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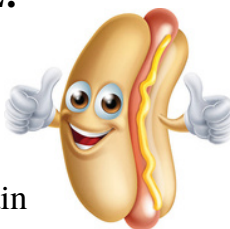


WE ARE STILL UPDATING OUR MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR 2024!

If you have had a phone number or address change please let the office know as soon as possible. We are also asking if you would like to **ADD** your email address to your contact information in 2024. Please advise us at your first convenience and confirm if we can list your email with your address in the 2024 booklet. Thank you, the front office!

WE'VE CHANGED THE DATE! FOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Mark your calendars for **February 18th at 5 PM**



We will have Bingo, Euchre, Mexican Train and much more! There will be Grand Champions too! Bring your favorite board game to share.

A light supper of hot dogs, chips, relishes and cookies will be served. Come on down for some family fun! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Oberli.

A cold weather reminder! If you have a group meeting at the church and there is a delay or cancellation due to weather please make sure that everyone has each other's phone number in the group to start a call chain to let them know about the meeting change.



Whether the meeting is in the morning or in the evening. This will make sure that no one is missed on the message chain. Thanks!



The Deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday, 2/27/24!

Note: There will be a change for communion in April. It will be offered on March 31st instead of on April 7th!

Easter Lily's and/or Tulips will be \$10 again this year when ordering these in early March. (FYI) *More to follow...*



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Lost & Found: There is a pair of Liz Claiborne eye glasses in a gold case in the office. If these are yours, call us soon.



Check us out on Facebook!



Dates to Remember!

UMM Meeting

February 3, Sat. 9 a.m.

Contact J. Gladden with questions.

Fellowship Hour

February 4, Sun. After services.

A special celebration is being planned. Try to attend!

Contact M. Oberli with questions.

Filling Valentine Boxes

February 4, after church services, members will fill Valentine Boxes to send out to college students & military personnel on Mon. 2/5th.

Contact K. Perry with questions.

1st Food Pantry (Night-time)

February 5, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

Shrove Pancake Dinner

February 13, 5 -7 p.m.

Contact J. Gladden with questions.

Bazaar Group Meets

February 15, 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Contact C. Piper with questions.

Seville Food Pantry Open

February 17, Sat. 10a.m -12p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

FAMILY Game Night

February 18, 5 p.m.

Enjoy food, games and more.

Contact M. Oberli with questions.

We moved the date to the 18th!

Lunch Box Meal

February 23, 12 p.m.

Contact S. Bridenthal with questions.

THE BLESSINGS MEAL

February 29, (Leap Year)

Thursday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Contact K. Perry with questions.

We have another packed filled month!

Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC?

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with book donations for our "BOOKS FOR KIDS" program. It has been a big success because of you! Your help in a variety of ways was greatly appreciated like helping to carry heavy boxes of books down to the church's lower level. We are in a transition period at this time and are asking to put any future book donations on hold right now. Thanks again you are truly a blessing to the church and to the community.

Chris Wotowiec



Seville United Methodist Church members - Matthew 25 Outreach Center would like to **THANK YOU** so much for your donations in this past year.

We appreciate your compassion for your community and the trust that you have in our ministry to serve them. Thank you for your kindness! Blessings, Matthew 25 Outreach Center.



Left, our drive thru efforts to help seniors as part of the Matthew 25 Outreach Center's monthly food distribution.

Right, John & Emily Gladden have been delivering groceries to seniors at Nottingham Court for the past couple of months. in coordination with the support of Matthew 25 Outreach Distribution Centers.



They delivered 36 bags this month. VERY NICE!



A WORD FROM OUR REVEREND... *Reverend Donald Kuntz*

February 2024

Our Cloverleaf Collaborative will be offering a Lenten Series on Rural Life, with area clergy offering perspectives on elements of our UMC Statement on Rural Life from the UM Book of Discipline (see bold print).

Rural Life

We support the right of persons and families to live and prosper as farmers, farm workers, merchants, professionals, and others outside of the cities and metropolitan centers. We believe our culture is impoverished and our people deprived of a meaningful way of life when rural and small-town living becomes difficult or impossible. We recognize that the improvement of this way of life may sometimes necessitate the use of some lands for nonagricultural purposes. We oppose the indiscriminate diversion of agricultural land for nonagricultural uses when non-agricultural land is available. Further, we encourage the preservation of appropriate lands for agriculture and open space uses through thoughtful land use programs. We support governmental and private programs designed to benefit the resident farmer rather than the factory farm.

We further recognize that increased mobility and technology have brought a mixture of people, religions, and philosophies to rural communities that were once homogeneous. While often this is seen as a threat to or loss of community life, we understand it as an opportunity to uphold the biblical call to community for all persons. Therefore, we encourage **rural communities and individuals to maintain a strong connection to the earth and to be open to: offering mutual belonging, caring, healing, and growth; sharing and celebrating cooperative leadership and diverse gifts; supporting mutual trust; and affirming individuals as unique persons of worth, and thus to practice shalom.**

- Feb. 16 at Lodi UMC,
- **Feb. 25 at Seville UMC,**
- March 3 at LeRoy UMC,
- March 10 at Chippewa Church at the Lake UM,
- March 17 at Lafayette UMC

Worship will begin at 6:00 pm with light refreshments following.

Offerings will benefit the United Methodist Wall Build for Medina County Habitat for Humanity.



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz

Mission is messy. . .
Just ask any of these folks!

There is a lot happening here – painting and laying block and beyond the photo, the mortar valcano is being mixed. Yet the team managed to stay relatively clean.

The Center for Action and Contemplation (<https://cac.org>) is my place for morning reflections. This past week I was reminded of the messiness of what we do.

Richard Rohr wrote, “Order by itself normally wants to eliminate any disorder and diversity. Disorder by itself closes us off from any primal union, meaning, and eventually even sanity in both people and systems. Reorder, or transformation of people and systems, happens when order and disorder are understood to work together.”

The chaos of messiness goes hand in hand with organization and unknowing. We have to trust in the messiness if we want to live in a place of diversity and mutuality. Isn't this part of the messiness of faith? We have to trust in the unknown and live in the ambiguity of grace until such time that we are fully aware of our relationship with God.

The frustration and stress that accompanies the messiness is shared in the process of creating new things. We expect a bit of chaos as we move into a new district structure, as we move forward with discussions to simplify the committee structure of the church, and as we trust God to lead us forward to new things.

~ Rev. Tammy

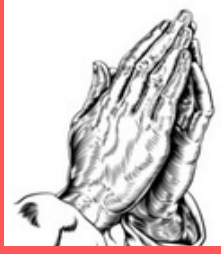


Unlike
previous
years....



***Isaiah 58:10 God's call is to do both!
When we feed the hungry, we give of ourselves
personally and then our lives shine in dark places.
Our needs are also met 'like a watered garden, like
a spring of water, whose waters do not fail'***





*Please
pray for:*

News You Can Use...

Are you turning 80 this year? Do we have you listed in the 80+ club? Make sure that we do so we can honor you with flowers on the piano on your special day. Call the office to advise.

Jerry Ross
Betty Perry
Amber Conway (receive help for controlling her seizures)
Matt Huse (terminal illness)
Bailey Freeland
Lisa Marshall (cancer)
Roy Bise for strong recovery after surgery
Plumer and Klote families
Marvin Lambert and family
Luci (COVID and unspoken concerns)
Fiona Conway (Sue Payne's granddaughter, illness)
Webb and Heller families
Margaret & Dennis Clevidence
Ester Puglisi
Troy Jarvis
Sue Frey
Ralph Smith for recovery
Lillian Gelmas, mother of Chris Wotowiec
Kay Wyant for health concerns
Hank Herbst prayers for his health
Kevin Barr & Family (Prayers are for his brother Steve's health)
The Zarlengo family
Those homeless and those battling mental illness.
People of Ukraine, Lahaina, Maui and people of the Middle East
Unspoken Concerns
Pray for world peace!

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."
– Max Lucado

"The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God."

Birthdays
1-Theresa Naftzger
2-Vicky Wellman
4-Amy Barr
6-Dennis Clevidence
9-Leah Riegler
14-Dean Stutzman
17-Joan Bise
19-David Freeland
19-Malinda Woodring
20-Scott Hartman
23-Hilary Grey
25-Randy Eby
26-Mary Oberli

Anniversaries
17 - Jerry & Martha Springer
26 - Matt & Sarah Rielger



Bread and Pastries Pickup
First Tuesday Kuntz
Second Tuesday Perry
Third Tuesday Ewing
Fourth Tuesday Rhoads
Fifth Tuesday Freeland
Bagel slicers and bread packers -
Sandy Bridenthal and Sherry Armstrong
Contact us if you can help with this ministry and pick up bread and pastries as needed! Thank you.



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
CANCELLED FOR FEBRUARY DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY!
RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.





Groups and Committees: Save The Date!

YOU'RE INVITED !
February 13th 5-7 pm!

**SHROVE
PANCAKE
SUPPER**



United Methodist Men are asking for your help with this year's **Shrove Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 5-7 p.m.** *The menu includes pancakes with fruit toppings, sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk. Cost is by donation.*

All proceeds benefit the Matthew 25 Coalition. Thank you!

In 2023, attendance increased dramatically! We are grateful for those who jumped in to flip pancakes and wash dishes. We are being proactive this time and asking our church family and community members to pitch in. If you are able to help, please contact John Gladden at 330-591-8926 or email John at johngladden@outlook.com



(Pictured Left)
A great moment to share! Getting our youth involved with hands on learning in Sunday School; learning about the baptism of Jesus.



The Annual Chili Cook-Off & Auction will soon be here!
Seville UMC is hosting the event on March 16, 2024.
The chili tasting will begin at 5 PM and the auction will begin around 6 PM.

ALL proceeds will benefit our **“Blessings & Boiler”** Fund for maintenance of the church’s boiler heating system.

How can I get involved? There are MANY ways that you can get involved with this great event. **Do you like to cook?** Sign up to be one of the chef’s this year and bring your best chili to share. The church will provide 4oz. cups for tasting, along with forks and napkins. We are planning for 100-150 people this year; so bring enough samples for all. Maybe you will be **VOTED BEST OF THE BEST** in 2024! If you want to register as a CHEF contact Val Welday as soon as possible at 330.329.1531.

ARE YOU THE CREATIVE TYPE OR DO YOU ENJOY GIVING? Then consider donating a gift basket for AUCTION. Clubs, groups, families, and businesses can put together a great basket to be auctioned off at the event; auction paddles are provided for bidders. Don’t miss out ... make sure your basket makes it to the church **NO LATER THAN 3/6/24 3 p.m.** to be included in this year’s auction.

ATTEND THE EVENT! SUPPORT US!

We have a limited number of tickets available so reach out now to reserve your tickets! Adults (13 years & up) \$10.00. Children (ages 6-12) \$5.00 and kiddos 5 years or younger are FREE. Tickets include chili samples, 1 ticket for voting, and an auction paddle to bid on baskets. There is something for everyone!

You can call the office to reserve tickets NOW, then send us or bring in your payment. We can hold your tickets for you at the door the night of the cook-off & auction.

See more information about other upcoming events on Page 8 of this newsletter! Feb. 4th will be the date that we will fill the Valentine Boxes after church services.

Worship Looking ahead

LENT - ASH WEDNESDAY February 14th 7 PM Service

Scripture: Psalm 51 (p. 785) : Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (p.740), 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, (p.940), and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (p. 787)

Hymns: #269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”, #357 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”, # 402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”, and #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Liturgist: Rev. Tammy Kuntz **Ushers & Greeters:** Sandy Bridenthal & Beth Meadows

Communion Steward: Beth Meadows

February 4

5th Sunday After
Epiphany

Scripture

Psalm 147 (p. 859)
Isaiah 40:20-31 (p. 581)
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (p. 931)
Mark 1:29-30 (p. 813)

Hymns

8:30
#215 Just As I Am
#140 Oh How I Love
Jesus
#242 Still Waters
#98 Cares Chorus
#32 He Is Our Peace

10:45

#413 A Charge to
Keep I Have
#262 Heal Me, Hands
of Jesus
#469 Jesus is All the
World to Me

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Kevin
Barr
10:45 - Cathy Piper &
Beth Meadows

Communion Steward:

8:30 *Lea Ewing* & 10:45 *Tara Freeland*

Liturgist

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

Counter-Helen Angell

February 11

Transfiguration of
our Lord

Scripture

Psalm 50 (p. 783)
2 Kings 2: 1-12 (p. 289)
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p. 939)
Mark 9: 2-9 (p. 820)

Hymns

8:30
#263 Freely, Freely
#239 If We Confess Our Sins
#123 God So Loved The
World
#255 Oh How He Loves You
and Me
#230 Praise The Name of Jesus

10:45

#173 “Christ Whose Glory
Fills the Skies”
#2173 “Shine Jesus Shine”
368 “My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Nancy & Brian
Greer
10:45 - Cathy Piper &
Liisa Coldiron

Liturgist

8:30 -Heather Cottingham
10:45 - Melanie Gladden

Counter-Carol Harlan

February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

Scripture

Psalm 25 (p. 756)
Genesis 9: 8-17 (p. 6)
1 Peter 3: 18-22 (p. 983)
Mark 1: 9-15 (p. 812)

Hymns

8:30
#45 Behold What Manner
of Love
#150 The Servant King
#38 Protector of My Soul
#187 Wellspring
#103 Trees of The Fields

10:45

#467 “Trust and Obey”
#521 “I Want Jesus to
Walk with Me”
#480 “O Love that Wilt
not let me go”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Lea & Mark
Ewing
10:45 - Chris Wotowiec
& Cathy Piper

Liturgist

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

Counter-Janet Gommel

February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

Scripture

Psalm 22 (p. 752)
Genesis 17:1-7 (p. 11)
Romans 4: 13-25 (p. 916)
Mark 8:31-38 (p. 814)

Hymns

8:30
#2002 I Will Call Upon The Lord
#2172 We Are Called
#2167 More Like You
#2193 Lord Listen To Your
Children Praying
#2281 May You Run and Not Be
Weary

10:45

#374 “Standing on the
Promises”
#395 “Take Time to Be Holy”
#415 “Take Up Thy Cross”

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 - Roseann & Craig Wood
10:45 - Ralph & Bette Smith

Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbie Placke
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal

Counter-Melanie Gladden 7

More To Know

SAVE THE DATE!

“A BLESSING MEAL”

The is a free meal that will be served between 5 p.m.to 7 p.m. on 2/29/24!
Donations are welcomed!

This meal is free and will be open to the community! Carry Out will NOT be available at this meal. It will be our way to show gratitude recognizing how our church and staff have been blessed by this church and how the church has been a blessing to all those in our community. If you are interested in being part of this event and want to volunteer in some way, please reach out to Kristi Perry!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2/29TH!

S.P.R.C. COMMITTEE

This church is blessed to have two wonderful ministers that help and guide us. This is a quick reminder that they actually do take days off. They have earned vacation time. This is necessary for their well-being and helps them have the stamina that it takes to shepherd our flock. We ask that you respect them on their Fridays off as well as vacation time.

Unless it is an emergency, please refrain from calling the Pastors, we have on call for these occasions. Call the office first Monday – Thursday, 9-4, or the chair of the committee that best represents your situation. We always have Pastor Meghan of Leroy/Chippewa on the Lake and Pastor Paige of Lodi for spiritual needs that cannot wait. Rev. Don/ Rev. Tammy’s trips will be on the online calendar as well as in the office. We will try to include them in the weekly bulletin. As always, please pray for both Rev. Don and Rev. Tammy and the entire congregation. SPRC Committee

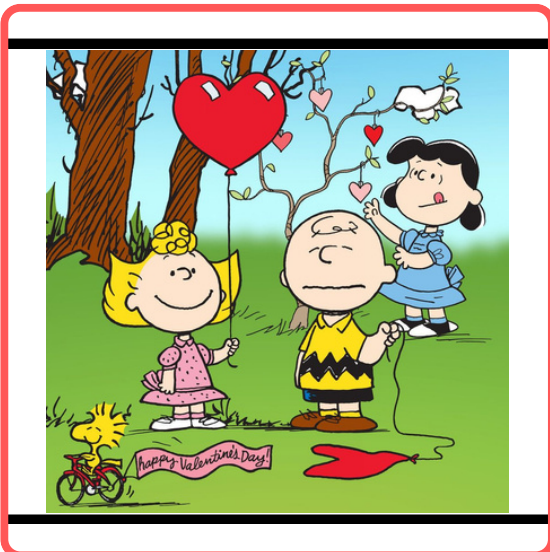
VALENTINE BOXES

It’s that time once again for our traditional “Valentine Boxes,” for those in the military or in college. This has been a project of the United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith, for quite a number of years. Our church loves a good tradition!

Last chance to send in the name and address of your college student or your family member serving in the military. Email the address to us or drop it off on a piece of paper this week. The office general email is sevumccarol@aol.com

We will plan on filling the boxes on **February 4th** with **non-perishable items** after services. They will be mailed on Monday. Contact Kristi Perry with any questions. 330.321.1847 Thank you!

Share A Laugh!
Make Someone Smile Today!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee will share a most inspirational magnet to be placed in your home during Lent and throughout the year as a reminder of our blessings.

VBS FUNDRAISER

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SUBS IS
FEBRUARY 4th!



You can order Ham, Turkey or Both!
Order today Contact Val Welday at 330.466.0494 or
Jerrica Pawlus at 330.441.2205:

January Finance & Second Mile Giving!

The second mile, is motivated by the love of Christ.

"And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to anyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you." (Matthew 5:41-42)

We would like to introduce a concept to the congregation, that was a suggestion from a member of our congregation at the church meeting in December, "Second Mile Giving."

What is Second Mile Giving? It is a way to further support an organization such as Seville UMC by showing an *extra deed of charity or kindness beyond ones normal offering*. A second opportunity for the church to grow in contributions to be able to support all the programs hosted by the church and support the day-to-day needs of operating our church. The phrase commonly associated with this is, "To go the second or extra mile," meaning going above and beyond to new levels.

What does this mean to you? You can decide to give or pledge a second offering to the church at any time. Simply write "2nd Mile Giving" in the memo on your check. This will let our financial secretary, Mary Oberli, know that this offering is above and beyond the usual gift that we normally receive from you.

From the Finance Committee:

As of January 2024
General Fund Giving \$13,373
2nd Mile Giving \$300
Building/Maintenance \$247
Total Jan. Giving \$13,920



Total Expenses \$(16,438)
Shortfall (\$2,518)

We'll be highlighting some of the expenses of the church which your Second mile giving could help support:

- Chair lift annual inspection & license \$400
- Plow & Salt the parking lot (one time) \$90
- One month of heating for the church \$766
- One month of church electric service \$225
- Postage: \$86 for one roll of stamps

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)



Thank you to those who remember to stop by the church to look at and **empty** their mailboxes.

We value you and your support of Seville UMC! Your Finance Committee

*"I will forever remain humble because I know I could have less.
I will always be grateful because I know I've had less." — Unknown*

Online Giving at

www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home



Scan here with your smartphone camera to make a payment electronically through Vanco

Seville United Methodist Church
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Seville, OH 44273

Our Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:30 AM Praise Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Traditional Worship & Online Streaming

This month invite a family member, friend or neighbor to join you for one of our Sunday Services.

Thank You!



Scan here to view
the Calendar
Online



February 2024

We still need volunteers
for the Pancake Supper,
the Blessings Meal & the
Chili Cook-Off
& Auction



Food Pantry Items of the Month

Toilet Paper,
Paper Towels,
Napkins, Tissues



Online Giving at

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