



THE MONTHLY CHIMES NEWSLETTER
OF THE GARRETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vision Statement

Actively Living Jesus' Grace for the World



2020



**Don't fear, because I am with you;
don't be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
I will surely help you;
I will hold you
with my righteous strong hand.
Isaiah 41:10**

I have really enjoyed beginning to get to know many of you over the past few weeks. The time that you have graciously allowed me gave us the opportunity to share our hopes and dreams for Garrett UMC with each other as well as express the things that have us the most concerned and at times afraid.

One of the biggest things that I discovered with all of you here at Garrett is that you are grieving. In many ways, the revolving door of pastors has been a little unsettling for many of you. In the hot potato shuffle of clergy leadership changes, I am very pleased to see how many of you stepped up to fill in the gaps that were there to keep Garrett afloat and yourselves cared for.

My primary task here at Garrett UMC is to ask questions and to ferret out and help solve anything that holds Garrett UMC back from making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As your pastor, this means that there are days people will really like me and days where I may cause some of you to curse me a bit. It is important to make sure that you all know that I love you. Everything that I focus on is to help Garrett and all of its membership grow into the disciples that Jesus wants us to be. Sometimes that means addressing things that scare us.

A big fear for many of you centers around the denominational possibility of a split. The fear is that Garrett and all of the churches in the area will lose something if the split happens. As far as we know at this time, there are MANY proposals to how the General Conference should resolve the denomination's differences. Experience has taught us from GC2019, that nothing is a sure thing when it comes to a voting body. With that said, the proposal that seems to have picked up some steam is the one that involves an amicable split of the denomination as a whole. If this proposal passes, churches will be allowed to choose which direction they wish to go in. The "Trust" clause would be gracefully set aside for a year or so while the dust settles and churches and Annual Conferences re-organize. So, our job will remain as it always has been. We will love God and we will love others building strong relationships in both areas that will transform our community and the world around us. When the time comes that we have to make a decision, it will not be done in haste or in fear. We will pray. If we have followed Christ's commands to love, then the path we need to take will be revealed to us long before we need to answer that question. As your pastor, I will make sure that I keep you all up to date on what is going on in that fight. What I am asking of you is that you take a moment and breathe. Please walk with me and do not be afraid. God has brought Garrett and literally thousands of other congregations to this point and I am positive that God will see us through this.

Finally, as we begin to focus on being a missional church to our community, I encourage you to volunteer your time and talents to this ministry. This is your opportunity to play a part in God's very own story, a story of love and redemption. Please also remember that your gifts, tithes, and offerings play a big part in fulfilling the mission placed before us. Continue with your faithful giving and seek out additional ways to help Garrett UMC reach people for Christ. God bless you all.

In His service always,
Pastor Don Zlaty

August Scriptures

August 2 – Luke 18:13-14
August 9 – James 4:1-4
August 16 – Mark 9: 21-29
August 23 – 1 John 5:14
August 30 – Daniel 9:18



United Methodist Women

I know this time of cancelled events and inability to *really* be together for Fellowship has been difficult, but we are coming through it with our **PEACE, FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE** still totally intact. God's got us!!!

The officers have discussed what was coming up on the calendar for August through October. We have decided that with the situation being what it is, it is best to cancel the August 11th meeting and couple that with the October 13th meeting to fulfill all of the following programs:

- Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Movie "One Night with the King" will hopefully be rescheduled and we can have just a fun, relaxed evening.
- World Thank Offering
- Election of Officers

I am not sure at this point what specifically this will look like, but patience is a wonderful virtue!



At this writing we will still plan on making Apple Dumplings on October 28 and 31 since this is an important fundraiser. But, we will need to evaluate that as it gets closer.

The Friendship Tea for 2020 is being cancelled. Hopefully this can take place in May of 2021.

As a reminder, INUMW asked us to send in the full amount of our pledges early if it was possible due to the COVID crisis. We did take care of that along with a separate \$500 donation to Lucille Raines for COVID relief for the individuals that live there. We received letters thanking us for both and how grateful they were to us for doing so.

Please try to get your pledge in as soon as possible. If you were unable to attend the February Pledge service, please feel free to make your pledge and payment at the same time. If you fall into this group, you will be receiving a letter in the near future, making it easy for you to get your pledge in due to the circumstances.

Please look at the information under Martha Circle for those activities.

Everyone be safe and God bless! Vickie Fiandt, UMW President

Martha Circle

On August 17, at 10:00am, Martha Circle will assemble to work on Cancer Pads in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own needle, thread, and scissors. Each lady is to bring her own lunch. Drinks will be provided.



See you August 17 for fellowship with one another and for helping to provide much needed items for cancer patients.



Church Directory Updates Requested

It's time to update the GUMC Church Directory. If you have any phone, email, or address changes in the past year, please let Dawn Blessinger know. You can email her any updates at admin@garrettumc.org or call at 260-357-3315. We would like to get the information updated so we can share the new directory once it is safe to do so. Thank you!

Garrett Methodist Church Website Relaunch

Check out the newly relaunched Garrett Methodist Church Website relaunch!
Go to garrettumc.org and see what's new!



United Methodist Mountain Mission Annual Pick-up

It's time for the annual pick-up for Mountain Mission in Kentucky. Please bring items to GUMC by Sunday, August 9.

Items needed for Stores/Customers: summer clothes for men & children, paper towels, men's & children's shoes, socks & underwear, good used furniture, good pots & pans, etc.

Please put items in the closet area by the west door at the top of the basement stairs.

August

Birthdays

5th- Keith Flesher

13th - Tonya Avery

14th - Charles Atkison

19th - Mark Krider

26th- Jim Gordon

30th - Pat Bennett

10th - Sharon Brown

13th- Adam Moore

18th - Sarah Delbecq

22nd - Marilyn Prinzing

28th - Shannon DeWitt

31st - Carolyn Thrush

Anniversaries

9th - Rick & Marie Moore

19th - Gary & Dina Crabill

21st - Paul & Patricia Cook



Nursing Homes:

Marilyn McCorkle - Miller's;

Mark Brittan - Sacred Heart; Lenore
Gavin - Betz's

Shut-ins:

Sue Atkison, Kim Folden,
Vondalea Murphy, & Chuck Followell

There will be no August Fellowship Hour



Prayer Network Garrett UMC

Initial Contact

Kim Folden 357-8827
Pastor Don Zlaty 317-730-2688

Kim will then call the first person on the call chain as well as send out the text chain.

To avoid multiple texts on the text chain, please don't respond that we are praying, that is a given.

Call Prayer Chain

Jean Wappes 239-2770
Shirley Griffin 357-3583

Text Prayer Chain

Sue Hurd 205-4446
Linda Souder 704-3237
Sharon Brown 403-7318
Alice Yingling 908-0065
Vicki Fiandt 908-2101
Pat Kinsey 433-3328
Carol Walker 908-1312
Teresa Wilhelm 760-1974
Beth Flesher 229-834-0179
Marie Moore 226-5680
Tifani Gibson 553-4873



Pastor Don's Office Hours

Because of Pastor Don's dual schedule, he is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 2:00pm by appointment only. Please contact Dawn Blessinger to schedule an appointment. Pastor Don can be reached anytime via email, text, or phone. 317-730-2688 or don.zlaty@inumc.org

Tuesday – 10:00am - 2:00pm by appointment
Thursday – 10:00am - 2:00pm by appointment



Secretary's Office Hours Dawn Blessinger



Tuesday 8:00 – 11:00am; Wednesday 8:30 – 11:30am;
Thursday – Friday 8:00 – 11:00am

****Dawn's hours will follow GKB School's 2 hour delay schedule when applicable.****

God's Promises

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FAITHFULNESS
PROMISES
HAPPINESS
BLESSINGS
JESUS
FATHER

HOLINESS
AGAPE LOVE
PHYSICAL
DESERT PEACE
GODS WORD
PACTS

COVERING
HEALING
PROVISION
FINANCES