human life. Your touch makes this world holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Tuesday Evening: God of glory, no darkness of despair nor gloom of sin can eclipse the light of your love revealed in Jesus Christ. May we shine brightly in serving him, and reflect something of your overwhelming love for the whole world in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Wednesday Morning: God of grace, we praise you for the richness of your love, for you rescue those in peril and ransom the captives. Give us grace to proclaim your mighty acts of redemption in Jesus Christ, in our lives, in our community, in our nation, and throughout the world. Then all will turn again to give you glory and honor. AMEN.

Wednesday Evening: O God, you have brought us through this day to a time of reflection and rest. Calm our souls within us, and give us a sense of your peace that will renew us. Keep us close to Christ that we may be closer to one another because of his wondrous love. In his name we pray. AMEN.

Thursday Morning: Mighty God, you have given us life and all goodness, and you bring us daily to new life in Jesus Christ. Re-create us in Christ's image, and fill us anew with your Spirit, that we may be your new creation and bring about your purpose in this world you love, through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Thursday Evening: To you, O God, we give up the burdens of this day, trusting your love and mercy. To you, O God, we surrender ourselves, trusting our risen Lord to lead us always in the way of peace, today, tomorrow, and always. AMEN.

Friday Morning: Eternal God, remind us always that you have gone before us through every dark valley, and that Christ walks with us still. Free us from fear that we may be firm in our discipleship. Lead us to stand with all who suffer and to support the cause of justice and goodness in Christ's name. AMEN.

Friday Evening: As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. Come upon us with quietness and still our souls that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your Name, and to show Christ to the world. AMEN.

Saturday Morning: Take our lives, great God, and mold us into the image of Jesus. Forgive all waywardness in us, and move us beyond our sin to set afresh with Christ, who is our only way. Give peace to us, to all your children, and to the whole world for which Christ died. AMEN.

Saturday Evening: Inspire us, Holy One, that we may wait expectantly for all you promise, and look forward to new life in Jesus Christ. Keep us moving on life's journey, traveling with our brother Jesus, through every darkness toward the dawn of the Lord's Day. AMEN.

Pray For:

Carson Cooper

Ann Kalina

Melody Norton

Heidi Parazeau

Harriet Singelyn

Barb West



CONTINUING

PRAYERS FOR:

Rich & Jessie Adams

Nancy Baldwin

Fred Bell

Rev. Edgar Brady

Donny Fackler

Nancy Faulkner

Becky Gardner

Mollie Lewis

Hermin McGarvey

Melissa McGuire

Joan Mendik

Maxine Nimitz

Roderick Nimitz

Kenny Norris Jr.

Shirley Porter

Reita Silvis

Pam Steinfurth

**For those not mentioned
here but in our hearts.**

**Remember our shut ins:
Pat Shepard**

Finance Committee Report for August, 2020

General Fund:

Receipts—\$8,045.75

Expenses—\$10,182.09

Thank you for your support!

New

Garrettsville United Methodist Church Directory

Yes, the new directory is done!

Thank you to all for submitting your family information. We finally have it all entered into our new church system. Thanks to Jean Reichelderfer for the many hours she has spent reviewing the director for accuracy. If you find something that needs to be updated, please call the office.

The directory is available at the office on Tuesday and Wednesday between 9am and 12pm. Please call the office before coming in so we can have it printed out for you.

Or, we can email it to you.



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.



10/01: Sally Everett, Robert Schwan Jr.

10/05: Jean Reichelderfer

10/06: Cameron Cupples

10/07: Jack Schultz

10/10: Keith Ellerhorst, Connie Evans

10/16: Ken Beatty, Karl Hecky

10/17: Maureen See

10/18: Naomi Hill

10/21: Gabee Tarnowski

10/21: Jeff Andrews

10/24: Dianne Bradfield

10/27: Maddie Lininger, Dottie McCoy, Carol Olin

10/28: Jan Chalker, Debbie Owen

10/29: Sandi Richmond

10/30: Mark Ellerhorst

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/05: Bob & Pat Amor

10/06: Tim & Mandy Duncan

10/15: Jeff & Barb Cook

10/16: Richard & Melanie Collopy

Scott & Rebecca Corning

10/25: Phil & Kim Bell

**Church Office
Hours are Tues-
day –
Wednesday from
9am to 12pm.**

Please call and leave
a message. The Sec-
retary will return
your calls.

Office Phone #:
330-527-2055

Rev. Rich is in the of-
fice everyday except
Wednesday.

The door is locked for
security.

Please
ring the doorbell to
gain entry.

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

10:45 am - GUMC Service

Monday

**** We are happy to announce that
our Apple Tree Preschool will open in
October!!**

Dear Friends,

We miss our worship together. We miss our ability to reach out and support our larger communities and their families. With our masks ready, our committee is still here to be of help. We still can assist with transportation, meals, etc. If you have a need please contact our chair person, Jean Reichelderfer at 330-527-2636 or Linda Fall at 330-730-4672 or any other committee member – Jane Bell, Stevie Byrne, Kathy Countryman, Carol Olin, Chalene Osterman, Jeanette Poole or Leah Schultz.

Through our community of faith know our prayers and love shared can be the needed healing grace. Peace be with You.

The Member Care Committee

Pumpkins have been a symbol of Americans' longing for simpler, rural times since we began moving to the cities in the 19th century. Take this opportunity to try out a pumpkin recipe found in United Methodist Cookbook from years past. The following recipe was found in:



A BOOK OF FAVORITE
Recipes
Home Builders
Of
GARRETTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
Cica 1985

Pumpkin Bread by Betty Harvey

3 c. flour	2 c. pumpkin
1 tsp. soda	4 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. salt	1 1/4c. Cooking oil
3 tsp. cinnamon	1/2 c. chopped nutmeats
2 c. sugar	

Sift dry ingredients in large bowl, add sugar. Make a well in center of dry mixture, add eggs, pumpkin, oil and nutmeats. Mix just until blended and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Makes 2 loaves.



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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by
November 20, 2020

Email: garretttsvilleumc@frontier.com
Website: 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**