

UMC EXPRESS



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

Kids are invited to bring their dads or another adult to Seville UMC on Saturday, May 6, and make a gift for Mother's Day. It's free and all supplies are provided by Seville United Methodist Men. We'll even supply a "dad" to help, if needed! **Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call/text John Gladden at 330-591-8926.**

Cloverleaf's Graduation
will be Sunday May 21st.

Class of 
2023

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Bible Study
May 2, 9, 16, 23
9:30am

UMM
May 6, 9:00am

Bible And Burritos
May 10, 6:30pm

Matthew 25 Food distribution
May 13, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Food Pantry
May 20, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Church Cleanup
May 20.

Blood Mobile
May 24, 11:00am- 7:00pm

What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the June Newsletter is
Thursday May 18, 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 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

May 10, 6:30pm

RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.

VBS

Great News – VBS registration is now open! We will be Shining Jesus' Light through the Cloverleaf community the week of June 12-16, from 6-8:15. 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.

Bible Study

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford, Started April 18th. This is a 6 week session. If you would like to join the is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Pam Mullin.



A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

Reverend Donald Kuntz



Graduation sounds like an end. Commencement sounds like a beginning. Both are transitions. Our lives and institutions are constantly in transition. Sometimes transitions are upsetting and we attempt to cling to old ways. When in times of transition, it is helpful to rely upon our spiritual values and spiritual practices (what John Wesley called works of piety and works of mercy).

The Matthew 25 Outreach Center coordinates food distributions in four counties (Richland, Ashland, Wayne and Medina). Our local Matthew 25 Coalition supports families with rent, utility and medication assistance; Matthew 25 Outreach is all about food. In the four counties, Matthew 25 Outreach assists over 4000 people per month, and distributes over a million pounds of food each year.

The Medina County location for Matthew 25 Outreach is the Cloverleaf Elementary School parking lot, where volunteers distribute Food Bank food once a month. Since we started in August of 2022, we have assisted 713 different households (2076 people; 29% were children under 18 and 26% were persons over 60). The April distribution was 19,000 pounds of produce, milk and canned foods; with an additional 3000 pounds of “Market Place” items (breads, cereals, sweets); and an additional 3000 pounds of CSFP boxes. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides a 30 pound box of shelf stable food which we delivered to seniors over 60 with very limited incomes. We now deliver 100 boxes per month and there is a waiting list. This is a total of 25,000 pounds of food arriving at 7 am and gone by 12:30 pm.

Seville UMC volunteers have included, Paul Oberli, Carol Harlan, Teresa Naftzger, Jean Eby, John Gladden, Melanie Gladden, Emily Gladden, Carl Perry, Kris Perry, Dave Freeman, Tammy Kuntz, Don Kuntz, Janet Menssen and Fran Menssen. Our members have worked both the direct distribution and home delivery, and Carl works extra hours hauling the pallets the following Monday. Volunteers from Cloverleaf schools have included National Honor Society members and Key Club members. The Sheriff’s office has arranged service hours for those in diversion programs, and we have had help from college fraternities and sororities. We appreciate those volunteers who drive in from outside Medina County to help, especially during bad weather. It is fun to watch grandparents and grandchildren working together. It is satisfying to help our neighbors in need.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

Are you interested in what United Methodist missionaries are doing around the world? The next virtual iteration is on May 4. Join Still in Mission and learn first-hand experiences from missionaries about their call to mission and the communities they serve. See how missionaries share God's love in partnership with communities around the world. More information and registration is at <https://umcmmission.org/sim-2/>.



#STILLINMISSION

Join us on Thursday, May 4, 12 p.m. (ET) for conversations with missionaries:

Fatuma Kutela, Angola
Anna Troy, United States
Dan Randall, United States
Courtney Randall, United States
Gaston Ntambo, Democratic Republic of the Congo

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JOURNEYS**

LIBERIA JULY 2023
MEXICO OCTOBER 2023
MEXICO JANUARY 2024
PUERTO RICO JANUARY 2024
CAMEROON MAY 2024
CHINA 2025
CHILE TBD
HONDURAS TBD
GUATEMALA TBD
CAMBODIA TBD

Interested? Let us know!



Discover...Mission is an opportunity for young adults (ages 18-35) to share in God's mission around the world. "Over the years I have found that Discover . . . Mission has served as a critical spiritual formation and leadership development ministry. The intentionality of Discover . . . Mission takes young adults deeper into their spiritual underpinnings while expanding their experience and interaction with "otherness," whether international or domestic. For some this is their awakening experience in their faith journey. For others it is a time of maturing and embracing their gifts and graces. Discover . . . Mission works differently from many mission programs in making a clear distinction between going on a vacation trip with a bit of missional activity thrown in and preparing and entering a mission setting with the primary goal of interaction and being in mission and ministry with others as full partners, guided by the needs and capacities of the host mission site."

~Rev. David Newhouse, past coordinator of Mission Discovery (now Discover...Mission)

Where do you want to serve?

<https://forms.gle/yQJaXd6KuHf4GvzC6>





United
Women
in Faith

Our April meeting we were able to zoom with Rachel, the missionary we support from Cambodia. It was very informative. She is going to receive a new assignment soon and we voted to continue to support her.

May 16th is our All Daughter's Banquet, and the theme is Apron Pockets and Heart Strings. Tickets are available after church or contact Kelly Korb or Mary Oberli.

Our Ladies also voted to give \$250.00 towards the Rice meal Packets.

Family Life

Mark your calendar's for June 25th, following the 2nd worship service. A family picnic has been planned at the Cy Hewit Park. Please bring a dish of any kind to share, Our committee will provide hot dogs with all the trimmings. There will be games and fellowship for all.



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.

Memorial Committee

Our committee met recently and reviewed the Memorial account and recent need and purchases. Some of the recent purchases are: pots and pans for the kitchen, awning for the back door, keyboard, and music for the choir and organist.

There was a discussion on updating the two upstairs bathrooms and purchasing another awning for the other back door, Just getting quotes for them.

Outreach

On Sunday, April 29 we are planning to pack Rice Meal Packs at the church following the second service. These packs are \$2.50 each and anyone who would like to make a donation can do so. There will be a light meal provided for all of those who stay after the service to help. We will begin collecting items for UMCOR Hygiene Kits in May.

Dear Church Family

Our family wants to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to us when we had to say goodbye to Jim.

Special thanks to Rev. Don, Pastor Don, John Murray and Pam for the lovely music.

We all enjoyed the lunch by the women of faith, and a special thanks to Velvet who found and displayed all the pictures.

Thanks also for all the beautiful flowers and for all the cards which still keep coming, I read & read them again. It is so good to be back in church again.

In Christian Love, Mary Lou Eby & Family

Worship

Looking ahead

May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Hymns

361 "Rock of ages"

644 "Jesus, Joy of our
desiring"

2146 "His eye is on the
sparrow"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Brian Greer

10:45 Val & Dave Welday

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Bill Reedy

10:45 Rev. Tammy

Counter

Communion Steward

8:45 Carol Harlan

10:45 Liisa Coldiron

May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

Scripture

Acts 17:22-32

Psalms 66

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14: 15-21

Hymns

152 "I sing the almighty
power of God"

543 " Be still, my soul"

467 "Trust and Obey"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Lea & Mark Ewing

10:45 Vicki Fugate & Janet

Gommel

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Jerrica Pawlus

10:45

Counter

May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Scripture

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68

1 Peter 4:12-14

John 17: 1-11

Hymns

110 "A mighty fortress is our
God"

413 "A change to keep I
have"

396 " O Jesus, I have
promised"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Nancy & Kevin Barr

10:45 Melanie & John

Gladden

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Heather Cottingham

10:45 Melanie Gladdin

Counter

May 28

Pentecost Sunday

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20: 19-23

Hymns

420 "Breathe on me, Breath
of God"

384 "Love Divine, All loves
Excelling"

548 "In Christ there is no east
or west"

Greeters/Ushers

8:45 Jean Eby & Teresa

Naftzger

10:45 Bette & Ralph Smith

Acolytes

8:30

10:45

Liturgist

8:45 Bobbi Placke

10:45 Rev. Tammy

Counter

Lunchbox Thank You

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch you prepared for us on Friday! It was so nice of you!

Very tasty & Enjoyable- we are so very fortunate to have such caring people in our church! Thanks and may God Bless each of you.

Thank you to everyone! In Christian Love

Juanita Peery

Thanks again for the delicious lunch. Some things make growing older worth while.

Sincerely, Dee Piper

May Birthdays

- 1- Linda Avery
- 2- Juanita Peery
- 5- Tony Wolfe
- 8- David Welday
- 9- Benjamin Hanson
- 10- Carol Carter
- 12- Ralph Smith
- 13- Cathy Piper
- 16- Jennifer Powell
- 20- Brea Pawlus
- 24- Carol Harlan
Arlene Newcomer
- 29- Roy Bise
- 31- Wendel Payn



News You Can Use...

Geranium Sunday

May 21



Geraniums are provided at \$5.00 each to beautify the church grounds. Forms will be available in the bulletin. Volunteers are welcome to help the children plant after second service.

KEY TO KEYCARD CHANGE OVER

Just a reminder for those that still have keys for the church: Please turn your key in to Keri at the office, complete the key card request information and agreement of use, and receive your key card. The key card will be the only access to the building after May 31. If anyone has any questions, please contact the church office.

Attention All Ushers

**Do you know where the wheelchair is located?
Do you have a clue how to power on the lift
chair at the rear entrance?**

Wonder where the large print hymnals are kept?

We will answer those questions and more at an usher training in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7th.

Praise service ushers will meet after worship about 9:20 and the 10:45 ushers will meet after service about 11:50.

Chancel Choir

Thank you for a great choir season! Choir rehearsal continues through May 25 at 7:00pm. (Note: no rehearsal on May 4.) Sunday, May 28 is the last Sunday the choir will sing for this season.

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. (Pre-K Sunday school is done May 21.) Adults meet in the parlor.

May

Anniversaries

- 1- Cindy & Dave Gubics
- 15- Kristi & Carl Perry
- 26- Janet & Chris Briggs



Please pray for:

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

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 to reserve a date. Then order a flower arrangement from your favorite florist and have it delivered to the church before the praise service on that Sunday. You may also provide flowers from your garden. Be sure to contact the church office by Wednesday of that week so an acknowledgement can be printed in the bulletin.

J.C.'s Kid's Choir

JC Kids are done till Fall!

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 ending on May 10th. 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!

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?

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, angle 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.

April Finance



From the Finance Committee:

As of March 31, 2023

General Fund Giving \$43,763
Building/Maintenance \$675
Total Giving \$44,438

Total Expenses (\$47,307)
Shortfall (\$2,869)

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



Letter from Dave W.

The Finance Committee is extremely grateful that the members of the church have continued to step up as we work towards financial stability. While we are trending in a more positive position, we still stand at a shortfall of \$2869 through the first 3 months of the year. Taking an average of \$1,000/month shortfall, that would leave us with needing to dip into our savings \$12,000 for the year. We simply can't do that, and we all need to continue to work towards creative ways to raise funds for our church family.

For me, I always find it easier to break things into smaller chunks. If we think of it as an individual example – if there are 200 active members at our church, an extra \$5/month hits that \$1,000 mark. An extra \$20/month from each member = \$4,000 extra and brings up quickly. Another great way – invite people to church! Once people are here and see the impact of Seville United Methodist Church has on community/our lives/and relationship with God, they will want to stay and become family. This is an absolute necessity to the longevity of our church. I have challenged my family to invite friends from school/sports/other circles to church. We have a goal of one new family attending in May!! We have an incredible opportunity with VBS (Vacation Bible School) taking place in June so invite children into our church – please spread the word to anyone you know!!!

In May we will also start our “Heart” program – something neat that will allow us to spread the word about why we love our church! More details to follow!!

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

May 2023

- 2- Bible Study
- 3- JC Kids
- 6- UMM
- 9- Bible Study
- 10- JC Kids
 - Bible And Burritos
- 11- Chancel Choir
- 13- MT25 Food distribution
- 16- Bible Study
- 18- Chancel Choir
- 20- Food Pantry
 - Church Cleanup
- 23- Bible Study
- 24- Blood Mobile
- 25- Chancel Choir

Food Pantry Items of the Month

Paper Towels



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
- 10:35 AM Singing of Hymns
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship & Online Streaming