

UMC EXPRESS



All Saints Day

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*"Let saints on earth unite to sing,
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven, are one."*



On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone."



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Stewardship Potluck
November 5, 12 pm

Bibles and Burritos
November 8, 6:30 pm

Turkey Dinner
November 10, 4:30-6:30 pm

Bazaar
November 10, 10 am-4 pm
November 11, 10 am-2 pm

Mt25OC Food Distribution
November 11, 10 am

Administrative Council
November 14, 7 pm

Life Line Screening
November 15, 9 am

Lunchbox
November 17, 12 pm

Food Pantry
November 18, 10 am

Seville Community
Thanksgiving Service
November 19, 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church

Cloverleaf Collaborative
Thanksgiving Service
November 22, 6:30 pm
Chippewa Church
at the Lake UM

What's Happening At Seville UMC?

*The Deadline for the December Newsletter is
Monday, November 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
November 8, 6:30pm

RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.



Acolyte Training

What is an acolyte?

An acolyte is defined as a person who assists in the religious service. At Seville UMC, an acolyte plays an important role during worship. They set the tone for the worship by lighting the candles and providing light on the altar at the opening and closing of every service. At the end of the worship service, they carry the flame or light out of the sanctuary to show and remind us to share the word of Jesus Christ with others.

If you are in 3rd grade or older and you would be interested in helping with this essential role, there will be a training session on November 26th after the 10:45 service. Even if you have been an acolyte before, please plan on attending.

Contact Beth or Sandy with any questions.

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Welcome Phyllis Jadosh!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee wants to announce the addition of a new Administrative Assistant, Phyllis Jadosh. Phyllis started on Monday, October 30th, and will be learning all about this Church, what we do and how we do it with Emily Gladden over the next several weeks. When you are at the church, stop by and say hello. Please note, we will be trying to get photos of everyone during first and second service as we see you. This will help Phyllis learn names and faces since many of us do not come in to the office often.

A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND...

Reverend Donald Kuntz

Sharing a pastor has been part of the Methodist Movement since John Wesley agreed to ordain pastors in the new colonies. We have had circuit riders which visited the pioneer churches quarterly then monthly. Lay preachers filled the pulpits all the Sundays until the ordained clergy arrived. Baptisms and Holy Communion were observed quarterly when the clergy were present.

The shortage of clergy in East Ohio Conference of the UMC resulted in more yoked churches (two-point charges) and the employment of more lay preachers until the East Ohio Conference was approximately fifty percent ordained clergy (who had been to seminary) and the rest were lay preachers who had been to licensing school and course of study (less than a full seminary education).

The East Ohio Conference has had two-point charges for decades: Marshallville UMC & Easton UMC, Spencer UMC & Lafayette UMC, LeRoy UMC & Chippewa Church at the Lake UM, Creston UMC & Canaan UMC.

Now clergy are appointed to new configurations of churches called Cooperative Parishes. Some are simple four-point charges: Howland, Hubbard, Braceville, & Brookfield UMC led by Matt Darrin.

Sometimes pastors are appointed with lay assistants in more complicated arrangements:

- East Palestine Centenary, East Palestine Emmanuel, East Fairfield, Good Shepherd, Mount Zion, Rogers and Trinity UMCs led by Lisa Courtwright;
- Loudonville, Lakeville, Perrysville, Bigelow, Moreland, Apple Creek, Fairview, & Mt. Hope UMCs led by Kenn Curren and Jennifer Mellott
- the "Boundary Cooperative:" Bayard, Carroll County Mt. Zion, Carroll County Pleasant Grove, East Rochester and New Franklin UMCs led by Shannon Sampson and Christine Ulman.

As the clergy shortage continues and as economic conditions fluctuate, the Bishop and District Superintendents will continue to do creative things to make sure that churches stay open on Sundays, and lay members continue to develop ministries which extend God's love to the community.

"I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face troubles. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

John 16:33

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

Did you know...

There are 108 billion pounds of edible food wasted each year in the US.
One in seven people in Ohio are food insecure.

The Akron Canton Regional Food Bank is part of Feeding America and serves eight counties.

The Seville Community Food Pantry is slowly growing. The partnership that has been established with Seville Presbyterian Church and Jerusalem Lutheran Church gets stronger each month. These partners provide assistance as volunteers and with much needed product.

We are hopeful that the new space will provide a better experience for the neighbors who rely on us. Stop down and see it!



In 2022, we served 176 families with 583 individuals. In just the first 10 months of 2023, we served 197 families with 691 individuals. This ministry of Seville UMC is huge for many people. Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry.

A note from a Food Pantry friend-

I stumbled upon the Seville Food Pantry on Facebook one day and decided to go. It was a hard thing to do because as a parent you don't want to fail. I went to the food bank and was definitely taken back by the outpouring of support I felt when I walked in that day. These people were so kind and compassionate. This food pantry definitely helps so many people like myself who have fallen to hard times.

It was after the first time of attending the pantry and talking to my support system that I started to get my faith back. I started praying every single day, multiple times a day. I turn my life over to God sometimes multiple times a day. These people that have volunteered their time at the Seville Food Pantry to help me and others like me are the real heroes. I am forever grateful for their help. They definitely understand the needs of the community. The fresh produce, toiletries, paper products, there isn't one thing you guys don't think of.

I can't simply think of anything that you guys haven't already thought of.

I am forever [grateful] for them and everything they do for our community and the surrounding communities. From the bottom of my heart I can't possibly thank you all enough for what you all have done for me and my daughter and all of the other people whose lives you have touched with your kindness. I am forever [grateful] to you.



Turkey Dinner

The annual United Women in Faith Turkey Dinner is just around the corner! Tickets are \$14 and your meal include turkey as well as all your favorite sides (and pie, of course).

Meals are carry-out by reservation only, so be sure to stop by the church office for your ticket today!
Pick-up is Friday, November 10, from 4:30-6:30 pm.



**Deadline to
 order is
 Monday,
 November 6!**



Be sure to stop by the Bazaar and craft show to satisfy all of your holiday decor needs!

The bazaar tables will be open for business in the Fellowship Hall:

Friday, 11/10: 10 am-4 pm
Saturday, 11/11: 10 am-2 pm

Proceeds benefit:

- Medina Children's Center
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- Seville Community Food Pantry
- missionary support

Thank you to all who supported the 2023 CROP Walk!

With the generous sponsorship of the Seville UMC family and members of the Cloverleaf community, walkers raised more than \$2,000 for Matthew 25 Outreach Center and Church World Service to help feed our neighbors here and around the globe. A special shout out to Seville United Methodist Men for sponsoring post-walk refreshments. We're looking forward to even bigger things in 2024!



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?

*To the wonderful person who
 made my prayer blanket,
 I had a friend give this to me when God gave
 me a kidney, 1/4/22. What a blessing it was. I
 named my new kidney (John the baptist). I
 figure if he was good enough to baptize Jesus,
 he was good enough for me.*

**Love you all,
 Dorothy Belle**

Worship

Looking ahead

November 5th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday

Scripture

Psalm 107
Joshua 3:7-17
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Hymns

8:30
"For All the Saints"
"If My People"
"Jesus Your Name"
"Surely the Presence of the Lord"
"To Every Generation"

10:45

#702 "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"
#712 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
#708 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Lea & Mark Ewing
10:45 - Kris & Carl Perry

Liturgist

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

Counter

Helen Angell

November 12th

24th Sunday after Pentecost
J.C. Kids

Scripture

Psalm 78
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Hymns

8:30
"Stretch Out Your Hand"
"For This One Reason"
"To The Lamb"
"Holy Love, Holy Light"
"Micah 6:8"

10:45

#396 "O Jesus I Have Promised"
#534 "Be Still My Soul"
#540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Roseann & Craig Wood
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal & Beth Meadows

Liturgist

8:30 - Heather Cottingham
10:45 - Dave Welday

Counter

Carol Harlan

November 19th

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 123
Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Hymns

8:30
"Jesus Is My Lord"
"As We Gather"
"There's Something About That Name"
"There Is Power in the Name of Jesus"
"Clap Your Hands"

10:45

#67 "We Thy People Praise Thee"
#413 "A Charge to Keep I Have"
#514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Jean Eby & Teresa Naftzger
10:45 - Darla & Wendel Payn

Liturgist

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

Counter

Janet Gommel

November 26th

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Hymns

8:30
"He Has Made Me Glad"
"Honor and Praise"
"Give Thanks"
"O How He Loves You and Me"
"All Hail King Jesus"

10:45

#61 "Come Thou Almighty King"
#381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
#273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Kevin Barr
10:45 - Cathy Piper & Liisa Coldiron

Liturgist

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

Counter

Melanie Gladden

November Birthdays

2-Sandy Bridenthal
4-Bobbi Placke
6-Sarah Rielger
Elizabeth Fugate
Hannah Swain
8-Beverly Rhoads
9-Bonnie Gaynor
10-Edie Landis
15-Martha Springer
Troy Hays
16-Tonya Swain
21-Dee Piper
Lori Skelton
25-Jerrica Pawlus
Mark Ewing
27-Helen Angell
28-Dave Gubics
Craig Wood
29-Teare Reedy
Jerry Springer

Happy
Birthday



**VETERANS
DAY**

November 11th



News You Can Use...

Help support the Food Pantry!

Saturday, 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!



Join the other Cloverleaf Collaborative churches for Thanksgiving worship!

When: Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 pm

Where: Chippewa Church at the Lake UMC

If you would like to sing in the combined choir, there will be a rehearsal at 5:15.

The more the merrier!



November Anniversaries

8-Kevin & Nancy Barr
25-Andy & Becky Bridenthal



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
Lambert family
Plumer family
Luci
Fiona Conway

People of Ukraine
People of Lahaina, Maui
People of Gaza

Unspoken Concerns

More Happenings

From your Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Updates on the announcements from Sunday 10/22 and 10/29.

If you were not in attendance on either of these Sundays, this is to try to help you catch up. As we are all aware, we have been taking funds from the savings account for the last several years to pay our daily, monthly and yearly obligations. We have strongly urged the congregation to complete the pledges that were mailed and distributed at church. This will be how we determine if we can support full-time pastoral care. The SPRC committee is now investigating what this might look like for Seville United Methodist Church. We have started conversations with the District Superintendent. We will be continuing to discuss and ask for assistance from our current and future DS.

We hope to have an all-church meeting to show you all the financials and hopefully have someone from the conference come to help explain and answer questions. As we have said, we have questions and no answers at this time.

We hope that you will keep the SPRC committee and the entire church in your prayers as we continue.

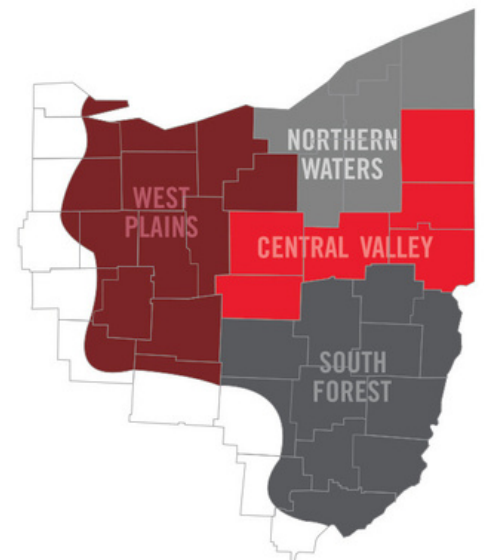
Redistricting of the East Ohio Conference

From Bishop Tracy S. Malone

Hear the good news! God is always making all things new!

All of this ... new life, new perspectives, new opportunities, new direction, and a new future with hope ... is from God!

We continue to make great progress in implementing the Re-Districting Plan, **transitioning from 10 to four districts beginning January 1, 2024**. The restructuring of the districts will re-direct more attention to the local church, provide greater stewardship, alignment, and flexibility of resources, generate more opportunity for creative ministries, strengthen the possibility for the revitalization of churches, and increase the efforts of starting fresh expressions and new faith communities.



Districts are an integral part of the East Ohio Conference structure and are made up of communities of people, laity and clergy, who work together regionally to share the Good News of the Gospel, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, and to fulfill our shared mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. Districts facilitate our collective witness and strengthen the connection with each other, with other churches, and with the communities in our mission fields.

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away, see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

~ II Corinthians 5:17-18

October Finance

From the Finance Committee:

A church member recently asked: “Where do you expect the church to be financially at the end of 2023? And what would it take to balance our budget?”

Those are great questions. I’m glad they were asked!

“Where do you expect the church to be financially at the end of 2023?”

Projections are never perfect, but they can give us a good idea of where finances might land. With the current shortfall, assuming giving and expenses both remain consistent and taking into account year-end expenses, we look to end the year with a shortfall of **(\$9,750)**.

“What would it take to balance our budget?”

We have approximately 70 Giving Households currently financially supporting Seville UMC. We have 9 Sundays left through the end of the year. It is estimated that if each household could provide an extra \$15 per week, we would cover the projected shortfall.

Many of you have helped this church through your financial gifts, your prayers and the gift of your time. In whatever way you are able to help – no matter the amount – it does make a difference. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!**

As of October 31, 2023

General Fund Giving	\$145,997
Building/Maintenance	<u>3,120</u>
Total Giving	\$149,117

Total Expenses	<u>\$(153,900)</u>
Shortfall	<u>(4,783)</u>

Your Finance Committee



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November 2023

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Stewardship Potluck
- 8 Bibles and Burritos
- 10 Turkey Dinner
- 11 Bazaar
Mt25OC Food Distribution
- 14 Administrative Council
- 15 Life Line Screening
- 17 Lunchbox
- 18 Food Pantry
- 19 Seville Community Thanksgiving Service
- 22 Cloverleaf Collaborative Thanksgiving
Service

Food Pantry Item of the Month Baking Supplies



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