

# UMC EXPRESS



*They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.*

*~Matthew 2:11 (MSG)*

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## Important Dates

January 7

**United Methodist Men**

9:00 AM

January 10

**Finance**

7:00 PM

January 11

**Bible and Burritos**

**El Patron**

6:30 PM

January 14

**MT25OC Food Distribution**

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

January 16

**Outreach**

7:00 PM

January 17

**United Women in Faith**

7:00 PM

January 21

**Food Pantry**

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

January 23

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

1:00 PM-7:00 PM

# What's Happening At Seville UMC?

## Bibles and Burritos

Join the Cloverleaf Collaborative Community for scripture and reflection as we share a meal together.

Hear a Jesus story and share in the discussion questions:

*How did this story affect the people at the time?*

*Where do I fit in this story?*

*How is this story relevant today?*



Share the meal and be part of the conversation!

El Patron 101 Greenwich Rd. Seville

The second Wednesday of each month

beginning January 11

6:30pm



## February Newsletter

The Deadline for the January Newsletter  
is Friday, January 20, 2023.

## J.C.'s Kid's Choir

J.C.'s Kids is a children's choir of the Seville United Methodist Church. It is open to children age 5 through 6th grade. Practices are every Wednesday at 5:30 PM and go through the beginning of May. J.C.'s Kids sing every 2nd Sunday at the 10:45 AM service. They usually do a Christmas & spring program with songs, solos, speaking parts and acting. There have children's bells that they play also. Please feel free to join!

## Chancel Choir

Do you like to sing? Then Chancel Choir may be the group for you! We are a small group, but we love to praise and worship our Lord with song. Practice is every Thursday at 7 PM.

## Sunday School

Sunday School continues every week at 9:30 AM for all ages. Please encourage children in grades Pre-K through 6th to join us downstairs. Adults meet in the parlor.

# A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

*Reverend Donald Kuntz*

Thanks for those doing good and doing well and doing more in their support roles.

Many of us know about First Corinthians 13, “the love chapter.” Few of us realize it follows First Corinthians 12, the “are your parts cooperating or competing chapter.”

Paul wrote the memorable line: “The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you.” His point is that body parts work together. The relevant question for us is how can members of the community work together?

Seville UMC has many movable parts, and sometimes we work together and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we get in each other's way and make each other's work harder. How can we become more thoughtful in working together? How can we share the building among our many groups and the community organizations which rely upon us?

Since our cleaning service only works a few hours in the middle of the day on Wednesdays, any group having an activity between Wednesday and Sunday could pay attention to cleaning and emptying trash so things look nice for members and visitors on Sunday. We are moving from the muddy season into the salt on the pavement season, so instead of tracking in mud on our shoes we track in salt on our shoes. Just something to think about.

Some of the answer is in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians, about honoring and respecting each other; most of the answer is in the 13th chapter, “love puts up with a lot of stuff.” Love goes the second mile, love cares who will use this room after us, love doesn't just rush out of the building when our event is over (it patiently turns out the lights, looks to see what's left on the floor, tidying just a little bit in thanks for using the space).

Faith hope and love are braided together. Paul says the greatest of these is love.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf  
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



# Missions at Seville UMC

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

|                     | Total Households | Seniors (age 60+) | Adults (age 18-59) | Children (age birth-17) | Total Individuals |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| SCFP year end 2022  | 176              | 147               | 246                | 190                     | 584               |
| MT25OC Aug-Dec 2022 | 1181             | 1002              | 1310               | 826                     | 3138              |

Thank you for your continued support for these ministries! Your time, abilities, financial and product donations are making a difference in the lives of many of our neighbors!



The mission journey to Camp Lamoia in Guatemala was a great time as we working on the relationship with Lulu Ramirez. The work at the camp was basic maintenance. The team replaced eight toilets, painted doors, and replaced plywood eaves. The camp is used for Annual Conference, church retreats, and other gatherings.



VIM Guatemala



We learned about the micro loans provided to women's cooperatives for looms to make shawls to sell in town and chickens and pigs to sell for eggs

and meat. These projects provide money so children can attend school, basic health needs can be met, and families can become vital members of the community. We learned about the Nutrition Center where children might receive the one meal that will nourish them for the day.



We learned that most pastors have a 2nd grade education. It is difficult to imagine the gospel of prosperity in this place where so many people struggle each day. The work Lulu is doing is making a difference for the people she can reach.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, April 30 - Join the Cloverleaf Collaborative in a Rice Meal Pack with Midwest Mission!

Details coming!





United  
Women  
in Faith

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way for the success of the bazaar and turkey dinner! It's hard work for all, but the fun and fellowship is a plus!

The dinner profit was nearly \$1500 and will remain in our treasury to support missions during the year. Bazaar earnings will support five different mission locally and throughout the world.

Seventeen poinsettias were purchased and delivered and made a bright spot in persons' lives.

"We are all Part of God's Story" is our program title for the year of 2023. A program and goal meeting was held on December 28.

**We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.**

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## Staff-Parish Relations

Goals were set on the Local Church Assessment forms. These were voted on and approved at Charge Conference last October.

### **Short Term Goals:**

**Strengthen The Cloverleaf Cooperative:** Clergy responsibilities: Work with area churches to plan events for Cloverleaf Cooperative. Congregation responsibilities: SPRC and Laity will participate in cooperative events, participate in training events, and encourage each other to share in community events.

**Visitation:** Clergy responsibilities: Make the Laity aware of visitation needs. Share the attendance sheet showing parishioners who haven't been attending. Congregation responsibilities: Reach out by sending cards and making phone calls. Visit along with Pastor. Renew shepherding committee. The committee will report back to Pastor.

### **Long Term Goals:**

**Making Church more ADA compliant.** Clergy responsibilities: Look into Conference resources on Disabilities Awareness. Congregation responsibilities: Work with Trustees to find companies that can help us meet the goal. Support the idea to create awareness. Developer simulations.

**Fresh Expressions:** Clergy responsibilities: Encourage everyone to have a voice. Help laity accomplish the goals of finding new ways to reach those outside the church. Congregation responsibilities: Laity lead Jesus stories. Invite others. Come up with places we can hold meetings. Share stories.

# Worship

*Looking ahead*

## January 1

Rev. Carl Dulin

Epiphany

10:45 AM only

### Scripture

### Hymns

### Greeters/Ushers

10:45 Valerie & Dave Welday

### Acolytes

10:45 Evelyn Welday

Evan Reigler

### Liturgist

10:45 Melanie Gladden

Counter *MAYBE YOU?*

## January 8

Baptism of the Lord

### Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29 (UMH\_761)

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-18

### Hymns

157 Jesus Shall Reign

Where're the Sun

500 Spirit of God, Descend

upon my Heart

605 Wash, O God, our Sons

and Daughters

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Lea & Mark Ewing

10:45 Darla & Wendel Payn

### Acolytes

8:30 Noah Pawlus

10:45 Evelyn Welday

Evan Reigler

### Liturgist

8:45 Bill Reedy

10:45 Rev. Tammy

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### Communion Steward

8:45 Jean Eby

10:45 Tara Freeland

## January 15

### Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40 (UMH 774)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

### Hymns

156 I Love to Tell the Story

452 My Faith Looks Up to

Thee

568 Christ for the World We

Sing

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Roseann & Craig Wood

10:45 Jan & Fran Menssen

### Acolytes

8:30 Noah Pawlus

10:45 Evelyn Welday

Evan Reigler

### Liturgist

8:45 Jerrica Pawlus

10:45 Phil Carpenter

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## January 22

### Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27 (UMH 758)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

### Hymns

173 Christ, Whose Glory

Fills the Skies

348 Softly and Tenderly

398 Jesus Calls us O're the

Tumult

### Greeters/Ushers

6:00 Taerie Reedy

Martha Springer

11:00 Joan & Roy Bise

### Acolytes

8:30 Noah Pawlus

10:45 Evelyn Welday

Evan Reigler

### Liturgist

8:30 Heather Cottingham

10:45 Rev. Tammy

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## January 29

### Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15 (UMH 747)

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31

Matthew 5:1-12

### Hymns

530 Are Ye Able

402 Lord, I Want to be a  
Christian

504 Old Rugged Cross

### Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Nancy & Brian Greer

10:45 Chris Wotowiec

Joyce Milota

### Acolytes

8:30 Noah Pawlus

10:45 Evelyn Welday

Evan Reigler

### Liturgist

8:30 Bobbi Placke

10:45 Phil Carpenter

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## January Birthdays

- 3 Jim Freiberger
- 4 Vicki Fugate  
Kevin Barr  
Brooke Swain
- 9 Mary Neel
- 10 Lori Morris
- 11 Chuck Powell
- 16 Lea Ewing  
Emily Gorey
- 19 Denise George
- 22 Walter Eby
- 23 Olivia Welday
- 28 Bette Smith



# News You Can Use...

## Canal District Lay Servant Message

Lydia Stahl, District Director of Lay Servant Ministries

As the New Year begins, I hope you find God's love, peace, and mercy. As servants of Jesus Christ we are called to share the good news. During this time many of us are struggling to see where God is leading us. Lay Servant Ministries is a great place to find your mission and gifts. Pastors please look to your congregation for folks that would love to take our Basic Course which teaches leadership, caring, and, communication skills. Every church lay leader should take the Basic Course and anyone in a leadership role would benefit from the class.

For those who have taken the Basic Course and would love to learn more we have advanced courses twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. As a lay servant you can learn more about the United Methodist church, John Wesley's teachings, and how to help your congregation and church communities. Being a lay servant does not mean you have to preach. Many servants choose not to, but it does equip you if you would choose that path or are asked to help with a service.

We have a great team of teachers and we have a great time learning together. I can't wait to see you soon in one of our upcoming classes.

~Lydia Stahl, Lay Servant Ministries District Director

God call each one of differently. If God is calling you this year to serve Him consider contacting the Lay Servant Ministries.

### 2023 Schedule for classes:

Basic Course: February 24, 6-9 pm and February 25, 8 am to 4 pm (Deadline Feb. 3)

Location: Lockwood United Methodist Church, 3680 Manchester Rd, Akron

Spring Advanced Course: Transforming Evangelism, March 10, 6-9 pm, March 11, 8 am to 4 pm, and March 25, 8 am to 4 pm. (Deadline Feb 10)  
THE DATES FOR THIS CLASS MAY CHANGE  
Location Copley United Methodist Church, 1518 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd, Copley

Fall Advanced Course: Leading Worship, TBA

Contact Debbie Sloan to register for classes at dlsloan1@aol.com or at 330-283-6893

## January Anniversaries

- 14 Dennis & Margaret Clevidence
- 18 Bobbi & Ed Placke
- 19 Connie & Dennis Barrington
- 23 Gloria & Randy Hays



### *Please pray for:*

Norma Allen  
Airin Dalton  
Maggie Kuntz  
Mary Lou and Jim Eby  
Deb Massie  
Betty Perry  
Matt Huse  
Yvonne Surrarrer  
Morgan Wood

The people of Ukraine  
Natural Disaster survivors  
Unspoken Concerns  
Victims of COVID

# More Happenings

## Family Life

We plan to schedule a Family Life event in February. More later.

## Outreach

The Outreach Committee has been quite busy this past month with our delight. There were 25-30 children who enjoyed the movie, "The Star" during the season. A light supper was provided and the children appreciated it so much! We can't appreciate Hannah and Eric Zwick enough for bringing their goat and two donkeys for the live nativity scene and Carl Perry for putting together the manger. Folks stopped by even out-of-towners to take pictures.

And a big, big thank you to all of you who have helped decorate our Sock Tree. Many persons will benefit with warm feet during the cold season. Socks will go to the Medina County Children's Center and Cloverleaf Clothing Center.

Our next Outreach meeting will be January 11, 2023. We plan to revisit the visitation program.

## Youth Work Mission

June 25 - July 1, 2023

Any youth currently in grade 6 can participate! This is a youth-led mission journey designed to foster leadership development and growth in the mission spirit. Youth are guided through the process of planning and implementing a mission journey with assistance from adults as needed.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday, January 8 at Lafayette UMC.

### Bread and Pastries Pickup

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| First Tuesday  | Kuntz   |
| Second Tuesday | Perry   |
| Third Tuesday  | Reedy   |
| Fourth Tuesday | Menssen |
| Fifth Tuesday  | Kuntz   |

Bagel slicers and bread packers

Sandy Bridenthal and Sherry Armstrong

Can you help with this ministry to pick up bread and pastries as needed?



Dear Church-

Thank you for supporting the Guatemala mission team with your prayers. There is much to share about this mission journey. The team accomplished more than expected and we learned a lot about life in this beautiful country where the line between classes is great. I look forward to sharing more with you.

Rev. Don, Carl and I look forward to telling you more about Manos Juntas. We are grateful for every bottle of vitamins, every prayer offered, and every opportunity to share the story. ~Rev. Tammy



# November Finance



## From the Finance Committee

### As of November 30, 2022

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund Giving  | \$148,354         |
| Building/Maintenance | 5,666             |
| Total Expenses       | <u>_(170,280)</u> |
|                      | (16,260)          |

Funds totaling \$18,800 have been moved from savings. Shared Giving – part of being a connectional UMC church – have been paid thru September. We currently have a remaining balance of \$19,000 in our savings account available for general use.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you may be able to financially support Seville UMC. We are blessed to have a committed church family and your financial support is what will enable our church to be here, in our community, serving Christ and sharing his love.

### Parking Lot Update:

The parking lot repairs have been completed!

Cost of the repairs \$6,800

Funds raised for Parking Lot Repairs \$4,070



## Online Giving



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smartphone camera  
to make a payment  
electronically  
through Vanco

**Go Online at**

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# January 2023

- 4 JCs Kids
- 5 Chancel Choir
- 7 United Methodist Men
- 10 Bible Study  
    Finance
- 11 JCs Kids  
    Bibles and Burritos
- 12 Chancel Choir
- 14 MT25OC food distribution
- 17 Bible Study  
    United Women in Faith
- 18 JCs Kids
- 19 Chancel Choir
- 21 Food Pantry
- 23 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 24 Bible Study
- 25 JCs Kids
- 26 Bazaar Ladies  
    Chancel Choir
- 31 Bible Study

## Food Pantry Items of the Month

cake mixes, frosting, candles



Scan here to view the Calendar Online

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Seville United Methodist Church  
74 W. Main St.; PO BOX 32  
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### Our Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 8:30 AM Praise Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:35 AM Singing of Hymns
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship & Online Streaming