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CROP Walk is Oct. 22

Help fight hunger one step at a time by inviting friends, family and coworkers to be walkers or sponsors as we hike the Gary Eichler Trail to help feed the hungry in our community and around the world.

The walk begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at Maria Stanhope Park, rain or shine. Our goal is 50 walkers with at least \$20 each in sponsorships. Proceeds will be split between the Matthew 25 Outreach Center and Church World Service.

Please contact John Gladden with questions or if you can volunteer to assist with this event. We can use help with check-in, snacks and a water station at Leohr Park.

Sign up Here!



Donate Here!



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What's Happening

At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the November Newsletter is
Friday, October 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
October 11, 6:30pm



RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.

Seville Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is moving! A request was made to Trustees to move to one of the classrooms in order to provide a more usable space for the Pantry that would allow a permanent setup and more room to welcome community friends. The trustees made the recommendation followed by much discussion and Ad Council approved that the toddler room would be the new home for the Food Pantry.

This move offers several benefits. When the room is ready, Pantry Guests will use the east entrance which has fewer steps to the lower level. The hallway offers more room for folks to come in out of the cold and enjoy hospitality. The space will eliminate set up and clean up time and provide a more convenient layout for the Choice Pantry. This space also allows additional distribution times yet to be determined.

Trustees and Pantry volunteers will work together to transform the space. Current pantry spaces (the old Kitchen/Jr High Classroom and the room on the W. Main St. side of the building) will be repurposed in ways to benefit programs and storage concerns of the church.

Sunday School

Our first day of Sunday School for our PreK-6th graders was September 10th.

We began our Fall lesson with the book of Genesis and exploring the story of creation. God's creations are beautiful and good! It gave our class of seven children a reason to head out on a nature walk to explore God's creations. Our children surely enjoyed this outdoor classroom lesson! Next up for our Sunday School-ers: Responsibility in caring for our earth.



Coffee Club
October 2, 10:00 am

United Methodist Men
October 7, 9:00 am

"Aloha Friends" Sunday
October 8

Trustees Meeting
October 10, 7:00 pm

Bibles and Burritos
October 11, 6:30 pm

MT25OC Food Distribution
October 14, 10:00 am

Laity Sunday
October 15

Fall Bazaar
October 15

United Women in Faith
October 17, 7:00 pm

Food Pantry
October 21, 10:00 am

CROP Walk
October 22, 2:00 pm

Lunchbox
October 27, 12:00 pm



A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

Reverend Donald Kuntz

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, head of a department. Other tax collectors reported to him and he reported to the Roman Governor. Zacchaeus was curious and imaginative. He wanted to see Jesus, which put him up a tree (See Luke 19).

Jesus wished for a better relationship with this spectator. Jesus imposed himself upon Zach, "I will dine at your house today." Didn't ask if he had food on hand, didn't ask if it was an imposition. We don't know whether Jesus was inviting himself in or the whole band.

Jesus, following the disruptive Holy Spirit, just invited himself in. Jesus chose an influential person and made an opening. Jesus chose the culture's understanding of hospitality to invite himself in. Food sharing was an opportunity to develop a relationship.

Even before the meal, Zach determined to give half of his wealth to the poor and pay restitution (four times) to those he'd overcharged.

In preparation for one of the feeding miracles, Jesus challenges the disciples to meet the need:

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16, Mark 6:37)

Jesus had high expectations. When Jesus was reconciling with Peter, after Peter's denial, Jesus gave instructions for a pathway to a restored relationship:

"Feed my sheep." (John 21)

How are we using our culture's understanding of food to improve relationships, both with our neighbors and with God?

Ask Sandy B. about Panera Wednesdays. Ask Bobbi P. about Bibles and Burritos. Ask Joan B. about Lunchbox. Ask Ralph S. about the Men's Pancake Supper. Ask Kelly K. about the UWF Turkey Dinner.

Ask Paul O. about the Cloverleaf vegetable distribution. Ask Carl and Kris P. about the Seville Community Food Pantry. Ask Ruth H., Helen A. and Carol S. about the Rice Meal Pack. Ask John G. about the Kiwanis Thanksgiving baskets. Ask Mary O. about Coffee Club. Ask any of the women who help in the kitchen about funeral dinners. Ask Rev. Tammy about coffee at the Farmer's Market.



**In the daily prayer, we ask God: "Give us this day our daily bread."
How is God using us to answer this prayer for others?**



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

Intergenerational Mission Journey

The Cloverleaf Collaborative Churches are planning an intergenerational mission journey! We are excited to engage in God's mission with one another with many people of many ages!



When we will go? Don't know! The group will decide.

Where we will go? Don't know! The group will decide.

What will we do? Don't know! The group will decide.

These decisions will guide the planning. There are many project sites that welcome volunteers of different ages.

This church engages in mission in many ways. This is an opportunity to be part of something beyond the immediate community, a chance to experience other people in another place, a new opportunity to do the Jesus thing in the Jesus way. The mission is bigger than us and we can accomplish more when we serve with others.

Rice Meal Pack

We packed 1020 rice meals on Saturday, September 9. These meals will serve 6120 people. The meals we packed last April went to Turkey. Watch for an update on the location for these meals.

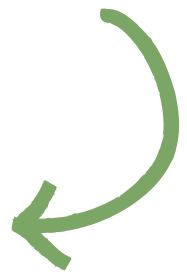


Manos Juntas Mission

Do you recall the mission journey to Manos Juntas last December? We worked on the space for a new day care in Rio Bravo, Mexico. We weeded, dug trees out from under sidewalks, and poured new sidewalks.



And now look at it!
Ready for children!
You can see more photos
and videos at
<https://www.facebook.com/manosjuntasvimmexico>.



Coffee Club

Can you believe our last Coffee Club of the year will be October 2nd? We have enjoyed many types of programs, bingo and cards, and a good lunch monthly. We have become a community thanks to the church!

On October 2nd, Ken Engle from Christian Children's Home of Ohio will be our guest speaker and enlighten us on the work of the home. We hope you can attend.

Also, I'd like to thank these people for their dedication and commitment each month: Helen Angell, Carol Harlan, Teresa Naftzger, Bette Smith, Martha Springer, Kathy Swagler, and Pam Evans, who takes blood pressures monthly. This program could not be carried out without each and every one of you!



In September, Coffee Club members enjoyed a presentation from Mari Halkovich on the Ohio Presidents' wives!

Bread and Pastries Pickup

First Tuesday	Kuntz
Second Tuesday	Perry
Third Tuesday	Ewing
Fourth Tuesday	Maybe you?
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

Set aside October 8th to open your hearts for Maui and other parts of Hawaii. "Aloha Friends" is the theme as we share our donations to help our friends reconstruct the beautiful state of Hawaii. Donations go through UMCOR at 100%. Our goal is \$1,000! We have already received \$260.

There will be a coffee on October 8th as we begin "Aloha Friends" through the month of October. Thank you for your generosity!

Also, a big thank you to all who brought in teddy bears for Akron Children's Hospital!

Family Life

The Family Life Committee wants to bring a little Fall into your life on Sunday, October 29th following the church services!

There will be a pie-eating contest (hands-free), a pumpkin decorating contest, and more! Anyone can enter the pumpkin decorating contest, all ages, even seniors. Please bring your pumpkin that Sunday. You can receive great prizes (and even some help decorating). Cider and donuts will be served!



Our Sunday School classrooms and office have never looked cleaner or more de-junked! Thank you to Beth Meadows and Sandy Bridenthal for their hours of cleaning, organizing and donating things that were collecting dust. The downstairs bulletin board is so welcoming and inviting—thank you, Beth!

*Very gratefully,
Tara Freeland*

Worship

Looking ahead

October 1st

18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Scripture

Psalm 78
Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Hymns

8:30

“Face to Face”
“I Sing Praises”
“Thou Art Worthy”
“He Is Our Peace”
“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

10:45

#127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
#2152 “Change My Heart, O God”
#467 “Trust and Obey”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Lea & Mark Ewing
10:45 - Kathy Stutzman & Vicki Fugate

Liturgist

8:30 - Jerrica Pawlus
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal

Counter

Helen Angell

October 8th

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 19
Exodus 20:1-20
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Hymns

8:30

“It’s Time to Praise the Lord”
“Come Into His Presence”
“Thy Word”
“In Moments Like These”
“Let There Be Love”

10:45

#398 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”
#528 “Nearer, My God, to Thee”
#438 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - TBD
10:45 - Jan & Fran Menssen

Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbi Placke
10:45 - Melanie Gladden

Counter

Carol Harlan

October 15th

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

Scripture

Psalm 67
Genesis 1:26-31

Hymns

8:30

“There is a Redeemer”
“I Will Sing of the Mercies”
“Make Me, Lord, a Dreamer”
“God So Loved the World”
“He Is Able”

10:45

#569 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”
#368 “My Hope is Built”
#593 “Here I Am Lord”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Jean Eby & Teresa Naftzger
10:45 - Ginnie & Jim Demo

Liturgist

8:30 - Heather Cottingham
10:45 - Janet Gommel

Counter

Janet Gommel

October 22nd

21st Sunday after Pentecost
CROP Walk

Scripture

Psalm 99
Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Hymns

8:30

“Praise the Name of Jesus”
“Lord I Lift Your Name”
“Into My Heart”
“More Like You”
“Grace Alone”

10:45

#369 “Blessed Assurance”
#261 “Lord of the Dance”
#399 “Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Kevin Barr
10:45 - TBD

Liturgist

8:30 - Bill Reedy
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal

Counter

Melanie Gladden

October 29th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 90
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Hymns

8:30

“Not By Might”
“May Your Kingdom Come”
“Lord I Will”
“No Other Love”
“Hear, O Lord”

10:45

#110 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
#430 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”
#453 “More Love To Thee, O Christ”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Brian Greer
10:45 - John & Melanie Gladden

Liturgist

8:30 - Jerrica Pawlus
10:45 - Helen Angell

Counter

Helen Angell

October Birthdays

4-Evelyn Welday
6-John Gladden
Everett Parsons
Tammy Kuntz
9-MacKenzie
Hanson
Madalyn Hansen
10-Ed Placke
13-Melanie Gladden
14-Pam Payn
15-Jim Morris
16-Jim Martin
17-Beth Meadows
22-Noah Pawlus
23-Gloria Hays
25-Janet Turner
28-Fran Menssen
31-Shawn George

Top 10 Ways Churches Alienate First-Time Guests

10. Dirty Facilities
9. Seating Mix-Ups (A.K.A. Bad Manners)
8. Boring or Bad Service
7. Use of "Insider" Church Language
6. Confusing/Poor Signage
5. Bad Website
4. Nowhere to Get Info
3. Unsafe or Unclean Children's Space
2. Unfriendly Members
1. Forced Interaction

This information comes from a survey shared with the attendees at July's Lighthouse Training. Hopefully you will find it as interesting as we did.
-Emily Gladden

News You Can Use...

Help support the Food Pantry by participating in two upcoming events!

On October 10-12 (Three days!), Scoops is hosting a food drive for the pantry. Every non-perishable item will be matched by Scoops! 100 cans of food turns into 200 cans of food!

Then, on November 11, Seville Flower and Gift is hosting a fund raiser during the Christmas Preview with the Shops of Downtown Seville. We will be there from 10:00-3:00. Stop by and enjoy cookies and the hot chocolate bar!

Please contact Rev. Tammy if you are available for a short time to help with either of these events.



At Annual Conference the Reverend Brian Sheetz said we are heading to the "Getting on with it Season" and that we should consider the answer to 4 questions before Advent.

I ask that each of us in the congregation prayerfully consider our answers. It would be helpful to compile some of these answers and share them.

We have the questions on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. As you think of answers to these questions, we ask you to post them on the bulletin board. You can sign them or leave them anonymous. Everyone is encouraged to talk to others outside of the church, to see what needs the community may have that Seville UMC can work toward meeting.

The Questions Are:

1. What Does Our Community Need Us To Be?
2. Who Can We Partner With To Strengthen This Vision?
3. How Will Our Community Be Better Because Our Church Is Here?
4. How Will The Church Be Better Because We Are Part Of The Community?

-Bobbi Placke

October Anniversaries

6-Teare & Bill Reedy
7-Darla & Wendel Payn
8-Janet & Ben Gommel
11-Beth & Jim Meadows
15-Tudy & Dale Cook
18-Lori & David Skelton
19-Kelly & David Korb
23-Janet & Fran Menssen



Please pray for:

Maggie Kuntz
Matt Huse
Norma Allen
Betty Perry
Mary Lou Eby
Deb Massie
Hank Herbst
Bailey Freeland
Roy Bise
Steve Campbell family
Charles Powell
Lisa Marshall
Frank Klote
Phil Totten
Pat Hewitt-Rooney family

The people of Ukraine
People of Lahaina, Maui

Unspoken Concerns

More Happenings

Greetings to the congregation!

It was brought to our attention that you may need a reminder as to which SPRC member to reach out to for the following staff or committee chairs. Below is the list. Please keep it with your other church contact information. 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. Here it is!

Also, please note that the church office is CLOSED on Friday of every week. Please hold the questions you can for our administrative assistant or Rev. Don till Monday morning for business questions or contact the committee chair you think might be able to assist you. We encourage a healthy work life balance for all, including our clergy and staff.

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.

September Finance

From the Finance Committee:

As of September 30, 2023

General Fund Giving	\$130,443
Building/Maintenance	<u>2,785</u>
Total Giving	\$133,228

Total Expenses	\$(140,205)
Shortfall	(6,977)



October is traditionally Stewardship Month at Seville UMC. It's a time for us to reflect on the impact our church has on our congregation and community - and how your contributions make this happen. During this month, you will see videos from your church family sharing what Seville UMC means to them. Be on the look out for our stewardship letter and pledge card. On November 5th, we will be hosting a church-wide pot luck after 2nd service – celebrating our church family and celebrating what we can do when we all pitch in and bring our gifts (and our favorite dish). We hope to see you there!

Please continue to prayerfully consider how you can financially support Seville UMC. Your offerings will ensure that we are able to pay our obligations without pulling additional funds from our limited savings.

We value you and your support of Seville UMC!

Your Finance Committee



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October 2023

- 2 Coffee Club
- 7 United Methodist Men
- 8 "Aloha Friends" Sunday
Special Collection and Coffee Hour
- 10 Trustees
- 11 Bibles and Burritos
- 14 Matthew 25 OC Food Distribution
- 15 Laity Sunday
Fall Bazaar
- 17 United Women in Faith
- 21 Food Pantry
- 22 CROP Walk
- 27 Lunchbox

Food Pantry Item of the Month Toothbrushes and Toothpaste



Scan here to view the Calendar Online

Seville United Methodist Church
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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