

UMC EXPRESS



JOIN US ON SUNDAY EVENINGS THROUGHOUT LENT AT 6 P.M. FOR WORSHIP FEATURING SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHTING MINISTRIES IN THE EAST OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE UMC
(Light refreshments will follow each service)

February 26 – Chippewa Church at the Lake UMC (7824 Lake Road, Chippewa Lake)
Speaker: Deaconess Sherri Buehl, Flat Rock Homes



March 5 – Seville UMC (74 W. Main Street, Seville)
Speaker: Rev. Allan Bevere, Professional Fellow in Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary & East Ohio UMMVIM Coordinator for Cuba



March 12 – Lafayette UMC (6201 Lafayette Road, Medina)
Speaker: Rev. Dawan Buie, Pastor of Discipleship at Medina UMC



March 19 – Lodi UMC (320 Medina Street, Lodi)
Speaker: Rev. Steve Court, Former East Ohio Conference Director of Connectional Ministries



March 26 – LeRoy UMC (7 Park Circle, Westfield Center)
Speaker: Rev. Kathy Dickriede, East Ohio Director of Missions & Community Engagement



April 2 – Buckeye Woods Park (6335 Wedgewood Rd., Medina)
Speaker: Julie Lautt, Director of Camp Wanake



A Ministry of the UMCs of the Cloverleaf Collaborative:
Chippewa Church at the Lake, Lafayette, LeRoy, Lodi, Seville

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Important Dates

March 8

Bible and Burritos

El Patron

6:30 PM

March 11

MT25OC Food Distribution

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

March 11

Chili Cook-off

5:00pm

March 15

Jubilee Luncheon

11:30am-1:30pm

March 18

Food Pantry

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

March 27

Bloodmobile

11:00am-7:00pm



What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the April Newsletter is
Monday, March 20, 2023.*



**Calling All Chili Chefs
and Chili Eaters!**



We are planning our annual chili cook-off! We are in need of chefs, basket donors and chili enthusiasts! Our Cloverleaf Community event will be on March 11 at 5pm. Tickets are \$10 with a family cap of \$20 (2 adults and kids under 18). Scan the QR code or call the church office to reserve your tickets! Please let Sarah, Jerrica, or Valerie know if you are interested in being a chef, donation a basket, needing tickets or help plan.



Jubilee Luncheon

The Jubilee luncheon is back! Any church member born in 1948 or before is invited. Save the date March 15th 2023. 11:30 – 1:30.

Please RSVP to Keri by Sunday March 5th, 2023, especially if you don't receive an invitation.

Kitchen and server helpers born after 1948 are needed.



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

March 8 6:30pm

RSVP for reservations.

A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

Reverend Donald Kuntz

Change comes unexpectedly. The Dominican Republic mission (March 20-30) was supposed to be about Solar Ovens. Supply chain issues and transportation issues bring us a change. The Mission will now be about education and healthcare. Our mission mottos “Be Flexible” and “the most important thing is what you’ve just been asked to do” come into play. We are still needed. Our partners in the Dominican Republic need different things from us this time around.



Jesus had trouble with his disciples not wanting to cooperate. Jesus recruited from many walks of life. They had jealousy and rivalry. Maybe they just needed more practice.

Our Cloverleaf Cooperative presents many opportunities for learning to get along together. We have our worship options in our Lenten series. We have our mission options in the Matthew 25 Outreach vegetable distribution (March 11, April 15) and the Rice Meal Pack (April 29); and Lafayette UMC is beginning project HOMES again and requests assistance. We have our ‘talk about Jesus in public’ option in the Bibles and Burritos, (March 8, April 12). It is fun practicing our ‘working and playing well with others.’

Lent is a time to detach from business as usual and partner with Jesus on a new walk; a time to exercise our spiritual muscles. Lent is not just the same old thing another time around this year. There are new needs, new people to pray for, new challenges, new partners, new blessings. Jesus walked to the cross alone, we walk to the cross together.

To have a Happy Easter, keep a meaningful Lent.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf Collaborative YouTube Channel!



Missions at Seville UMC

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

The big keyword in all things mission is *flexibility*. The next mission journey is to the Dominican Republic began as an opportunity to distribute solar ovens. However, due to several factors effecting shipping the ovens, there are no ovens in country. The team is now a medical team! We will serve in four communities. There will be time to talk about Solar Ovens and schedule future distributions and we will work with local doctors to care for people in each community.



You can be part of all this! Three large boxes of vitamins and pain relievers were received here. Our first task is to count these into packages of 30 to be given to people as needed. We need folks to put labels on bags and folks to count. All this happens on Tuesday, March 7 at 2:00 in the Parlor. Please contact Rev. Tammy for more details.

You have the date saved for the Rice Meal Pack with the Cloverleaf Collaborative Churches.

April 29 at Lafayette UMC

We will welcome Rev. Gene Turner from Midwest Mission to lead us in packing



One Rice Meal Bag feeds six people and includes a vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, soy, and white rice. These Rice Meals not only meet hunger needs, but meet nutritional needs to provide lasting energy. Each bag costs \$2.00. You can contribute to this project

In 2022, Midwest Mission shipped eight containers of Rice Meal Packs to Ukraine that included 152,400 Rice Meal Bags.

It that time again

Spring Forward
Sunday March 12th



DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME
Spring
FORWARD



The Matthew 25 Coalition widely promoted the United Methodist Men's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper again this year. Rousing community support for a second year in a row, raising \$649 this year, again doubled recent years' averages. The Matthew 25 Coalition helps residents in the Cloverleaf area with assistance for rent, gasoline, prescription medications, or utilities. The United Methodist Men meet the first Saturday morning of the month at 9 am for breakfast and a brief meeting. Next month, look for an article on the new tiny library, and possible "make-it-take-it" event prior to Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Make-and-Take -- Save the Date!

Watch for a sign-up sheet coming soon for UMM's annual Mother's Day Make-and-Take happening 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6. It's an opportunity for kids and Dad or another adult to work together on a surprise gift for Mom. It's free and all supplies are provided. We'll even supply a UMM "dad" to help, if needed!

40 Days of Prayer

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. It is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter, a time of self-examination and reflection. During Lent, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.



A long standing tradition of this church is to participate in 40 Days of Prayer. A prayer packet has been prepared with the names and addresses of five church members or families, daily readings from the Gospel of Luke, a devotional booklet, The Sanctuary for Lent and a letter of explanation, with a reminder to contact your prayer people during the week before Easter. The contact may be a note, card, call or visit. It doesn't matter whether or not you know the persons or families that are part of your packet, God will know them. Packets will be available on February 19th and at the Ash Wednesday service. They can also be picked up at church during the week. This year instead of giving up Starbucks or chocolate or Facebook, consider giving your time to pray for five people.

Worship

Looking ahead

March 5

2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121 (UMH 844)

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

Hymns

130 "God will take care of you"

301 "Jesus keep me"

369 "Blessed Assurance"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Lea & Mark Ewing

10:45 Melanie & John

Gladden

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45

10:45 Rev. Tammy

Counter Helen Angell

Communion Steward

8:45 Jean Eby

10:45 Beth Meadows

March 12

3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 95 (UMH 814)

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4:5-42

Hymns

363 "And can it be"

413 "A charge to keep"

465 "Holy Spirit, Truth

Divine"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Roseann & Craig Wood

10:45 Bette & Ralph Smith

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45

10:45

Counter Melanie Gladden

March 19

4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Hymns

138 "The King of love"

378 "Amazing Grace"

451 "Be thou my vision"

349 "Turn your eyes upon

Jesus"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Jean Eby & Teresa

Naftzger

10:45 Kris & Carl Perry

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45

10:45

Counter Carol Harlan

March 26

Kevin Engle

5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture

Luke

Psalms 130 (UMH 848)

Hymns

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Kevin Barr

10:45 Cathy Piper & Liisa

Coldiron

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45

10:45

Counter Janet Gommel

Thank you for the generous donation of adults men and women's socks to give to children and families who experience abuse an opportunity for hope and healing. We could not help children without your support! Your donation directly impacted children in their healing process through programming and service provided through our Child Advocacy Center, Family Visitation Center and through our Anti-Human Trafficking services. Again thank you!

Ashley Krause,

The Children's Center of Medina County

Thank you for supporting the programs at Lodi Family Center during 2022. It has been a privilege to serve the families in our community through the pandemic. However, we could not have done it without your help! Thank you for helping us accomplish so many great and important things this past year!

Rebecca Rak, Lodi Family Center

March Birthdays

- 1 Mary Mianowski
Mylah Morris
- 5 George Gage
- 6 Madeline Grey
- 9 Nancy Greer
- 13 Miranda Huttinger
Patrick Cottingham
- 15 Lynn Miller
- 17 Tudy Cook
- 18 Norma Allen
- 22 Kathy Swagler
Oscar Merrow



News You Can Use...

Come To the Lord's Table

Part of the Worship Committee's focus this year is to seek ways to recover from the changes brought on by the COVID pandemic. With much caution and due respect with everyone's comfort level, you will be offered some options in the way Communion can be received.



Starting Sunday March 5th, the ushers will guide you to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice that represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ. When you come forward, a piece of bread will be handed to you, to be dipped in the chalice of juice, as in pre-COVID days. If you are not

comfortable with this, the sealed container of juice and wafer will be available at the front of the church. After receiving the elements, exit toward the overflow room due to a trip hazard in the west aisle. If for any reason, you are not able to come forward, please let the usher know and the servers will come to you.

It is the hope of the Worship Committee that these changes to Communion will add a sense of reverence and meaning to the service.



Camp registration is open! Great opportunities await at Camp Asbury, Aldersgate, and Wanake! District and Conference camperships are available. Are you looking for a great summer staff position. All camps are hiring. Camp information is in Fellowship Hall.

March Anniversaries

- 3 J.D. & Wendy Harmon



Please pray for:

- Norma Allen
- Maggie Kuntz
- Mary Lou and Jim Eby
- Deb Massie
- Betty Perry
- Matt Huse
- Betty Perry
- Janet Menssen
- Casey Jarvis
- Hank Herbst

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

More Happenings



Altar Flowers are a good way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, to honor someone special, to remember a loved one, or to beautify the sanctuary. There is a Flower Sign-Up Poster on the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall so you can reserve that date. You then order a flower arrangement from your favorite florist and have it delivered to the church before the praise service on that Sunday. Be sure to contact the church office by Wednesday of that week so an acknowledgement can be printed in the bulletin. You may also provide flowers from your garden.

Youth Work Mission June 25 - July 1, 2023

Any youth currently in grade 6 can participate!

One group will serve in South Dakota at Tree of Life Mission on the Rosebud Reservation.

The other team will serve with the Fuller Center in western Kentucky working on disaster rebuilding.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 at Wellington UMC.

Bazaar workshop

Thursdays 9:30 am in the parlor
We are continuing to collect fabric to make the rugs, old sheets, curtains, and jeans.

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.

Memorial Committee

A new keyboard for the church has been purchased with memorial funds in honor of Jo Kelly and Dean and Nancy Fulton. That will be a joyful noise to celebrate! The old keyboard in the church parlor is no longer needed and is free to a good home, including the dolly. If you are interested, please contact the church to make arrangements for pick up. Full disclosure: it does make some "clacking" noises that are only slightly distracting. This is a limited time offer.

Little Free Library

You may have noticed something new has sprouted in the church's garden along High Street -- a Little Free Library, commissioned by United Methodist Men in memory of Jo and Dee Kelly. Located in neighborhoods throughout the world, Little Free Libraries are public bookshelves where anyone may take a book to read and/or leave a book to share. It seems like a fitting tribute to Jo and Dee, who shared a love of reading and giving books. Watch for an after-church dedication ceremony of the Little Free Library this spring. Big thanks to Carl Perry for lending his construction talents to this project.

Bread and Pastries Pickup

First Tuesday	Kuntz
Second Tuesday	Perry
Third Tuesday	Ewing
Fourth Tuesday	Menssen



Bagel slicers and bread packers

Sandy Bridenthal and Sherry Armstrong

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

November Finance

From the Finance Committee

January is off to a good start, helped by five Sundays in the month, which means an additional opportunity for the congregation to provide their contribution to Seville UMC.

As of January 31, 2023

General Fund Giving \$16,443
Building/Maintenance \$ 225
Total Giving \$16,668
Total Expenses (\$15,081)
\$ 1,586



Additional Support Needed \$ 2,042

Your regular offerings are what help to keep our church going and make it possible for Seville UMC to be here for our congregation and our community. Your gifts are truly valued and appreciated.

Have a question for the finance committee? Email us at sevumcfinance@gmail.com.

It's not too late to help support the cost of the parking lot repairs! Funds were borrowed from savings to pay for the repairs. To support that cost, please mark your donation "parking lot".

Online Giving
at

[www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home)



Scan here with your smartphone camera to make a payment electronically through Vanco

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!

Thank-you, to all who signed up to help prepare the monthly lunch box meals. We still need dessert donations for the months of June, July, and September. You would be preparing a dessert for approximately 15-20 lunch boxes. We would let you know how much to make the Tuesday before the lunch box date.

We all really enjoy extending this service to our church members who may be experiencing health difficulties. If you have a loved one who is struggling with limitations, or with being restricted to their home, and would like to add them to the list of names who receive the lunches, please contact the church and leave their names, address and contact phone numbers. Eddie Landis will call them each month and ask if they are able to receive a lunch or will be away.

Sincerely,
Lunchbox committee

March 2023

- 1 JCs Kids
- 2 Chancel Choir
- 4 United Methodist Men
- 8 JCs Kids
 - Bibles and Burritos
- 9 Chancel Choir
- 11 MT25OC food distribution
 - Chili Cook-off
- 14 Joy Care group
- 15 JCs Kids
 - Jubilee Luncheon
- 16 Chancel Choir
- 18 Food Pantry
- 22 JCs Kids
- 23 Chancel Choir
- 27 Blood mobile
- 28 SPRC
- 29 JCs Kids
- 30 Chancel Choir

Food Pantry Items of the Month

Disinfecting cleaner



Scan here to view the Calendar Online

Seville United Methodist Church
74 W. Main St.; PO BOX 32
Seville, OH 44273

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

Seville UMC Lenten Calendar 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			22 Feb Save your change during Lent. Bring to church on Easter and mark Food Pantry.	23 Write 5 things you are grateful for. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	24 Find a small rock to keep in your pocket. Every time you notice it: Pray!	25 Mail a card to someone on our prayer list.
26 Pray for Rev. Don and Rev. Tammy	27 Pray for our Sunday School program, adults and children. Consider joining.	28 Fast from social media and TV for just one day.	1 Mar Read your Bible for 10 min. today. Don't know what to read? Start with Psalm 1.	2 Write 5 things you are worried about. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	3 Clean out a closet and donate items you no longer use.	4 Mail a card to someone you haven't seen in awhile.
5 Pray for the finances of our church	6 Pray for our Men's and Women's groups. Consider joining.	7 Find 2 times of 10 minutes to rest throughout the day.	8 Pay or pray for the person behind you at the drive thru. Do this on a different day if you are not at a drive thru today.	9 Write 5 people you love. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	10 Think about something in your pantry that you love. Buy it this week for the food pantry.	11 Mail a card to a church member, just because
12 Pray for the music leaders of our church	13 Pray for our Food Pantry and Lunchbox programs. Could you help in any way?	14 Turn off all the noise in your home and read for half an hour.	15 No complaining day! Make a commitment to not whine or complain.	16 Write 5 everyday blessings. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	17 If you are able, go for a walk and pick up trash.	18 Mail a card to a family member
19 Pray for our liturgists, acolytes, ushers and tech support.	20 Pray for church committee members and the work they do.	21 Sing or listen to your favorite hymn. MAKE IT LOUD!	22 Make a conscious effort to smile at everyone you see today.	23 Write 5 people you need to forgive. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	24 Eat a meatless meal and consider donating the cost of the meal.	25 Send a note to someone telling them what a good job they are doing.
26 Pray for the people who are working while we are in church.	27 Pray for the Windfall crew that cleans our church.	28 Spend some time outdoors enjoying the beauty of nature. Or just sit by a window	29 Pay a compliment to a stranger today.	30 Write 5 world problems. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	31 Give up sweets for just one day.	1 Apr Mail a card to someone in the newsletter having a birthday.
2 Pray for the people who do not know the love of God.	3 Pray for Keri our church secretary.	4 Spend some time today doing your hobby/art.	5 Do a random act of kindness.	6 Write 5 things about your faith that you are grateful for. Tape to your mirror. Pray for these when you see them.	7 Fast for a time today in recognition of the sacrifice God made for our salvation.	8 If you were participating in 40 Days of Prayer, send cards or visit the 5 people. If not, write a thank you note to someone.
9 Thank God for the amazing gift of His only Son. Hallelujah.						