

UMC EXPRESS



Being in Community

"Cooperation is about working with others to achieve your own goals. Collaboration, on the other hand, is about working with others to produce something together and achieve shared goals."

The shared goals of Seville UMC keep us looking forward and mindful of the new ways God is leading us in God's mission. We can better focus on the needs of the community, on the issues that affect our neighbors, and the betterment of the world when we collaborate in the tasks at hand.

There are things that need just a couple people and other things that require all of us to engage and serve for the greater good.

We continue to be grateful for all the opportunities we have to share in the goals of the church. After all, it's not about us.



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Coffee Club
June 5, 10:00am

Admin Council Meeting
June 5, 7:00pm

Joy Care Group
Picnic at Joan Bise house
June 6

Memorial Committee Meeting
June 6, 2:00pm

MT25 Food Distribution
June 10, 10:00am-1:00pm

Bible & Burritos
June 14, 6:30pm

VBS
June 12-16, 6:00pm-8:15pm

Food Panty
June 17, 10:00am-12:00pm



What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the July Newsletter is
Thursday June 20, 2023.*

Bibles and Burritos

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

Hear a Jesus story and share in the discussion.



El Patron 101 Greenwich Rd. Seville
June 14, 6:30pm



RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.

Vacation Bible School

Great News – VBS registration is now open! We will be Shining Jesus' Light through the Cloverleaf community the week of June 12-16, from 6:00-8:15. If you know anyone between the age of 3 – entering 6th grade, we would love for them to join us for a fun week. We are also looking for Volunteers. You can register online at Cloverleaf Community VBS :: VBS Pro :: Group Publishing. You are not able to volunteer but still want to help out? Don't worry there is something for you as well! We have our donation board up, grab an item or two. Don't forget to put your name down so we know who to thank for making this week great for all of the kids who come to build and strengthen their connection with Jesus.

Safe Sanctuaries

Join in on this online course that covers the basics of Safe Sanctuaries. Rev. Gary Jones walks participants through the what is it, the why we do it, and common elements. This is a great course for churches reviewing or creating their policies, for ministry team leads, and for anyone working with vulnerable persons in your faith community.



Enroll anytime at <https://eocumc.myabsorb.com/#!/online-courses/409157e8-86de-49c2-b36a-306010758353>.

Print the certificate of completion and submit it to the office.

A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

Reverend Donald Kuntz

The United Methodist term ‘**Annual Conference**’ refers to a geographical location, a group of people, and an event. Seville UMC is in the East Ohio Annual Conference (location), comprised of clergy and lay members (people) from 650 churches, which will meet this year June 8 - 10 at the John S. Knight Center (event). Early Methodism decided the Annual Conference would be the basic organizing block, rather than the district or the local church. Clergy don’t belong to a local church. They belong to an Annual Conference, can be appointed anywhere, and moved at any time.

This year’s Annual Conference has extra intensity due to the fracturing or splintering of the United Methodist Church. Ten to fifteen percent of the churches in the East Ohio Annual Conference will be disaffiliating (exiting) or closing. This brings added pressure to the areas of organization, leadership, and finances. There is a proposal to reduce the number of districts from ten to four. Pastors will lead a greater number of multi-point charges. The East Ohio Annual Conference budget will need to be reworked and be funded by ten percent fewer churches. Five percent reductions in the East Ohio budget had been arranged for the last five years. The National UMC will be losing approximately ten percent of local churches, leading to budget cuts of 40% for the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Central Conference Theological Fund, the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, and United Methodist Communications.

The lasting mark will be left on relationships among church members. Official votes in many local churches will emphasize differences rather than shared values. How will relationships be mended between people on opposing sides of the vote? If a church votes 75 to 25 to leave the denomination, where will the remaining 25 go to worship? John Wesley and his friend Whitefield used the phrase ‘agreed to disagree’. Whitefield had used it in a letter as early as June 29, 1750. John then used it in a letter to his brother Charles: “If you agree with me, well and good. If not, we can, as Mr. Whitefield used to say, agree to disagree.” (The phrase never made it into any of Charles Wesley’s hymns.) Local churches are not making every effort to “preserve unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). Separations are painful. People will need to find places to worship.

How will the work of the Holy Spirit be seen in this painful series of events? How will God work this into God’s plan for good (Romans 8:28)? Will we see the seed break open as it germinates? What new fruit will arrive? God makes all things new.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

Summer Sunday Intergenerational Sunday School

Summer Sundays will include a 20-minute mission project each week at 9:45am in the parlor. We will learn more about the work of Midwest Mission and work on a few of the kits that are shipped to people in need around the corner and around the world. Check out the kits in Fellowship Hall and see if you can guess what we might do!

There are many items needed to make all this happen. You can leave items in the Midwest Mission bin under the mission table.

bandaids - 3/4" x 3"
pencils - unsharpened without promotional slogan
trash bags - heavy duty 33-45 gallon
trash bags - clear or white 20-33 gallon
snacks that won't melt (granola bars, peanuts, trail mix, pretzels, etc.)
small bottles of water
rubber bands

Join us for a quick mission project, storytelling, and fellowship!

Coffee Club

Coffee Club will begin meeting on June 5, at 10:00am. We have an exciting and entertaining schedule in place. In June the Unity Singers from Wooster will be the program. Sorry to say, but the price this year will be \$4.00, slightly higher than last year.

All are welcome to come.

June 5, 2023 - Unity Singers from Wooster

Lunch: Pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, vegetables and dip, angel food cake and strawberries.

July 10, 2023 - Happy Birthday Celebration

Lunch: Ham, cheese potatoes, coleslaw, ice cream and cake.

August 7, 2023 - Vingette by Marilyn Ferguson

Lunch: Chicken salad, cranberry salad, cheese cubes and chips, Texas sheet cake.

September 11, 2023 - History of Ohio presidential wives- fashion, jewelry - Mari Halkavich.

Lunch: Spaghetti pie, tossed salad, pineapple cake.

October 2, 2023 - Christian Children's Home of Wooster - Ken Engle

Lunch: Soup, freckle ham sandwiches, fruit, cupcakes.

UMC Cloverleaf Collaboration Summer Events

July 20 - Akron Rubber Ducks with Fireworks

August 6 - Worship at the Medina County Fair

August 13 - Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom Music Center

Sept 9 (tentative) - Rice Meal Pack





United Women in Faith

Many women of the church along with family, friends, and neighbors enjoyed the All Daughters Banquet last month. The program was centered around the history of aprons. A style show of aprons, all colors and styles was presented.

The Methodist Men and helpers provided the 'fabulous meal!' Great meal guys and a big thank you!

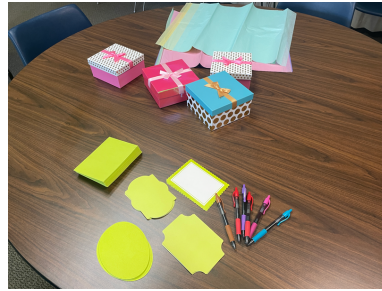
Our June meeting will be presented by the director of Habitat for Humanity.



Family Life

On Sunday, June 25th, there will be a church picnic at the Cy Hewitt Park, Hot dogs and drink with be furnished. Bring your favorite dish to share. Plan to stay and play games and enjoy fellowship.

*Dear Lunchbox crew,
Thank you to everyone for the awesome lunchbox last Friday. It was a great lunch and much enjoyed. I really am very Thankful. To have so many caring people. Thank you and God bless all of you! in christian love ~Juanita Peery*



United Methodist Men will hold its annual Seville Yard Sale parking fundraiser on June 16-17. We could use your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for two-hour timeslots both Friday and Saturday of the yard sale. The money we raise helps fund projects and outreach here at our church and beyond.

UMM is wrapping up a busy spring -- starting with a record crowd at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, followed by Easter breakfast, placement of the Little Free Library in memory of Jo and Dee Kelly, the Mother's Day Make-and-Take, All Daughters Banquet and church clean-up day. None of these activities would be possible without the help and support of our church family. Thank you!

Bread and Pastries Pickup

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| First Tuesday | Kuntz |
| Second Tuesday | Perry |
| Third Tuesday | Ewing |
| Fourth Tuesday | Menssen |
| Fifth Tuesday | Freeland |



Bagel slicers and bread packers

Sandy Bridenthal and Sherry Armstrong

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

Worship

Looking ahead

June 4

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-2:4
2 Corinthians 13
Matthew 28:16-20

Hymns

92 "For the Beauty of the earth"
571 "Go, Make of All Disciples"
664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45
10:45 Kris & Carl Perry

Acolytes

8:30
10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Bill Reedy
10:45 Sandy Bridenthal

Counter Helen Angel

Communion Steward

8:45 Teare Reedy
10:45 Tara Freeland

June 11

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 33
Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Hymns

398 "Jesus Calls Us"
338 "Where He Leads Me"
128 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Brian Greer
10:45 Cathy Piper & Liisa Coldiron

Acolytes

8:30
10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Bobbi Placke
10:45 Helen Angell
Counter Carol Harlan

June 18

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture - First Service

Psalm 116
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Second Service - Stellar VBS

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Lea & Mark Ewing
10:45 Sandy Bridenthal & Beth Meadows

Acolytes

8:30
10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Jerrica Pawlus
10:45 Sandy Bridenthal
Counter Janet Gommell

June 25

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-27
Matthew 10:24-39

Hymns

140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
377 "It Is Well With My Soul"
130 "God Will Take Care Of You"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Roseann & Craig Wood
10:45 Darla & Wendel Payn

Acolytes

8:30
10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Heather Cottingham
10:45 Dave Welday
Counter Melanie Gladden

The Joy Caring Group will have their summer picnic on Tuesday June 6th at the home of Roy and Joan Bise. We will meet at 5:30pm and eat at 6:00pm. Members please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share and all else will be provided. Husbands are welcome to join us for this gathering.

Our theme for our gathering will be "A Basket of Blessings".

Also please bring a donation to The Battered Women Shelter- Medina Ohio that was just renovated and donations are needed before they open in June.

Pots & Pans, Blankets, sheets, pillows, etc. Items needed for everyday use. Crayons- Paper etc. for children to use for school. You can listen to more about this on Hope & Healing -Medina

[www.news.yahoo.com Battered Women Shelter - Medina](http://www.news.yahoo.com/Battered+Women+Shelter+Medina)

See you then!

June

Birthdays

- 1 Richard Demastes
- 4 Liisa Coldiron
- 14 Cindy Gubics
- 19 Pam Mullin
Ben Gommel
- 22 Tom Bridenthal
- 23 Neil Whitesell
- 24 Janet Gommel
- 29 Paul Oberli



News You Can Use...

Did you know that you are on the communications committee?

Not the Communications Committee which consists of Dean Stutzman, John Gladden and Kelly Korb, but the unofficial committee that helps the church run smoothly. Your duties include informing the office of any meetings or events in the church so these get onto the calendar, asking the Outreach Committee who might need a visit or a special card, and keeping the church directory current by sharing address and telephone number changes.

Use the SPRC liaisons who are listed in the newsletter to resolve issues or to offer encouragement or appreciation for all the work that happens behind the scenes, not necessarily on Sunday mornings. In other words, whatever will help to keep everyone informed and involved in the ways we show we care about our church and community.

Sunday School Happenings

Ministry has been our faith word. I asked our Sunday Schoolers, What are 'types of ministries' that our church provides? The first answer came from Sunday Schooler Noah. He said, "The food pantry."

Jesus chose Peter to carry out Jesus; ministries after the Resurrection. We learned the many different ways we can minister to people.

One other things we've been learning and practicing is how to look up Bible scriptures.

They are doing veyr well at this!

Sunday school for the children will resume on September 10 at 9:30am.

~Tara Freeland, Sunday School Superintendent

Seville U. Methodists-

Thank you for the lovely flowers for my birthday. That was very special! and I felt very thankful! They have been very awesome all week and I'm really getting enjoyment out of them.

Thank you!!!

in Chrsitan love ~ Juanita Peery



June

Anniversaries

- 5 Pam & Jim Mullin
- 18 Valerie & David
Welday
- 19 Tonya & Matt Swain
- 27 Mary & Richard
Demastes
- 29 Joan & Roy Bise
Kathy & Dean
Stutzman
- 30 David & Doris
Watkins



Please pray for:

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

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

More Happenings

We have always had committees and liaisons in our church. In the past liaisons were usually set up for our employees. This year we have started a little additional hands-on approach to keep communications open between the committees and the membership. Below is a list of Committees, Chairs and the liaison. Our goal is to alleviate the “Who do I ask? How can I get information about...? I have a question. Did you see...?” and all the other questions that you might have now or in the future.

Committee/Chair	Liaison
Rev. Don Kuntz.....	Janet Gommel
Deacon/Rev. Tammy Kuntz.....	Bette Smith
Chancel Choir Director/ Pam Mullen.....	Bobbi Placke
First Service Choir Director/Bobbi Placke	Bill Reedy
Lay Leader(s)/Bobbi Placke & Jerrica Pawlus.....	Janet Gommel
Lay Member to Conference/Bobbi Placke.....	Janet Gommel
Administrative Council/Dave Welday.....	Bill Reedy
Trustees/Paul Oberli & Wendel Payn.....	Courtney Harlan
Finance/	Bobbi Placke
Treasurer/Melanie Gladden.....	Bobbi Placke
Recording Secretary/	Janet Gommel
Administrative Assistant	Janet Gommel
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Jerrica Pawlus
Worship/Beth Meadows & Sandy Bridenthal.....	Bette Smith
Memorial/Paul Oberli.....	Courtney Harlan
United Women in Faith/Kelly Korb.....	Bette Smith
United Methodist Men/John Gladden.....	Bill Reedy
Technology & Communications/Dean Stutzman.....	Bobbie Placke
Food Pantry Coordinator/Rev. Tammy Kuntz.....	Bette Smith
Vacation Bible School & Special Projects/ Val Welday, Jerrica Pawlus, Sarah Riegler.....	Sandy Bridenthal
Outreach/Mary Oberli.....	Bobbie Placke
Safe Sanctuary/Liisa Coldiron.....	Sandy Bridenthal
Medical & Health/Liisa Coldiron.....	Sandy Bridenthal
Nominating/Rev. Don Kuntz.....	Janet Gommel

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers for all the church as we all try to support our church. Your recommendations, suggestions, and information are always welcome and expected.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee

May Finance



As of April 30, 2023

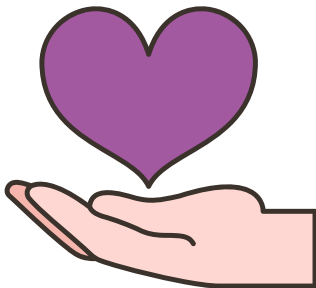
General Fund Giving \$60,218
Building/Maintenance 1,395
Total Giving \$61,613

Total Expenses (\$62,209)
Shortfall **(\$596)**

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

From 2016 through 2020 I attended East Ohio Annual Conference as your Lay member. It was a wonderful experience and I was grateful to represent Seville United Methodist Church. There was one piece of business, however, that caused great sadness and that was the naming of United Methodist Churches in our Conference that closed their doors forever. Looking back through my reports they totaled 34 for the years 2017 through 2020. I don't remind you of this to alarm you; however, we are approaching that dangerous place where our usual ways of operation will have to change. As Dave Welday wrote last month, the Finance Committee is cautiously optimistic and grateful for increased giving so far this year, but we must now prepare for summer months when attendance falls and giving falls along with it. Our savings will only stretch so far before we no longer have them to fall back on. I care greatly about this church and its people. I believe the love of God truly lives in our hearts. Rev. Don spoke of HOPE in his sermon May 14. If you missed it, it's worth hearing on YouTube. Let's not lose hope. Giving is a very personal decision for everyone. We are each independent, yet part of the whole. We give individually, but as part of the great number of believers, are you doing your part well in the choir of praise by your giving of tithes and gifts?

~ Helen Angell, Finance Committee Member



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Admin Council Meeting
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Memorial Committee Meeting
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Food Pantry Items of the Month Jelly/Jam



Scan here to view the Calendar Online

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Our Sunday Morning Schedule:

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