

# UMC EXPRESS



## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



Whether you call it paying it forward, giving back, providing a service, or utilizing your God given talents, being a volunteer is rewarding. ***Consider becoming a UMC volunteer today!***

- The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to be a part of our team! ***There is a need for ushers, communion stewards and liturgists for both services.*** Would you please consider helping with this ministry? Any questions, see Sandy or Beth.
- ***Asking for your support!*** Also, we still need additional volunteers to assist in making these sleeping mats for those homeless in our community! The sleeping mats are made from cut-up plastic bags. These bags are tightly woven together into lightweight mats. Volunteers can help by cutting the bags into strips and help in the process of weaving the strips together. Each mat is made up of approximately 600-900 recycled bags. We are still accepting plastic bags at the church.
- ***Our UMC Lunch Box Program also needs cooks, drivers, and volunteers to continue to make this a successful program.*** Please consider this as a great opportunity to help others in our community. If you have questions, or would like to provide a meal, please contact Lea at 330.421.0383, Joanie at 330.606.932 or Sandy at 330.769.2474.



**Call the church office if you have interest in supporting any of these efforts.**

***The Deadline for the January Newsletter is Wednesday, December 20, 2023.***



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Check us out on Facebook!



December 2, 9 a.m. Annual  
United Women in Faith  
Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. the District  
Superintendent will speak  
and meet with all church  
members.

Trustees Meeting  
December 5, 7 p.m.

Winter Market  
December 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(Set-up will be on the 8th)

Matthew25OC  
December 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cloverleaf Elementary

Joy Caring Group  
December 12, 11 a.m.  
R.S.V.P. to Joanie or Connie  
if you are not coming!

Finance Committee  
December 12, 7 p.m.

Bibles and Burritos  
December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Food Pantry  
December 16,  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Celebrate The Longest Night  
December 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Lodi UMC

Note: There will not be a  
Lunchbox Delivery in Dec.

Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.  
Midnight Service 11 p.m.



# Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

*Thank you*

**Outreach:** A big, big thank you to everyone who helped us meet our goal of \$1,000 for Maui! Our church always has a big heart for responding to needs! We hope all of you are planning to attend church during this Advent Season. The children will be presenting a Christmas Program on **December 17th**, and they will be presenting a special gift to all! Please consider bringing a friend, neighbor, or family member to the services in December. Community members are always welcome.

**Have you ever thought of people who make our day easier? The Outreach Committee** has agreed that the Firemen, Policemen and the Linemen who work for the Board of Public Affairs all have jobs that carry with them a certain degree of danger. We are quite fortunate to have these individuals as part of the Seville community. We would like to put together Christmas baskets for each of these groups. They will be placed in the Fellowship Hall and labeled accordingly. Please feel free to bring in snacks, chips, candy, cookies, gift certificates and such to show our appreciation for their service. Please support our town and its community members. Thank you in advance for any of the donations brought in to show our appreciation.

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**United Women in Faith News:** A BIG thank you to all who worked and were involved in anyway with the annual bazaar and turkey dinners. This could not have been as successful without your support! Finance figures are not completed yet, but all the profit from the bazaar goes toward five agencies and profit from the dinner is for the operating budget. We will be sponsoring a Christmas breakfast on **December 2nd at 9 a.m.** and presenting a short program. At **10:30 a.m.** our District Superintendent will be leading a discussion on our church situation and its future.

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**Dear Seville UMC,** Just a quick note to let you know how much our family enjoyed and appreciated the turkey dinner and craft bazaar. The meal may have been the best yet and all of the craft items were amazing. Please let everyone know that we very much appreciated their time and efforts!  
Sincerely, Virginia Doty

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**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** To the amazing ladies, thank you so much for making lunch for my family when it was too much for us to do. Your meal was wonderful! We were blessed by all of you as you made the lunch for Mattern's Funeral! Love, the Mattern Family

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**Thank you** to Amy Hutteringer Barr for the beautiful harvest arrangement on the altar!

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**Your prayers are appreciated!** Phil Totten, is now home and doing well. Sharon wanted to thank everyone for keeping him in your prayers!



# ***A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...***

***Reverend Donald Kuntz***



**The Season of Advent has many functions and facets.**

How are we preparing for God’s entrance in the world? How are we alert to where God is already moving and acting in pregnant moments? How are we being better innkeepers?

Advent’s color is purple, reminding us that our sins get in the way of our relationship with God, and we are not ready for God’s arrival.

Early in our faith, Advent is experienced as a countdown to Christmas, a learning tool for patience and focus. We must wait to receive. Pregnancy is about patience. Today patience is out of style, and focus is derided in favor of multi-taking.

Later in our faith development, Advent is experienced as a time of preparation, engaging the believer in bringing others into the faith story, a teaching tool about those who say ‘yes’ (Mary, the innkeeper, the shepherds, Joseph, Zachariah, John the Baptizer). The angels do as instructed and bring good news to the field shepherds whose imagination is sparked to go visit Mary who said yes to God’s outrageous plan months ago.

Later in our faith development, Advent is experienced as a way to look to the future, not the past. Believers engage in those Psalm 23 behaviors, ushering people to quiet pastures, to peaceful waters, to paths of righteousness; providing companionship in difficult times, tables of abundance, practices of goodness and mercy; leading to greater participation in the house of the Lord. The Old Testament prophets taught an expectation that people of faith would be involved in the repair of the world — bringing justice, righteousness, and peace.

I encourage you to include patience in your yuletide celebration. Perhaps look at the old tradition of the 12 days of Christmas from December 25 to January 6 (Epiphany- when the kings show up). In some families, Christmas trees are down before New Year’s, before the Magi even arrive. I encourage you to discern which practices point to the story and which practices point elsewhere. Are we allowing consumerism to get the best of us? Are we bowing down to something other than a baby in a manger?

Advent is about watching and waiting, observing how God is at work in the world making things better, making repairs; and how we partner with God in that work, for the sake of a helpless infant who becomes our King.

**Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.**

**The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it.**

**You also must be patient. (James 5:7-8)**



**Rev. Don would also like to remind church members about the 2023 Longest Night Event (Blue Christmas). It will be held at Lodi UMC at 320 Medina St, Lodi, OH 44254 on December 21 @ 6:30 p.m. There will be helpful opportunities for prayer and silence, no sermon, and a combined choir rehearsal beginning at 5:15 pm.**



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf Collaborative YouTube Channel!



# The Church in Mission

*Reverend Tammy Kuntz*

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has had a role in making the sleeping mats for the homeless and/or to those who have offered their time and help to make the UMC Food Pantry a success.

*Your efforts are making a difference!*

**Sleeping Mats:** The first four mats went to Cups Cafe in Medina. I stopped by and took one in to see if they could distribute them. As soon as I walked in with the mat, one of the gentlemen nudged the volunteer and said, "I used to have one of those! Remember? When I lived in my tent." They took all four mats. And they knew exactly who would receive these mats.

One mat is at the altar gathering up your prayers for the person who will receive it. Each line of *plarn* woven into the mat becomes a bit of warmth, a bit of comfort, a bit of hope for employment, a roof, and a meal. It may not seem like much, cutting and tying plastic grocery bags, but it is huge for the person receiving the mat.

Something to know about the mats: Each 6-foot-by-2½-foot mat is made from about 600 to 900 recycled plastic grocery bags and a mat can take up to 35 to 50 hours to complete. There are two ways you can participate in making Sleeping Mats:



1. **Make Plarn:** We need people to make the plarn used in the sleeping mats. Collect plastic grocery bags, cut them following the video below, and bring them to church.
2. **Make the Sleeping Mats:** We have a loom at the church to weave these Sleeping Mats together. Feel free to contact Rev. Tammy if you can collect more plarn or grocery bags, and have interest in using the loom before/after the church service, or during the week.

If anyone has interest in learning more about these mats, here's a link to the video on how to cut the bags.

<https://www.midwestmission.org/loom>



**Food Pantry:** A small group of folks arrive at the Food Pantry each month around 8:30am. They know distribution begins at 10:00. Yet here they are - 90 minutes early. They are invited in to the warmth and have coffee and conversation. At the November pantry, one gentlemen named them the Pantry Breakfast Club. I am super excited for the new space that will offer plenty of room for people to gather and have time for fellowship.

The **December 16** pantry will be a Christmas celebration with hot chocolate and treats to welcome folks to the new pantry. Thank you to Carl and Kristi for painting, removing the carpet, and cleaning the floor. The November volunteers helped move everything. A new-to-us freezer and new-to-us refrigerator were donated and are in place. Organization is slow, but it will be ready!

*Thank you, beloved Church, for your support of these two projects. Advent blessings!*

*~Rev Tammy*

# December Birthdays

2-Mary Demastes  
Nolan Freeland  
5-Randy Hays  
Renee Zarlengo  
6-Landon Morris  
7-Virginia Demo  
15-David Korb  
16-Jan Vierheller  
17-Ruthie Trigg  
21-Doris Watkins  
22-Janet McCall  
Menssen  
27-Eve Hartman  
29-Pattie Plumer



Happy  
Birthday

**New Office Hours:**  
Monday through  
Wednesday from  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. &  
on Thursdays  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We will remain  
closed on  
Fridays.

# News You Can Use...



**An expression of gratitude:** I want to thank everyone for the WARM welcome at the church as I begin my journey here. I will try to remember everyone's name but in the interim, until I do, please keep saying your name to me when I see you. Also, tell me something to remember you by as I develop these new relationships. Thank you again, Phyllis.

## 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

December 13, 6:30pm

RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.



**The Cloverleaf Collaborative** is a group of United Methodist Churches which feed into the Cloverleaf Local School system. We provide support for students, teachers and staff. We hold special worship services and do service projects together. We provide mutual aid for pastoral emergencies when one of our pastors is out of town. In 2022, we had combined Lenten worship services and worship at the Medina County Fair.

**Habitat for Humanity** - Rev Tom O'Connell, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, Medina County is thrilled that the United Methodist Churches in Medina County will join together for a wall build in the parking lot of Lafayette UMC (6201 Lafayette Rd, Medina, Ohio 44256). This wall build will be for the next house built in Brunswick. We had agreed upon an April date. Habitat is asking if we can move it back to March (no decision made at time of publication). All are invited to help, those with building skills, those who wish to learn building skills, those with hospitality skills, those who are good at encouraging others. More information will be available as the build time nears. Granger UMC is providing lunch. Seville UMC is providing a continental breakfast.

# December Anniversaries

6-Pattie & Jeff Plumer  
10-Mark & Lea Ewing  
14-Sandy & Tom  
Bridenthal  
18-Hilary & Brian Grey



## Please pray for:

Matt Huse (terminal illness)  
Betty Perry  
Deb Massie (Nancy Greer's sister, cancer)  
Hank Herbst (Cathy Piper's brother, cancer)  
Bailey Freeland  
Lisa Marshall (cancer)  
Roy Bise  
The Plumer and Klote families  
Luci (COVID and unspoken concerns)  
Fiona Conway (Sue Payne's granddaughter, illness)  
Colleen Dixon  
Webb and Heller families  
David Kennet family (teacher who died in bus accident)  
Ester Puglisi  
Troy Jarvis

Those homeless and battling mental illness  
People of Ukraine  
People of Lahaina, Maui  
People of the Middle East  
Unspoken Concerns



# Groups and Committees



## Turkey Dinner

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual United Women in Faith (UWF) Turkey Dinner this year. It was a huge success, raising **\$1,333** in proceeds from ticket sales. We would like to extend a special thanks to all of the men and women who prepared these meals so others in the community could enjoy a Thanksgiving meal!

**As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” - John F. Kennedy**

### BREAD AND PASTRIES PICKUP

<b>First Tuesday</b>	<b>Kuntz</b>
<b>Second Tuesday</b>	<b>Perry</b>
<b>Third Tuesday</b>	<b>Ewing</b>
<b>Fourth Tuesday</b>	<b>Rhoads</b>
<b>Fifth Tuesday</b>	<b>Freeland</b>



**Bagel slicers and bread packers**  
**Sandy Bridenthal and Sherry Armstrong**

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

## Bazaar

The fall Bazaar and holiday crafts are still available in our parlor and are on display. If anyone has interest in continuing their shopping yet this season, please consider stopping by. We want to thank everyone who brought in items for the bazaar this year. And thank those who helped to make this a success. In November, we were able to raise **\$1,700** in preliminary fund for the ministries listed below:

### Proceeds benefit:

- Medina Children’s Center
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- Seville Community Food Pantry
- Flat Rock Homes
- Red Bird Mission & Missionary support

***Thank you for your support with regard to the Christmas Bazaar sale this year!***

Our “hospitality” table for fellowship and refreshments was a big hit on Friday and Saturday. We look forward to starting up crafting on **January 18, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, weather permitting. All are welcome!

**The Joy Caring Group** will meet at the home of **Connie Beery on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m.** for a light lunch, fellowship and fun. *Please bring a hand lotion to share with the Food Pantry.* Winter hands will appreciate it! If you **cannot** come to the meeting please R.S.V.P. to Joanie (330-606-9372) or Connie (330-769-4227) so they know that you are not able to attend.

**UMC Lunch Box Program** This outreach project was started when Women in Faith was known by United Methodist women whose purpose was to be a monthly church contact with members who cannot attend services on a regular basis. It has since expanded to include members of the community and shut-ins. Meals are delivered on the 4th Friday of the month. It is now overseen by the Lunch Box Committee.



**Sign-up to help!**

Seniors rely on these visits not only for the food that they receive, but for the social conversations they have with our volunteers, keeping them connected to the church and to others. If you have interest in helping with this program, please let the office staff know! At this time we are providing 14 lunches a month and this can vary. Edie Landis calls the recipients each month to remind them of the box lunch delivery.

A sign up sheet for lunch and dessert cooks will be circulated this month!

# Worship

Looking ahead

## December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent Communion

### Scripture

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Hymns

**8:30**

"I Want to Walk As a Child of The Light"  
"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
"O Come O Come Emmanuel" Vs.1-4  
"Sing we Now of Christmas" Vs 1-3

**10:45**

#2152 "Change my heart O God"  
#211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
#196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Brian Greer  
10:45 - Chris Wotoweic & Joyce Milota

### Liturgist

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

### Counter

Helen Angell

### Communion Stewards

8:30 - Bobbi Placke  
10:45 Helen Angell

## December 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Scripture

Psalm 85  
Isaiah 40:1-11, 14-25  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-18

### Hymns

**8:30**

"Love Came Down at Christmas"  
"Star Child This is The Faith We Sing" Vs. 1-3  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Vs. 1-4  
"He is Born"

**10:45**

#209 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"  
#730 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"  
#438 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Lea & Mark Ewing  
10:45 - Bette & Ralph Smith

### Liturgist

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

### Counter

Carol Harlan

## December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent JC Kids

### Scripture

Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8

### Hymns

**8:30**

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"  
"Angels From The Realms of Glory"  
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
Vs. 1-4  
"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

**10:45**

#206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
#160 "Rejoice ye Pure in Heart"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Roseann & Craig Wood  
10:45 - Val & Dave Welday

### Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbi Placke  
10:45 - Helen Angell

### Counter

Janet Gommel

## December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

### Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### Hymns

**8:30**

"Infant Holy Infant Lowly"  
"Away in The Manger"  
"Who is He in Yonder Stall" Vs. 1-5  
"What Child is This"

**10:45**

#215 "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"  
#198 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"  
#218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

### Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Jean Eby & Theresa Naftzger  
10:45 - Kathy Stutzman & Vicki Fugate

### Liturgist

8:30 - Jerrica Pawlus  
10:45 - Dave Welday

### Counter

Melanie Gladden



# More To Know

## Christmas Candlelight Services 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.



### Scripture

Psalm 96: 1-10  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Luke 2: 1-20  
Mark 13:24-37

### Hymns

#234 "O Come All ye Faithful" #138 "Angels we Have Heard on High"  
#230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #239 "Silent Night"  
#2095 "Star Child"

## December 31st, First Sunday After Christmas Day

### Scripture

Psalm 148  
Isaiah 61:10 and 62:3  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

### Hymns 8:30 a.m

#220 "Angels From The Realms of Glory All Verses"  
#254 "We Three Kings" Vs. 1,2 & 5  
#234 "O Come All Ye Faithful" Vs. 1 - 4  
#251 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

### Hymns 10:45 a.m.

#217 "Away in a Manger"  
#246 "Joy to the World"  
#249 "There's a Song in the Air"

### Greeters/Ushers

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

### Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbi Placke

**Counter** Janet Gommel

**District Office Administrators Announced!** The district office administrators for the four new districts have been determined and they will transition to their new roles on January 1, 2024. The district office administrators for the new districts are: Megan Myers – Central Valley, Lisa Huston – Northern Waters, Joy Snyder – South Forest and Renee Davis – West Plains (The office for the West Plains District will be in the Mansfield area.) The administrative assistants who will not be continuing with the Conference will remain in their current roles until January 31, 2024.

### December 3, 2023 will be Scholarship Sunday:

Churches are invited to partner with the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) to make it more affordable for Methodist students to attend United Methodist Colleges, Universities and Seminaries. The foundation's UM Dollars for Scholars is a popular matching-fund program that makes this possible.

Our church offers support to a student with \$1,000 (on a church check sent directly to UMHEF after the student has applied). UMHEF matches that for a total of \$2,000. Participating United Methodist-related schools may match with up to \$1,000. For United Methodist applicants, participating UMC Conference Foundations may match up to \$1,000 as well. Your UM Dollars for Scholars scholarship may total up to \$4,000. The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization that awards \$2+ million annually to United Methodists and other students attending UM-related schools. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help the youth of our congregation for years to come.

**Bible Study:** "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey is the Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. If you wish to participate in this 6-session study, please place your name on the sign-up list located on the table in the fellowship hall. Sunday, January 7, 2024 is the last day to register to have a book available at the first session. Contact Pam Mullin with any questions. Special note: We are no longer able to borrow Bible Study DVDs from the media center free of charge. We will need to purchase the video products that vary widely in price. The cost will be divided among the participants and added to the cost of the study guide.



Scan here to view our Calendar Online



# November Finance

## From the Finance Committee:

During Stewardship month, we heard from various members about what they loved about Seville UMC. Just a few of the answers:

- The people
- The supportive community
- The missions and our impact on the community
- VBS & Sunday School
- Being an acolyte



Seville UMC plays an important part in the lives of our congregations as well as the Seville Community. What we do as a church makes a difference!

Pledges received so far total:

\$121,000	General Fund
\$ 9,000	Building & Maintenance
\$ 2,800	Missions

Our budgeted expenses for 2024 totals \$199,831.

In November, we asked you to consider increasing your giving – and your response help to reduce the previous shortfall by over 50%.

Updated projections suggestion a year end shortfall of (4,100). That \$15 extra per week per giving household is what will be needed to balance the budget by year-end.

Thank you for all you do for Seville UMC!

As of 11/30/23

General Fund Giving	\$164,053
Building/Maintenance	<u>\$ 3,410</u>
Total Giving	\$167,463
Total Expenses	\$(170,098)
Shortfall	<u>\$(2,635).</u>

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at

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# December 2023

- 2 Advent Breakfast 9 a.m. & All Church Meeting with District Superintendent 10:30 a.m.
- 5 Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.
- 7 Historical Society will host a dinner at the church 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 9 Winter Market 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*(Note the set up will be on the 8th)*
- 9 Matthew25OC 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cloverleaf Elementary
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 Joy Caring Group lunch 11 a.m.
- 13 Bibles and Burritos 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Food Pantry Hours Open 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
There will not be a Lunchbox Delivery in December
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Times: 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.

## Food Pantry Item of the Month Monetary Donations



**“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” - Mother Theresa**

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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
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship & Online Streaming

## A note of gratitude from Phyllis Jadosh:

*From November 7, 2023*

Hello,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome that I have received from everyone connected to United Methodist Church. Your kind and giving spirit demonstrate your love to serve and your willingness to open your heart to help others. This provides a great foundation for the future as I become part of this church's community. Each one of us represents a musical note within a great symphony (that is yet to be written). If a note is missing, then the beautiful music that could have been created - will not be heard!

I am happy to be part of this journey as we collaborate together in the months ahead and explore ways to share the message and reach more individuals within the community. Thank you to Emily for her generous help in tutoring me to take on this new role. Emily has truly been great at providing guidance with regard to all of the responsibilities in the Administrative Assistant position. I have seen her work first-hand and her collaboration as she prepares the newsletter and bulletins with great care. I appreciate her time in teaching me the key elements in this role. God desires willing hearts ready to be used. And I am ready to do what I can with the gifts that I have been blessed with to help make a difference. I am excited to see what is next in my life.

As I take time over the next few weeks to get to know everyone in the church and in this community, I'd like to take a moment now to share some things about me. After my husband Dan passed in 2009, I found myself alone and in need of a new direction in life. I am a very creative person and my time with Dan inspired me to write a number of poems. Whatever I took on it would be in a creative form. Here is an excerpt from one poem titled,

*The Lighthouse: "I find comfort in hearing your voice, seeing your smile, and knowing that you are here. You support and believe in me; never letting me give up on myself or my dreams. You provide stability, rationale and I rely on your strength, your example. I am like the harsh ocean waves hitting against the rock, but the rock stands firm. You are the rock. You provide what others don't see peace, security and someone who shares my vision."*

This poem also reminds me of how I chose to live my life as I trust in the Lord to be present in my life, even if others don't see him. We find comfort in surrounding ourselves with those who support us and express love towards us. However, at the end of the day, we need to remember that it is our faith that keeps us strong and keeps us together as we ride through the waves of life.

Today, I share my time at home with my two dogs (Bartley & Henry) and my cat Zeke. I also spend time in the community as a volunteer using my creative and interpersonal gifts to serve others as I support projects that I believe in like the Parkinson's Group, the N.E. Ohio Gabriel Project and a recent endeavor working with Advantage Aging and Mac's Pawsitive Pals (as they support the needs of the elderly and their pets). After Dan's passing, it didn't take long for me to realize where God was instructing me to turn. I made new connections and planted new seeds for community programs that would benefit others. That said, my work is not always a clear path. I do experience harsh struggles at times, but I am reminded that I am not alone. *"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"*

I currently facilitate the Wayne County Parkinson's Group (PD). This group has flourished since 2017. Growing up with a father that had Multiple Sclerosis (MS) the transition to facilitator of this group was fairly easy since M.S. and P.D. are similar in their neurological symptoms. Our group has formed strong bonds over time, we've shed many tears over the loss of loved ones and shared in laughter as we talked about our life stories, our heartaches, and victories. We could not experience this journey **without** these connections to one another. We are a family!

Audrey Hepburn said, “As you grow older you discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and one for helping others.” I believe that we are all called to help in some way whether it is through our talents, our financial contributions, or in other ways that we can serve. I am glad that I have been called to be a part of this family/community now. Our PD group meets on Fridays at First Presbyterian church in Wooster for the “Move with Me” program. This program involves movement to music in order to support better balance and stability for those dealing with Parkinson’s. As I watched members at past events, I saw how the group became engaged in conversation and laughter as they had fun. For that moment in time, no one was aware of life’s problems or the fact that they had a disease. This program was created with that notion in mind and is a platform for fellowship, support, and love. I enjoy this class just as much as the participants each week.

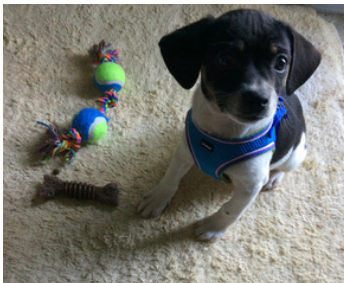
“Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens.” Maria von Trapp  
“Music can heal the wounds which medicine cannot touch.” Debasish Mridha.

Prior to becoming an advocate for those managing Parkinson’s, I served as executive chair on the State of Ohio FASD Board as an advocate educating others about the dangers of alcohol during pregnancy (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or FASD). Also, at this time I became a foster parent and served for five years helping families. I soon realized that there was a different approach that I should consider when I saw a banner sign outside of St. Mary’s church in Wooster. I called the 800 number that was on the sign and I had a long conversation with Mary Wood, the project supervisor. In 2013, I joined the Gabriel Project focused on the efforts of the church in supporting the needs of pregnant woman and their families who are at risk. Over time, as I engaged with these young women, I learned that many of these women did not have a connection to faith and many did not have the presence of a mother or grandmother in their life. In my early years, my mother, father, and grandparents, as well as my faith guided me on life’s path. Without these constructs in place, these women were lacking guidance and support. As advocates our emphasis was to provide direction to help women access community resources empowering them to make better life choices; and in turn becoming better prepared as young parents. I am still involved with the N.E. Gabriel Project, however now as a consultative educator teaching the program to other churches within the Catholic Diocese alongside Mary, my supervisor.

Now you have a snapshot of Phyllis C. Jadosh! (a.k.a. Phyl) I look forward to utilizing my talents and implementing shared visions to support the work of the church as we work towards 2024 goals. I believe that God has plans for all of us, if we are open to his call. Our mission is to work together to support the plans not only of the church, but also of our community to ensure growth as we strive to meet common goals. Thank you again for the warm welcome!

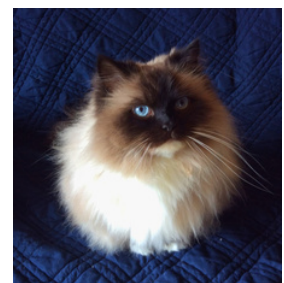
Sincerely, Phyllis

P.S. Pictures to share of my family at home (My other Corgi, Wally died suddenly in August of this year. He was 11.)



Henry, my new puppy  
Beagle, Chihuahua mix.  
He is now 6 months old.

Bartley, my Corgi.  
He is 15 years old.



Zeke is my  
Ragdoll  
cat. He is  
11 years  
old.



**NOTE: Beginning in January 2024 there will be a DESKTOP book type calendar** on the desk in the main office for you to schedule ANY appointments or reminders. With short arms and cataracts the oversized wall calendar was difficult for me to use. Phyllis

**J.C.'s Kids will be presenting  
“ A Lamb’s Tale”**

**December 17th at 10:45 a.m. service**

Meet Zeke-a young Bethlehem boy trying to decide what he wants to be when he grows up. He seems sadly destined to be a shepherd just like his father, and his father's father, and... But what a change occurs when Zeke's special little lamb, Snowflake, gets lost. In his search, Zeke discovers a new- born King and the joy of fitting into God's plan for his life.

Join the kids in this musical with songs with a little jazz, Broadway show tunes, and 50's rock and roll. See how much these kids have grown since last year's program in their singing, memorization, ad lib, and confidence.



**“A LAMB’S TALE”**  
**“What a Night! *with***  
**“O Come, Little Children”**  
**and**  
**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**\*Scene 1**

“Follow the Shepherd”

**\*Scene 1 & 2**

“When I Grow Up”

**\*Scene 2 & 3**

“Tales From the Flock”

**\*Scene 3**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**\*Scene 3 & 4**

“Our Turf”

**\*Scene 4 & 5**

“You’re Cool”

**\*Scene 5 & 6**

“Away in a Manger with Silent Night”

**\*Scene 7**

“Where I Belong”

**\*Scene 8**

“Finale including Where I Belong,  
What a Night! And Go, Tell It on  
the Mountain”

**Thank you to the Cast!**

Angel- Leah Riegler

Bad Girls- Olivia Welday

Brea Pawlus

Alice LeBorgne

Director / Teacher - McKinze Gorey

Father- Noah Pawlus

Grandpa- Ben Hansen

Mom- Emily Gorey

Snowflake- Madalyn Hansen

Zeke- Evelyn Welday

***A special thanks to Amy Barr!***