



A Message from Rev. Rich

Hello Friends:

While it seems clear that this COVID monster is still making its way through our nation, I have a thought for the near future... At least for a while we might have a chance to worship together, with some others, *outdoors*. The good people of Portage Faith, and Nelson/Windham have been meeting outside at Camp Asbury. They have been doing this at 9 AM. I understand that it is going well. They wear masks and sit at least 6 feet apart, but they are able to enjoy a worship experience together.

Now, here is the problem for us: we have ZOOM church on the computer at 9:30 AM. It would seem that we cannot do both, or certainly I cannot be in 2 places at once. Let me offer a temporary suggestion: Could we move our ZOOM service to 10:30 AM, so that others could worship at Camp Asbury at 9 AM? I would be doing both, and I believe I could be back before 10:30 to get online with the ZOOM regulars.

Please hear me on this one thing: it is totally clear now, as this virus rages in new areas that children can get this, and college kids certainly can get it too. While some seem to refuse to believe this, it is in fact dangerous to be INDOORS in close proximity to other people. Younger adults have been out with friends and having a happy time, but it only takes a few of them to spread the virus, and then many others will have it. It is simply how an epidemic or a pandemic works. It has always been this way.

Recently I was asked if I could say something hopeful for us, in a pastoral care way. I wish that I could. I have total confidence in the goodness and wisdom of God. I cannot say the same about humanity. I mentioned this in a sermon 5 weeks ago: I am not optimistic about our goodness, and certainly not our wisdom. I have not been optimistic about how our nation would handle this crisis. I still am not. We humans have a long history of always wanting to do things the hard way. It is a very good thing that God has never given up on wanting to rescue us, often from ourselves and our own worst actions.

I know that our numbers for COVID in Portage County are not that bad. As of today, September 1, we have had 858 confirmed cases with 65 deaths. Ohio has had over 123,000 cases and over 4,000 deaths. We need to be careful and smart about this. People do travel around. Many people do travel regularly to Cleveland, or Akron, or Kent, or Youngstown. And then they come home to Garrettsville. And it is very possible to carry the virus to our community. For this reason alone, I am still very concerned about meeting indoors for worship. I know that many of our congregation are equally concerned.

We will have quite a communication blitz here within the next week. If we are to invite folks to outdoor worship at Camp Asbury (bring your own chairs and masks) at 9 AM and then have our usual ZOOM service at 10:30 AM, we will make sure that everyone is aware of this change.

IN OTHER NEWS my Nelson Bible Study group will resume at Nelson, outdoors to start with, at 10 AM on September 14. Monday, September 14. Again, we will need to bring a lawn chair as we will be outside. But we will be together, and I look forward to that.

Even though our church has been quite dormant for the last 5+ months, we still will be asking people to serve our church in 2021. Some took positions in 2020 eager to serve, but we haven't had many meetings. We thank you anyway. At this moment there is no date for Charge Conference, but there will still be one, maybe not until November. We will prepare, and we will be ready.

Please pray for one key thing: we need testing that gives results in 24 hours instead of 5 to 10 days. That is just too late. People who have it need to stay home for a few weeks. But we have to know who carries it. Pray that this test might come soon. If we could stop spreading it around, it would fade.

God still loves us. All shall be well. Love each other. As we have been learning from our Sermon on the Mount from Jesus, in God's Kingdom to come, the meek, the gentle, the humble, the poor in spirit will be blessed. May God's Kingdom come.

Rev. Rich Theurlis

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**

Please Help!!

We received a check posted from Western Union at Giant Eagle #6348 in the amount of \$80.00. There was no name on the check.

If you sent this check, please contact the office so we can post it to the proper giver and account.

Thank you.

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 directory 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9/03: Art & Jeannette Hall
- 9/05: Richard & Jill Thewlis
- 9/11: Mark & Denise Ellerhorst
- 9/15: Richard & Sandy Everett
- 9/17: Frank & Mistie Obreza
- 9/22: Bob & Kay Smith
- 9/23: Ted & Jeanette Poole



9/02: Andrew Ellerhorst

9/03: Sandra Bray, Shirley Cline

9/04: Sue Andrews, Sandy Everett,
Amy Fall, Michael Parizeau

9/15: Chris Brys, Lydia Ellerhorst

9/16: John Wolfe

9/17: Laura Young

9/19: Margaret Thomas



9/21: Jill Thewlis

9/22: Jeff Cook, Ann Kalina,
Bill McDowell

9/24: Sug Gough

9/25: Mike Cooper

9/26: Linda Fall, John Porter

9/28: Bonnie Oliver

9/30: Marilee Louk, Alleen Michael

**Church Office
Hours are Tues-
day –Friday from
9am to 1pm.**

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

Website:
Garrettsvilleo-
humc.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Sundays

10:30 am - Service @ Camp Asbury

9:30 AM - VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
PLEASE SIGN INTO ZOOM

Monday

Nelson Bible Study group will resume at
Nelson, outdoors to start with, at 10 AM
on September 14. We will need to bring
a lawn chair as we will be outside.



Thank You Thank You
For all your concerns, cards
and calls. It is very much
appreciated. I'm healing and
Jerry and I are making it
work. He is a big Help.
Looking forward to seeing
everybody again.

Jerry & Carol Clark

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

Apple Tree Preschool News

****OPEN REGISTRATION****

2020-2021 School Year

If you or a friend have a 3 - 4 year old who would like to come learn, play and make new friends, for a few hours 3 days a week, check out our preschool.

Location: Garrettsville United Methodist Church

8223 Park Ave. (Next to the YMCA)

For more information:

Email: gumcappletree@gmail.com

Don't let social distancing dull your dinner table. Take this opportunity to try out some recipes found in United Methodist cookbooks from years past. The following recipe were found in:

A BOOK OF FAVORITE

Recipes

Home Builders

Of

GARRETTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Cica 1985



EAST COAST PEACH COBBLER

Leah Schultz

1 stick butter or oleo
1 1/2 c. sugar
3/4 c. flour
2 tsp. baking powder

pinch of salt
3/4 c. milk
2 c. sliced peaches

Melt the butter in a 9" square pan and set aside. Make a batter of 1 cup sugar, the flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour batter over melted butter but do not stir. Batter will be thin.

Mix sliced peaches with remaining 1/2 cup of sugar and place over top of batter. Do not stir.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve hot from oven or cooled. Can be topped with cream or ice cream, delicious plain.



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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit articles, committee news or announcements for the next newsletter please provide by
October 1, 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**