

# UMC EXPRESS



On August 6th, worship will be held alongside the other churches of the Cloverleaf Collaborative Community at the Medina County Fairgrounds.

720 W Smith Rd  
Medina, OH 44256

**Mark your calendars!**

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Check us out on Facebook!



*Thank you to our parking lot fundraiser volunteers!*

MT25 Food Distribution  
July 8, 10:00am-1:00pm

Coffee Club  
July 10, 10:00am

Admin Council Meeting  
June 10, 7:00pm

Bibles and Burritos  
July 12, 6:30pm

Food Party  
July 15, 10:00am-12:00pm

Akron RubberDucks Game  
July 20, 6:35pm

Blood Drive  
July 24, 12:00pm-6:00pm

Lunch Box  
July 28



# What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the August Newsletter is  
Thursday, July 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  
July 12, 6:30pm



RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.

## Cloverleaf Collaborative

Join the Cloverleaf Collaborative Churches at  
a Rubber Duck game!

Thursday, July 20 at 6:35pm

Reserve your ticket at

<https://fevogm.com/event/Cloverleafco>.

(Stop in the office for help in getting a ticket.)



## Vacation Bible School

Thank you to everyone who who helped to make this community Bible School a huge success! Whether you brought cereal boxes, gave funds, donated supplies, helped with food, or volunteered your time during the week, we couldn't have put it all together without you!

We brought in 84 boxes of cereal and collected over \$526 for Matthew 25.

# A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

**Reverend Donald Kuntz**

**Proverbs 22:1 “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold.”**

A refrigerated semi trailer truck was involved in an accident on I-71 in Richland County. Tons of salad mix in plastic clam shells would not last long without refrigeration. Local officials called Matthew 25 Outreach Center since M25OC had a good reputation from eight years of food delivery in Richland County. The director’s pick up truck arrived shortly and began home deliveries to senior citizens on the food distribution list.

While food deliveries were being made, the director made a call to Harvest Call on Pleasant Home Road in Wayne County since both organizations are partners in a Wayne County distribution. Harvest Call is an Apostolic organization with a reputation for canning meat and food shipments to Hungary, Romania, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries. Harvest Call could arrange for a refrigerated truck to drive up from Dayton.

Food deliveries continued in Mansfield, while the truck was en route from Dayton. When the food arrived in Rittman, a contact was made to have some cases brought to Seville Food Pantry for distribution. Cloverleaf VBS was happening at the time and dozens of families were able to take home fresh salad mix while it was still good.

Matthew 25 Outreach Center was known to local officials in Richland County as a trustworthy organization which could respond rapidly. Harvest Call was known to M25OC as a trustworthy organization which could respond rapidly. Seville Food Pantry was known to Harvest Call as a trustworthy organization. Plastic clamshell packages of salad mix were in homes in the Seville area within twelve hours of arrival here.

This accident was a one time event, spilling blessings into our lap for our neighbors. Crop King delivers produce regularly, each month of the summer for the Seville Community Food Pantry. We are a trusted partner known not only in our part of the county, but also known and respected from Akron to Mansfield.



**Ecclesiastes 7:1 “A good name is better than fine perfume”**

**Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”**



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf Collaborative YouTube Channel!



# The Church in Mission

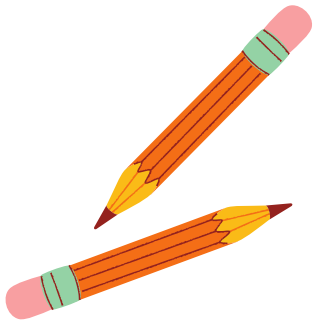
*Reverend Tammy Kuntz*

## Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School continues with simple missions projects: band-aids are banded together in groups of 10 for health kits, groups of 6 unsharpened pencils will be used in school kits. **In 2022, 33,956 UMCOR health kits and 9,616 UMCOR school kits were sent around the US to places that were affected by natural disasters.**

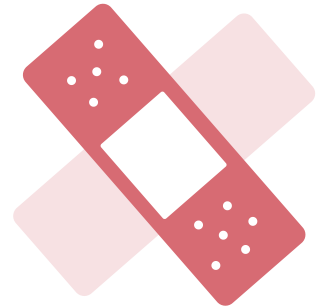
Care kits have been assembled for our local neighbors who we see on street corners asking for assistance. These have simple toiletries and a few snacks. Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to pick up one or two to have ready in your car the next time you see someone in need. Consider adding a bottle of water to help folks stay hydrated.

The little things we do add to the bigger picture, When added to the bigger picture, makes a difference in the life a neighbor.



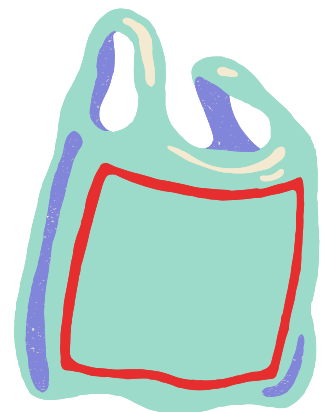
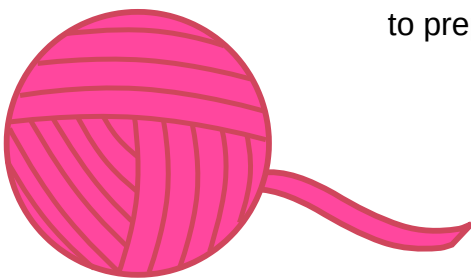
### How can you help?

We can continue to work on band-aids (3/4" x 3) and pencils (un-sharpened and without promotional slogans), and, looking ahead to the next project - PLASTIC BAGS!



The plastic will be used in a couple of ways. We need bags for the food pantry. We often run out of boxes and need to fall back to using bags to help pantry friends get their groceries home.

We will also use bags to make "plarn" - plastic yarn. Plarn will be used to make sleeping mats for homeless folks in Medina County. These sleeping mats will be woven on a loom. You can see the process at <https://www.midwestmission.org/loom>. It takes a lot of bags to make one mat. By collecting the bags now, we can begin to prepare them for the loom when it is completed.



# Community Assistance

Our local Matthew 25 Coalition had 36 requests for assistance in the month of May, and helped twelve.

Those helped with rent and utility assistance included:

- A single mother who had just started a new job. She doesn't receive child support and rental assistance helped her get caught up.
- Someone currently looking for employment who had to leave their previous job due to health issues. Matthew 25 assisted alongside other agencies to help her pay back rent.
- A senior citizen on fixed income. Family members came to live with her for a while, leading to an increase in her utility bills. The family moved out, but did not pay utility bills as agreed. Matthew 25 assisted with another organization to help stop the disconnect on her account.
- A mom who lost her job. She found new employment, but would not receive a paycheck before her utilities were scheduled for disconnect. Matthew 25 assisted with Our Lady to help stop the disconnect.



Bank balance is \$3932.

The Matthew 25 Outreach Center vegetable distribution shared **21,000 pounds of food with 272 families in June** (representing 712 people) 44 of those families were first time. 100 Senior CSFP boxes were delivered. Neighbors came from Nova and Homerville in the west, and Valley City and Brunswick in the north. 34% of these neighbors were senior citizens.

For the six months of January through June, MT25OC assisted **550 households representing 1572 people**; 220 families visited just once, 108 families twice, 91 families five times, 58 families six times.

**THANK  
you**

*Thank you so much for your blessings of VBS supplies and decor! We will put it to good use at our VBS. Please accept this small donation towards your ministry.*

*Thank you!*

*Melissa Dills and the Edinburg United Church*



# United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will not be meeting in July, but members are welcome to attend this year's Mission u, July 21-22, at Mount Union University in Alliance.

This year's theme is *Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation.*

You can register through the [East Ohio Conference Events page!](#)

## Family Life

We hope everyone enjoyed the picnic, games and fellowship at our June outing. Start looking forward to our Fall Festival in October! More about the plans to come.

### Bread and Pastries Pickup

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?

## Outreach

We hope you have been enjoying the coffee hour following both services on the first Sunday of the month! A big thank you to those responsible for the goodies!

A new project in the works will be making sleeping mats for the homeless in Northeast Ohio. Please save your plastic bags and bring them to the church. We're planning to do this project in August.

In September, it will be new teddy bear month. These bears will be presented to Akron Children's Hospital where there is a need.

We appreciate all who will be taking part!

## Coffee Club

We are happy to let you know we had a good crowd at the June get-together! Attendees enjoyed bingo, card-playing, and a wonderful performance by the Unity Singers.

Our next meeting will be July 10th, where we will be celebrating everyone's birthdays. The lunch menu will be baked ham, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, cake and ice cream.

We hope to see everyone there!



# Worship

Looking ahead

**July 2**

5th Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion

## Scripture

Psalm 13  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

## Hymns

#534 "Be Still My Soul"  
#351 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"  
#427 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

## Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Jean Eby & Teresa Naftzger  
10:45 - Chris Wotowiec & Joan Bise

## Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbi Placke  
10:45 - Rev. Tammy Kuntz

## Counter

Helen Angell

## Communion Steward

8:30 - Bobbi Placke  
10:45 - Carl Perry



**July 9**

6th Sunday after Pentecost

## Scripture

Psalm 72  
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## Hymns

#451 "Be Thou My Vision"  
#480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"  
#438 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"

## Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Kevin Barr  
10:45 - Kathy Stutzman & Vicki Fugate

## Liturgist

8:30 - Bill Reedy  
10:45 - Melanie Gladden

## Counter

Carol Harlan

**July 30**

9th Sunday after Pentecost

## Scripture

Psalm 105  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**July 16**

7th Sunday after Pentecost  
Guest Speaker: Blair Porter,  
Global Mission Volunteer

## Scripture

Psalm 139  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## Hymns

#368 "My Hope is Built"  
#413 "A Charge to Keep I Have"  
#116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

## Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Brian Greer  
10:45 - Fran & Jan Menssen

## Liturgist

8:30 - Jerrica Pawlus  
10:45 - Janet Gommel

## Counter

Janet Gommel

## Hymns

#77 "How Great Thou Art"  
#363 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"  
#540 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

## Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Lea & Mark Ewing  
10:45 - Ginnie & Jim Demo

## Liturgist

8:30 - Heather Cottingham  
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal

## Counter

Melanie Gladden

## Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Roseann & Craig Wood

## Liturgist

8:30 - Bill Reedy  
10:45 - Helen Angell

## Counter

Helen Angell

July

## Birthdays

- 1-Barbara Hawkins
- 2-Christina Wolfe
- Olivia Fugate
- 3-Carl Perry
- 4-John Rhoads
- 5-Jean Eby
- 7-Brenton Kimble
- 8-Jennifer Drehs
- 12-Michael Hanson
- 16-Darla Payn
- Libby Brantner
- 17-Alyssa Drehs
- Devon Pawlus
- 28-Matt Swain



# News You Can Use...

**Would you like to feel joy in your heart?**

**You now have the opportunity!**

We need volunteers to share one hour a month to visit persons of our church who perhaps can't get out on a regular basis.

We hope you will think this ministry over and if you feel it in your heart, please sign and submit one of the forms located on the table in the upstairs hallway.

*-Outreach Committee*

**Have a special occasion coming up?**

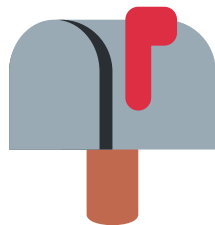
Consider celebrating while also beautifying our sanctuary by signing up to provide altar flowers!

Just write your name and celebration on the calendar in the fellowship hall, arrange for your flowers to be delivered the week you've selected, and let the church office know by Wednesday, so your occasion can be noted in the bulletin!

Dee Piper has moved!

Find her at:

9919 Firestone Rd.  
Homerville, OH 44235



*Has any of your personal contact information changed?*

*Be sure to inform the office so we can all stay connected!*



Dear Church,

Thank you for all the cards, texts, calls, and prayers (especially the prayers!) during my recent illness. I

am feeling much better and grateful for the knowledge of the medical experts. I am grateful for you!

~Rev. Tammy

**THANK YOU!**  


July

## Anniversaries

- 7-Wendy & Steve Avery
- 8-Jennifer & James Harris
- 12-David & Patricia Beery
- 15-Bette & Ralph Smith
- 19-Amy & Justen Grills
- 20-Carol & Courtney Harlan



***Please pray for:***

- Maggie Kuntz
- Matt Huse
- Norma Allen
- Baby Gage Szweda
- Betty Perry
- Mary Lou Eby
- Deb Massie
- Hank Herbst
- Bailey Freeland
- Barr family
- Alan Shriver Family
- Janet Turner
- Roy Bise
- Steve Campbell
- Baby James Meadows
- Adam Shook Family

Others undergoing testing and with health concerns  
The people of Ukraine  
Natural Disaster survivors  
Unspoken Concerns



# More Happenings



There have been some questions about the Seville UMC Scholarship. Each year high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the scholarship. There are application forms that can be obtained through the church office.

Requirements are:

1. The student must be an active member of Seville UMC. Being confirmed during Confirmation automatically makes you a member. Staying active is something they choose and the congregation prays about.
2. Applicants must be a full time student in a two or four year accredited college or university.
3. The student's application Must be completed by the student and not by a third party (such as a parent).
4. All materials should be sent to or dropped off at the church no later than April 30.
5. The student must submit all materials for the application to be considered. A complete application will include: a student application form (contact the church for this form), resume of church, school and community involvement; two personal recommendations from high school faculty and one from a church member (non relative) who knows them well stating the length of time they've known the applicant, how they have worked/related with the applicant, and why they feel the applicant is deserving of a scholarship
6. A typed essay of at least 500 words.



## Becoming a Lighthouse Church

*A pilgrimage is a holy journey that leads one to a deeper understanding of self and a closer relationship with God. The concept of pilgrimage deeply aligns with us as United Methodists as we move towards God in our process of transformation.*

We know that some local church members here in the East Ohio Conference are on a pilgrimage searching for new church homes, a place to heal and reconnect with God, or both. In this time of pilgrimage, we do not want any member to feel abandoned, lost, or disconnected. With this goal in mind, United Methodist Lighthouse Churches are dedicating themselves to welcoming those seeking community, connection, and a new church home.

The Administrative Council has decided to explore our options for becoming a Lighthouse Church. To proceed, we need four volunteers to go through an educational program so we can accept new members from churches disbanding or disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

If you want to help others maintain their church connection and would like more information, please contact Dave Welday (330-466-0494) or the church office. Additional information will be available as we explore possibilities for the future.



# June Finance

## From the Finance Committee:

As of June 30, 2023

General Fund Giving	\$86,224
Building/Maintenance	<u>1,950</u>
Total Giving	\$88,174

Total Expenses	(91,791)
Shortfall	( 3,617)



As we enter the summer months, with people's busy vacation and summer schedules, giving traditionally decreases. We are currently seeing this in our May and June giving. Expenses unfortunately don't take a break in the summer. There are a few different ways you can continue your offering during the summer if you don't find yourself attending in-person worship.

- Give online thru our website <https://www.seville-umc.org/>
  - Just click the donate button!
- Mail a check directly to the church
- Send a check thru your online banking system (you can even set it up to send checks on a recurring basis)



Money has been moved from our savings account to ensure we'll be able to pay our obligations, but we're confident that our congregation's giving will enable us to repay these funds and add them back into our savings.

Your continued support for our church – with your prayers, participation and giving – is valued and appreciated.

Your Finance Committee

**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

# July 2023

- 8 Mt25 Food Distribution
- 10 Coffee Club  
Administrative Council
- 12 Bibles and Burritos
- 15 Food Pantry
- 20 RubberDucks Game
- 24 Blood Drive
- 28 Lunch Box

## Food Pantry Items of the Month Shampoo/Conditioner



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