

# UMC EXPRESS



April 2, 8:30 and 10:45  
JC Kids will sing at the 10:45 service.

Tuesday, April 4, 10am-2pm  
Walking Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm  
Maundy Thursday Worship, Praise  
Team, Communion, Handwashing



Friday, April 7, 7:00pm  
Worship



## Easter Sunday

We will have Sunrise Service at Mound Hill Cemetery at 7:00am. Following we will have a Breakfast at 7:30am back at the church. We also we have regular service at 8:30am and 10:45am.

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April 1  
UMM  
9:00am

April 9  
**Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise service  
7:00am  
Mound Hill Cemetery

April 9  
**Easter Breakfast**  
7:30am

April 12  
**Bible and Burritos**  
El Patron  
6:30 pm

April 15  
**MT25OC Food Distribution**  
10:00 am-1:00 pm

April 15  
**Food Pantry**  
10:00 am-12:00 pm

April 18  
**Bible Study**  
9:30am

# What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the May Newsletter is  
Thursday April 20, 2023.*

## **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

April 12, 6:30pm

RSVP for reservations.

## **Bible study**

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi  
by Kathie Lee Gifford, begins  
Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30am. This is  
a 6 week session. If you would like to  
join the is a sign up sheet in the  
Fellowship Hall or you can contact  
Pam Mullin. Please register by  
Sunday, April 9th to reserve a study  
guide.

## **Jason Moore and Branding for Cooperatives**

Don't let the word branding turn you off: this is a great training to help your cooperative parish think about who you are, how to talk about your faith community, and how you will be together as a cooperative.

This will be on two evenings: April 13 and 20. Both evenings we will start at 6PM and meet via Zoom. This training is best when both clergy and lay attend. 6 pm - 9 pm in Seville UMC Parlor.

# A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

*Reverend Donald Kuntz*

The Dominican Republic Mission (March 20-30) provided a wonderful experience to be thankful for sunshine and rain. Many of the roads we traveled are not paved, but are the best muddy ruts and potholes the country has to offer. Up in the hills, we were lucky to reach speeds of fifteen miles per hour.

The sense of time is different here on the island. People will walk an hour or two to participate in the rural health clinic, and wait hours as the providers attend to one hundred persons per day. Many of us in Ohio wait to see the doctor, but we are not outside in the rain, and we are not the sixty-fifth person in line. Our thanks to those volunteers who patiently counted out children's vitamins and adult over-the-counter pain medicines. Donated bottles of 1000 pills were transformed into baggies with 30 pills for distribution to patients.

We were in remote places providing Solar Oven education, while families wait a few more months to receive the Solar Ovens. We were not eating with neighbors, because we were not cooking with neighbors, because the Solar Ovens are still in the Dakotas waiting to be shipped to the Dominican Republic.

The most important thing we are celebrating in April is Easter! Easter Resurrection teaches us that we don't know everything about life and death, teaches us God plays by different rules. We are very thankful for the gift of resurrection not only at the end of our days, but all the little resurrections along the way.

We are freed from slavery to sin, and freed from slavery to death, as a gift of God's grace, a gift of Jesus' sacrifice. We are united with believers all around the world who have been blessed by the Resurrection Reality.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf  
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



# Missions at Seville UMC

Reverend Tammy Kuntz



Rice Meal Pack  
with the  
Cloverleaf Collaborative Churches  
*NOTE DATE CORRECTION!*

**Sunday, April 30**  
**Lafayette UMC**  
**Time TBD**

Ramon Ortiz from Midwest Mission will assist us in packing 1200 rice meal bags to feed 7800 people. 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 \$2.50. the total cost is shared among the Collaborative Churches. You can contribute to this project by designating *Rice Meal Pack* on your Sunday giving.

You can watch a video to see how it all happens!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SirOxVOYNDs>



Thank you to everyone who was part of the mission team to the Dominican Republic! All the prayers and support was evident in many ways. A special thank you to everyone who helped count vitamins and pain relievers for the clinics! More on this mission journey later!

In addition to the Rice Meal Pack, and in cooperation with the Outreach Committee, Seville UMC will collect supplies and pack **UMCOR Hygiene Kits**.

Each kits is valued at \$12.00.

*Hygiene Kit Materials*  
*All items must be new.*

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)  
*No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels*
- One washcloth  
*No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels*
- One comb  
*Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth*  
*No pocket combs or picks*  
*Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth*
- One toenail or fingernail clipper  
*No emery boards or metal nail files*
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)  
*No Ivory or Jergen's soap*  
*Do not remove from packaging*
- One adult toothbrush  
*Do not remove from packaging*  
*Personal advertising not acceptable*
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)  
*Common household bandages acceptable*
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

The complete list is available to pick up on the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall.  
Please place donations in the bin.

Contact Keri to host a simple Fellowship Cafe the first Sunday of the month after 8:30 service and/or 10:45 service.



United  
Women  
in Faith



**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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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!

Be sure to save the date of April 18, when Rev. Tammy will lead the program by virtual means with the missionary, Rachel, in which we support.



**Outreach**

The Outreach committee met on March 13, We are planning to work with the Historical Society at Christmas time. Our part of the Christmas partnership will be a live nativity. It will be good to share in the celebration. We are also planning a "visitation table" in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up one person's name for the month.

You can call, visit or mail a card to your person. Also please sign the Visitation Book and leave a comment. We need to keep in touch with our people!

A new program will begin on April 24 called "Coffee and Conversation". Devotions, discussion and coffee. Share the fellowship. Call Mary Oberli, if interested. We will be supporting Hygiene Kits project.



**Family Life**

We are planning a family picnic in June. Food, games and fellowship!

At the trustees meeting on March 14th, Paul Oberli and Wendell Payn were elected as co-chairs of the Seville UMC Trustees. Several items were discussed: bats, fencing, bathrooms, cleaning service, thermostats, the new front doors, fire extinguishers, and spare land.

# Worship

Looking ahead

## April 2

Palm Sunday

### Scripture

Mark 11: 1-11

Palms (call, unison, song).

Ho Ho Ho Hosannah.

PASSION

MATTHEW 26:14- 27:66

Psalm 118 (UM 839-840)

### Hymns

278 "Hosanna Loud

Hosanna"

277 "Tell Me the Stories of

Jesus"

287 "O Love Divine, What

hast Thou Done"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Brian Greer

10:45 Darla & Wendel Payn

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

### Counter

Janet Gommel

### Communion Steward

8:45 Lea Ewing

10:45 Helen Angell

## April 6

Maundy Thursday

### Scripture

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116 (UM 837)

John 13:1-17, 31b- 35

### Hymns

8:45

10:45

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

## April 16

2nd Sunday of Easter

### Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 22-032.

Psalm 16 (UMH 748)

John 20:19-31

### Hymns

420 "Breathe on Me Breath  
of God"

315 "Come, Ye Faithful,  
Raise the Strain"

304 "Easter People, Raise  
your Voices"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Roseann & Craig Wood

10:45 Chris Wotowiec &

Joan Bise

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

### Counter

Carol Haran

## April 7

Good Friday

### Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22 (UM 752)

John 18:1-19:42

### Hymns

359 Alas and Did my Savior

290 Go to Dark

287 O Love Divine

298 When I Survey

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45

10:45

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

## April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

### Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116

Luke 24:13-35

### Hymns

700 "Abide with Me"

309 "On the Day of  
Resurrection"

308 Thine Be the Glory

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Jean Eby & Teresa

Natzger

10:45 Ginnie & Jim Demo

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

### Counter

Helen Angell

## April 9

Easter Sunday

### Scripture

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

### Hymns

# 322 "Up from the Grave He  
Arose"

# 306 "The Strife is O're, the  
Battle Done"

# 302 "Christ the Lord is  
Risen Today"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Lea & Mark Ewing

10:45 Sandy Bridenthal &

Beth Meadows

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

### Counter

Melanie Gladden

## April 30

4th Sunday of Easter

### Scripture

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10:1-10

### Hymns

561 "Jesus United By Thy Grace"

381 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Me"

457 "Just as I Am"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Kevin Barr

10:45 Keri & Phil Carpenter

### Acolytes

8:30

10:45

### Liturgist

8:45

10:45

### Counter

Melanie Gladden

April

## Birthdays

- 4- Sharon Totten
- 5- Valerie Welday
- 6- Roseann Wood
- 10- Brian Greer
- 18- Kristi Perry
- Esther Puglisi
- 19- Shirley Schaffter
- 20- Jim Mullin
- 28- Dale Cook
- 30- Jeff Plumer



# News You Can Use...

## Home Cooked Dinner

**Fresh Pulled Pork or Barbecued Gerber Chicken**

**First United Methodist Church of Lodi**

**320 Medina Street**

**Lodi (44254)**

**(330) 948-1593**



Saturday, April 15, 5pm - 7pm

Asking for DONATION per person  
Take-Out only

Limited pork by the pound \$15  
Pre-Orders honored first

Questions Contact: Jeff Van Loon  
330-948-2677

Reservations Only

Tickets available from Church members

Menu:

- Pork or Chicken
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Dessert

When purchasing ticket please indicate  
your preference of either Chicken or  
Pork dinner.

April

## Anniversaries

- 30- Tara & David Freeland



*Please pray for:*

- Norma Allen
- Maggie Kuntz
- Mary Lou Eby
- Deb Massie
- Betty Perry
- Matt Huse
- Betty Perry
- Hank Herbst
- Andrea Galmarini

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.

## **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.

## **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?

## **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!



# March Finance

## From the Finance Committee:

In February, our giving is just a little behind of our expenses. On a positive note, when comparing giving to this same period of 2022, our giving increased \$3,000! Your gifts and commitment to the work of Seville UMC is valued and appreciated.



As of February 28, 2023

Have a question for the finance committee? Email us at [sevumcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:sevumcfinance@gmail.com).

General Fund Giving \$28,406  
Building/Maintenance \$535  
Total Giving \$28,941

Total Expenses (\$30,247)  
Shortfall (\$1,306)

## Online Giving at

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



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On March 15th we had our first Jubilee luncheon since before covid. Our theme was Saint Patrick's Day (surprised?) I want to thank all of the kitchen, decorating, serving and clean up volunteers for their time and abilities. A special thanks to our inside workers for the program, it wouldn't be the same without you. It was well received by our guests and we hopefully will be able to continue this every year from now on.

Janet Gommel



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.

# April 2023

- 1 United Methodist Men
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 5 JC Kids
- 6 Chancel Choir
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 12 Bible & Burritos  
JC Kids
- 13 Chancel Choir
- 15 MT25OC food distribution  
Food Pantry
- 18 Bible Study
- 19 JC Kids
- 20 Chancel Choir
- 26 JC Kids
- 27 Chancel Choir

## Food Pantry Items of the Month

### Laundry Soap



Scan here to view the Calendar Online

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