

# UMC EXPRESS

2024 CAMP  
PREVIEW

## Resurrection Egg Hunt & Camp Preview Day

Admission and Activities are FREE!!

No RSVP Required.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th from 2-6 p.m.

East Ohio Conference events will happen rain or shine.

Prizes: candy, door prizes and scholarships for Summer  
Camp Wanake!!!

Call Camp Wanake with questions 330.756.2333.

Easter Hunt Registration starts at 2p.m. with games and activities.  
Egg hunt, prizes and snacks from 2:30 -4 p.m. Camp Preview Day  
from 4-6 p.m. Includes Wagon Rides, tours of camp, rock  
climbing, Gaga Ball , campfire, s'mores and more!

### Thinking about SUMMER Camp this year?

- Camp by the numbers, The average American youth spends: 270 minutes watching TV a day
- 4 minutes playing outside a day
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics
- A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to engage with others, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose.
- Contact the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 330.499.3972 ext. 139 or visit the website at [www.EastOhioCamps.org](http://www.EastOhioCamps.org) to learn more.
- All three camp sites this year will be focused on the theme, "Faith Alive."
- Summer Camp provides multiple opportunities for youth and adults to come together to learn news skills, have new experiences, and make new friends all under the guidance of trained, creative and compassionate staff.
- Camp Preview day is April 27th!



The Deadline for the MAY Newsletter is WEDNESDAY, 4/20/24!

Check us  
out on  
Facebook!



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The 2024 Seville  
 UMC Building  
Use Guidelines  
 are approved  
 by the Trustees.



If you have an event or  
 meeting as of April 2024,  
 please stop by the office to pick  
 up and complete the Building  
 Use Packet. Thank you.

# Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

## Dates to Remember!

### Food Pantry Evening

April 1, Monday 6-7 p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

### UWiF Planning Meeting for the All Daughter's Banquet

April 2, Tuesday 7 p.m.

Contact M. Oberli with questions.

### Craft Bazaar Group Meets

April 4, Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Contact C. Piper with questions.

### UMM Breakfast Meeting

April 6, Saturday 9 a.m.

UMC men please plan on attending.

Contact J. Gladden with questions.

### Garden Club Meets

April 8, Monday TIME 7 p.m.

Contact L. Ewing with questions.

### Finance Committee Meeting

April 9 Tuesday 7 p.m.

Contact M. Gladden with questions.

### Bazaar Group Meets

April 11, 18th & 25th

Thursdays 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Contact C. Piper with questions.

### TAX DAY April 15, 2024

### UWiF Meeting

April 16 Tuesday 7 p.m.

Contact K. Korb with questions.

### Historical Society Spaghetti

Dinner, April 19, Friday TIME

Contact Joe Doty with questions.

### Food Pantry Weekend Sat.

April 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

### EARTH DAY! April 22nd

How can you help protect Mother Earth? Let's celebrate Earth Day!

### Administrative Council

Committee Mtg. April 22, 7 p.m.

Contact D. Welday with any questions.

## J.C. Kids Presents

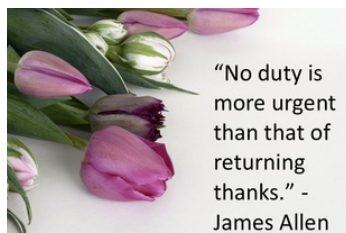
## DINNER THEATER at 5PM

On Sunday April 28th! **SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us to share a meal, enjoy fellowship and stay for the J.C. Kids Dinner Theater Performance.

J.C.'s Kids have decided to do their spring program a little differently this year. On April 28th at 5 p.m. they will be having a "Dinner Theater". Come for **soup and salad** served by the kids and then watch them perform their program "Big Shot: Facing Down Our Giants, Looking Up to God". The kids will be garden insects facing extermination by "Goliath" a huge bug sprayer

It takes faith and the courage of a little spider mite to listen to God and come up with a plan. The kids have been working on this since January and are excited to present this to the congregation and families.



"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - James Allen

Thank you to the United Women in Faith for assisting me with the Parkinson's Network event that I am facilitating in Wooster, "**Life with Parkinson's**" on April 20th. I greatly appreciate the donations of Kleenex boxes. Thank you, Phyl

**THANK YOU!** To my friends at Seville United Methodist Church. Thank each and every one of you for the Happy Birthday hot air balloon card. Thanks also to my dear friend Mary Oberli for delivering the card to me, and thanks to Beth Meadows for creating it. Blessings and love, Norma



Thank you to the anonymous person who purchased a tulip for me for Easter. It was a nice surprise!!! Thank you, Cathy Piper



Worship Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the special readings for special services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and also Easter Services. *Thank You!*

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all of the Valentine's Day goodies! They were so yummy and enjoyed by so many of my friends and myself. It is one of my favorite Valentine's Day traditions. Love Olivia Fugate

### S.P.R.C. Committee Meeting April 23, 7 p.m.

Contact J. Gommel with any questions.

### LUNCH BOX MEALS Delivered April 26, Noon

Contact Lea Ewing with questions.

### J.C. Kids. Dinner Theater Save the Date! April 28, 5 p.m.

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

**April 2024**

The gift of the Resurrection makes us a new people, an Easter People; and opens all kinds of doors for sharing God's love in the world. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the light of Christ, to bring the healing of Christ to relationships, to help fill the needs of our neighbors and more. John Wesley taught about social holiness as well as personal holiness.



Personal holiness comprises all those things which bring us closer to God, fills our spiritual wells.

Social holiness is displayed in all our work in the world, using the water from our spiritual wells to tend to others and to turn society around.

“I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer; and just the time I need Him, He’s always near.”

As we hear each communion Sunday, Jesus’ gift for us on the cross frees us from slavery to sin and slavery to death. That looks different for each one of us. The Holy Spirit travels with us on the journey of life, overcoming the little deaths and the big deaths, mending relationships, bringing health and wholeness, and recognizing scars are just part of the process.

*From the Letter to the Romans*

*“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (6:5)*

**Matthew 7:12, “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”**



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf  
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



# The Church in Mission

## Reverend Tammy Kuntz

*“We received a grace-filled welcome and were introduced and each one of us was prayed over alongside the new members to the congregation.”*



**The East Ohio delegation to Africa University** engaged in three days of celebrations and conversations for the dedication of the *Bishop Tracy S. Malone Residence Hall for Female Students*.

There was a conversation with the Vice Chancellor and tour of the University, then the formal celebration and tour of the dorm. The final celebration was a meal and party. Thank you for your giving to this project. The women I spoke with are very grateful for this new place where they feel safe as they rest and study at the School of Dreams in the Valley of Hope.

The Africa University Choir shared music at each event. And we had many opportunities to engage with students. You can read the whole story at <https://eocumcnews.com/2024/02/28/bishop-tracy-s-malone-hall-of-residence-for-female-students-dedicated-on-the-campus-of-africa-university/>



And...  
The team worshiped with St. Peter’s United Methodist Church in Mutare and visited other churches in the area. Engaging with people in the places we visit helps us better understand the beauty of the culture. *We received a grace-filled welcome and were introduced and each one of us was prayed over alongside the new members to the congregation. And the potluck lunch was amazing!*

***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'***



# The Church in Mission *Continued from page 4*

## *Reverend Tammy Kuntz*



We visited Old Mutare Mission, just down the hill from Africa University. With support from Global Health, this clinic has grown to include new programs for expectant mothers, nutrition support, AIDS and HIV awareness, pediatrics, and an extensive outpatient clinic. People from Mutare will come to Old Mutare Mission for health care rather than going to the public hospital in town. Our apportionment dollars are so important.



We stopped at the Imiri Game Preserve for a game drive. Imiri is a place of rescue. These animals are being cared for in an environment where they are protected from poachers. The only predator is an old lion who was born and raised in captivity. He is kept in a very large enclosure where he has ample room to explore. He is fed each day since he never had the opportunity to learn how to find his own food. The other animals – giraffes, rhinos, warthogs, elephants, zebra, impala – live as God intended, in community and mutual respect.





*Please  
pray for:*

# News You Can Use...

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

**Prayers answered- celebrations (!)**

**Weston Duplaga is doing better!**

**Fiona Conway (Sue Payne's granddaughter) is doing better !**

**Lisa Marshall is doing better!**

**Ralph & Bette Smith are doing better!**

**Dale Cook is doing better!**

**Nancy Baldwin is doing better!**

Lori Morris recovery from surgery.

Stacey Armstrong recovering from surgery

Amber Conway (for s stronger recovery)

Bailey Freeland

Ester Puglisi

Troy Jarvis

Lori Skelton recovery after surgery

The Plumer family (Jeff)

Kay Wyant for health concerns

Hank Herbst prayers for his health

Kevin Barr & Family (Prayers are Steve)

Charles Tamblyn knee surgery 3/5th

Lillian Gelmas, (mother of Chris

Wotowiec)

Marvin Lambert and family

Luci (COVID and unspoken concerns)

Jerry Ross

Betty Perry

*Those homeless and those battling mental illness.*

*Pray for peace in Ukraine and the*

*Middle East and any unspoken concerns.*

"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

Please help us to keep the prayer requests as current as possible and meaningful by contacting the church office with updates and changes each week. Thank you!

## Birthdays

4-Sharon Totten

5-Valerie Welday

6-Roseann Wood

8-Jim Woodring

10-Brian Greer

18-Kristi Perry

**18-Esther Puglisi 80+**

## Birthdays

**19-Shirley Schaffter 80+**

20-Jim Mullin

21-Evan Brantner

23-David Watkins

**28-Dale Cook 80+**

30-Jeff Plumer

## Anniversaries

4-Beth & Mike Shook

16-Glen & Judy Piper

25-David & Jane Kauf

28-Lucinda & Greg Eby

30-Tara & David Freeland

**Knock, knock. Who's there?** Bacon. Bacon who? Bacon a cake for your birthday. 😊

## Bread and Pastries Pickup

**First Tuesday for April Perry**

**Second Tuesday for April 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 agree to 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

Meeting on April 10, 2024

**RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.**



# Groups and Committees

# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & AUCTION A BIG SUCCESS!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made the **Boiler's and Blessings** a huge success! Overall we were able to add about **\$6,000** to the boilers fund as well as help fund other building needs. Without the help and support of our own church family as well as our local business' and community members we would not be able to continue to be a pillar in this community. **We want to congratulate our top chili chefs: 1st Place** – Kevin Barr (of Kevin and Amy Barr), **2nd Place** – Troy Selzer, and **3rd Place** – Gaby Kennedy. **Our 3 top selling baskets** brought in a total of \$740, these consisted of a basket provided by an individual, a business, and a church committee. Thank you to all of the organizations, committees, groups and individuals who donated baskets.



*Val Welday, Jerrica Pawlus, Sarah Riegler*



## United Women in Faith News

Kelly Korb led the meeting with the topic “Joys of Easter.” The important thing to remember is Jesus first, others second and yourself third. Plans are being made for the “All Daughter’s Banquet.” The theme this year is “When Broadway Comes To Seville!”

The women voted to donate \$100.00 to the Indian River community through UMCOR as relief funds donated due to the tornado disaster that took place in late March.

In April, Linda Martin Miller will present a program about “Buckeye Clinic,” a program which her church supports. Helen Angell, and Melanie Gladden will be the co-hostesses.

# Worship Looking ahead

*NOTE: Communion for April was provided on March 31st Easter Sunday instead of 4/7/24*

## April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Guest Pastor  
Rev. Charles Tobias

### Scripture

Psalm 133 (UMH 850)  
1 John 1:1-2;2 (p. 989)  
John 20:19-31 (p. 882)

### Hymns 8:30

73 This Is The Day  
71 Old Rugged Cross  
68 Softly and  
Tenderly  
60 Protector Of My  
Soul  
18 Come And See

### Hymns 10:45

304 "Easter People,  
Raise your Voices"  
420 "Breathe on me  
Breath of God"  
363 "And Can it Be  
that I Should Gain"  
1,2,3, 5

### Greeters/Ushers

**8:30** Jean Eby  
&Theresa Naftzger  
**10:45** Kristi & Carl  
Perry

### Liturgist

8:30 - Brian Greer  
10:45 - Sandy Bridenthal

**Counter**-Helen Angell

## April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Native American Ministries Sunday

### Scripture

Psalm 4 (UMH 741)  
1 John 3:1-7 (p. 990)  
Luke 24:36b-48 (860)

### Hymns 8:30

51 Fear Not  
126 He Is Lord  
208 Thou Art Worthy  
277 Spirit of the Living  
God  
214 Meekness and  
Majesty

### Hymns 10:45

303 "The Day of  
Resurrection"  
141 "Children of  
the Heavenly  
Father"  
308 "Thine Be the  
Glory"

### Greeters/Ushers

**8:30** Nancy & Kevin Barr  
**10:45** Sandy Bridenthal &  
Beth Meadows

### Liturgist

8:30 -Heather Cottingham  
10:45 - Bailey Freeland

**Counter**-Carol Harlan

## April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

### Scripture

Psalm 23 (UMH 754)  
1 John 3:16-24 (p. 990)  
John 10:11-18 (p. 872)

### Hymns 8:30

223 May Your Kingdom  
Come  
75 Rejoice In The Lord  
90 Make Me Lord a  
Dreamer  
91 Let There Be Love  
151 Because He Lives

### Hymns 10:45

381 "Savior, Like a  
Shepherd Lead Us."  
138 "The King of Love,  
My Shepherd Is"  
140 "Great Is Thy  
Faithfulness"

### Greeters/Ushers

**8:30** Nancy & Brian Greer  
**10:45** Darla & Wendel  
Payn

### Liturgist

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

**Counter**-Janet Gommel

## April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

### Scripture

Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)  
1 John 4:7-21 (p. 990)  
John 15:1-8 (p. 878)

### Hymns 8:30

96 Behold What Manner Of  
Love  
205 Immortal Invisible  
23 Draw Me Into Your Presence  
65 Shepherd Of My Soul  
215 Just As I Am

### Hymns 10:45

560 "Help Us Accept  
Each Other"  
408 "The Gift of Love"  
664 "Sent Forth By  
God's Blessing"

### Greeters/Ushers

**8:30** Lea & Mark Ewing  
**10:45** Cathy Piper & Liisa  
Coldiron

### Liturgist

8:30 - Bobbi Placke  
10:45 - Dave Welday

**Counter**-Melanie Gladden

*Altar Flowers are a great way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or to honor someone special, to remember a loved one, or to beautify the sanctuary. There is a **Flower Sign-Up Poster** on the large bulletin board in fellowship hall so you can reserve any date. You then order a flower arrangement from the florist and have the arrangement delivered to the church **before** the praise service on that Sunday. Be sure to contact the office by Wednesday of that week so an acknowledgment can be printed in the bulletin acknowledging your kind gesture.*



# More To Know



## Share A Laugh! Make Someone Smile Today!



## IT'S POTLUCK DINNER TIME!

Set aside MAY 5th for our "Potluck Dinner" following second service. Plan to make your favorite recipes and share them.

We will celebrate families and have a short program. Hope to see everyone there!



**We can't wait to taste those delicious dishes!!**

## Speaking of AGE... Seville United

### Methodist Church will be celebrating 200 years!

Can you believe it! In two years our church will have a 200th birthday celebration. Wasn't it just 175th? We would like to put together a committee to plan this special celebration in 2026. Let's celebrate within the church and share the joy with our community. If you are interested in serving and becoming a part of this grand event, please let Bette Smith or Mary Oberli know.

## OUTREACH.

I hope that you were inspired by the message on the magnet given to you by your church family on Palm Sunday. "Begin with prayer. Eat together. Listen with care. Serve in LOVE and Share your story!" The Outreach Committee has chosen to take up donations for the Indian River area which was recently affected by tornadoes. 100% will be administrated by UMCOR. Envelopes will be available for donations to be reported on your giving statements. Thank you!  
Mary Oberli

... just a little background about the Indian River area - there are two Sevillians that we know that were directly affected by the tornado in the area. Becky Clem lost her garage and Adam Hewit's lost his living room and dining structure of the home due to the storm damage. It is said that it will be almost a year until they are able to be back in their home. We hope and ask that you will be a part of this offering. Our goal is \$500. Thank you for your generous hearts!



**The United Methodist Church's Special Giving structure ensures your generosity BLESSES as many people as possible in sustainable and strategic ways.**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Special Giving Sundays and know that your donation will change the World One Life At A Time: **April 14th** -Native American Ministries Sunday  
**May 26th** - Peace With Justice Sunday and on  
**October 6th** - World Communion Sunday

## The COFFEE CLUB is coming back!

Our first meeting will be on June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. thru October. We are in the process of planning menus and programs for the season. Unfortunately, we will need to increase the lunch price to \$4.50. Hope to see you in JUNE! Our schedule will be out soon. Thank you, Mary Oberli



# More Things To Know

## United Methodist Men

### Mother's Day May 4th Make-and-Take workshop!

UMM's Annual Mother's Day Make-and-Take is 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4! It's an opportunity for kids and Dad (or another adult) to work together on a surprise gift for Mom. It's free and all supplies are provided. We'll even supply UMM "dads" to help, if needed! Questions? Contact John Gladden at 330-591-8926.

Use the QR code to the right or use this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/aYYcMus84Rb7GtHJ7>



### Pictures from 2022 Make-and-Take Mother's Day Workshop



### Don't wait to plan for Vacation Bible School ... it will be here before you know.

VBS will start the week of June 17th to the 21st, from 5:15-8:30 PM. If you know anyone between the ages of 3 – entering 6th grade, we would love for them to join us for a fun week. We want to plan a great week for all of the kids who come so that they can build and strengthen their connection with Jesus.

### We are also looking for Volunteers.

There is something for everyone! If you have any questions, reach out to Valerie Welday at 330.329.1531 or Jerrica Pawlus at 330.441.2205.



### Chancel Choir : Do you like to sing?

Then Chancel Choir may be the group for you. We are a small group, but we love to praise and worship our Lord with song.

Practice is every Thursday at 7 PM. If you think you have interest in joining us to sing, please reach out to the church office or Rev. Don or Rev. Tammy. We can join in lifting our voices together!

### Sunday School

**Sunday School** continues every week at 9:30 AM for all ages. Please encourage children in grades Pre-K through 6th to join us downstairs. Adults plan on meeting in the parlor.



### Seville UMC Needs NURSERY- VOLUNTEERS !

We would still like to offer nursery services each Sunday, but in order to continue to do so we need more volunteers willing to take time to help oversee the activity in the nursery room. If you have interest in assisting us, please contact Beth Meadows at 330.808.1992 or Sandy Bridenthal at 330.769.2474 with any questions or to express your interest. Email us at the following:  
Beth Meadows Email: [jmeadows2@neo.rr.com](mailto:jmeadows2@neo.rr.com)  
Sandy Bridenthal Email: [tbridenthal@neo.rr.com](mailto:tbridenthal@neo.rr.com)

COMING SOON

Save the Date!

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is on Wednesday, May 22nd. Save the date!



# Even More Things To Know

**As a reminder RED Geraniums will be available this year.**

*Geraniums will be available this spring for \$5.00 in order to help beautify the church grounds. Forms will be available in the April 14th bulletin to requests a flower. Volunteers are welcome to help the children plant after second service. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the front office and things can be coordinated for a planting date.*

**Craft Bazaar thank you to all who purchased items and supported our Spring Craft Fair!**

**Thank you to all the crafter's who donated their time and those who donated supplies.** If there are any items that you would like to purchase after the Bazaar Fair is taken down, please reach out to me, Cathy Piper! We want to hear from you on new craft ideas or things that you would like the craft bazaar to bring to the church for future craft fairs. Is there something that we had years ago that you would like to see come back? Are there new things that you'd like to see? We want to hear from church members! Reach out to Cathy Piper with any ideas or thoughts to make the bazaar fairs exciting and appealing to bring in more sales. Thank you for taking time to consider our request. Cathy Piper 330.421.2066 or email to CathyPiper513@gmail.com



**Lay Servant Training Registration with your congregation -News from West Plains District.** *If there are any questions, contact our district Lay Servant Ministry Coordinator, **Diane Harding** at 419-617-5625 or [dianeharding12@gmail.com](mailto:dianeharding12@gmail.com).*

**West Plains District 2024 Lay Servant Training June 1, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ Ashland First UMC located at 220 Sandusky St., Ashland, OH 44805**

**Basic \_\_\_\_\_ Adv. Opt 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Opt2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$25** (Includes book and dinner). Make checks payable to EOCUMC w/ WP Fund 9609 in the memo. Register early so that you have time to read and be prepared. Books will be sent as soon as payment is received.

**Register online at <https://forms.gle/svqbtUexGWW82hAQA>**

*There is no online payment option available this year, but hopefully returning in 2025!*

**Submit to: West Plains District Office c/o Lay Servant Training 410 Park Ave. Ste#2 Mansfield, OH 44906**

**Basic Course:** The Basic Course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church, helping each congregation to become an outpost for mission and transformation. Individual sessions guide participants through thoughtful reflection on the areas of leading, caring, communicating, and spreading the love of Christ into the world.

**Advanced Course(s): Option 1:** (Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts -not required to become a Lay Speaker) *“For the Common Good” by Christine Harman* Examining Key passages in Paul’s writings, author Christine Harman leads readers through a personal spiritual gift assessment. She names 25 distinct spiritual gifts - such as discernment, hospitality, compassion, evangelism, or music - and helps people explore scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, clergy and laypeople will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community and the world. This book is the text for a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course on spiritual gifts.

**Option 2:** (Polity & Dynamics of The UMC Resource -needed to become a Lay Speaker) *“Life Together in the United Methodist Church” by Beth Galbreath* This book gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. The course is arranged in five two -hour sessions with short devotionals at the beginning of each session intended to ground class instruction and discussion in scripture. This book is required for Lay Servants who wish to become certified Lay Speakers.

**Brochures with COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRAINING will be available in Fellowship Hall as of Holy Week 2024.**

# March Finance



Hello, from the Finance Committee:

We are an active and generous church, and that is evident in the support you have shown over the last few months!

The **Blessings Dinner** provided support for our general fund. The **Super Bowl Sub Sale** provided support for our VBS program. **Second Mile Giving** has provided support for the annual expense of our chair lift.

**Memorial Fund Donations** have enabled the remodeling of our restrooms and paid for the wonderful new music you are hearing the choir sing.

The **Chili Cook-off Funds** will provide support to ensure needed projects around the church are completed.

**Your monthly contributions are what enable Seville UMC to continue to be here for our congregation and our community. Thank you for the ongoing support and generous giving!**

## From the Finance Committee: As of March 31, 2024

General Fund Giving	48,399
Blessings Dinner	1,399
Second Mile	400
Building/Maintenance	567
Total Giving	50,764
Expenses thru 3/31/24	(47,801)

**2,963**

### More Second Mile Giving items highlighted:

- **January snow plow and salting: \$395**
- **One month cleaning service: \$694**
- **One month copier lease \$185**

Give online thru our website <https://www.seville-umc.org/>

**Just click the donate button or mail a check directly to the church.** Send a check thru your online banking system (you can even set it up to send recurring checks. We value you and your support of Seville UMC! Your Finance Committee

## Online Giving at

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



[www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home](http://www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home)

*"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*

## Seville Food Pantry



## Feeding the Hungry

*The Bible reveals that, from the earliest times, God's faithful community has been concerned about hunger and poverty. Helping those in need was not simply a matter of charity, but of responsibility, righteousness, and justice (Isaiah 58:6-8; Jeremiah 22:3; Matthew 25:31-46).*

As many of us sat down to celebrate with loved ones and family on Easter, we shared in food and fellowship. We can not take this for granted for we are blessed to have such comforts in life. We ask that you please keep in mind those that do not have such opportunity for bountiful family gatherings, an abundance of food and sharing in fellowship. Having the Matthew 25 Outreach and the Seville Food Pantry in our area has an impact on our community. Your prayers also have an impact and show your compassion through your faith to support those in need.

A food pantry is one of the most practical ways that local churches can be in ministry in their communities. Feeding people is a vital ministry of any faith community. We cannot ignore the physical and immediate needs of those around us. The *Seville Food Pantry* over the past year has grown with the help of members of our church and the community. ***In January 2024 we fed 18 families and 77 individuals. In February we fed 41 families and 145 individuals. Then in March we fed 35 families and 99 individuals showing the strong need in our area.*** We thank all who have helped to donate, who have helped those that come to the Food Pantry on evenings or weekends, and we thank those who do a lot behind the scenes to make the pantry available.



### Some things to know about MATTHEW 25 Outreach (Cloverleaf)

**Individuals served in 2023:** 254 families came only once, 108 families came twice. Average 4 visits.

**Medina County:** 652 households, 140 households in surrounding counties. [792 households total]

**2257 people fed, 3227 pantry visits, 75,519 meals in 40 zip codes.**

**213 families of one person, 212 families of two; 128 families of three;  
104 families of four, 65 families of five; 38 families of six persons;  
18 families of seven persons, 15 families larger than that.**

*thank you!*

Our oldest volunteers are over 80 and our youngest is four years old. We have three families where grandparents, parents and kids all serve together. The volunteers have enjoyed refreshments provided by local families: fresh baked cookies and cake, & hot chocolate and good coffee. It doesn't take much to keep our volunteers happy, but it does take 40+ volunteers to complete a food distribution. Many Thanks to Akron Canton Regional Foodbank for the semi truck load each month. Know that your individual donations, your time and support of Matthew 25 Outreach (Cloverleaf) and the Seville Food Pantry are changing lives in Medina County. You are making a difference! Even the Crop Walk, which takes place in October, and all of the other events during the year that contribute into Matthew 25 Outreach and the Seville Food Pantry are helping our community and our families month to month.

### Matthew 25 Outreach



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

*This month invite someone who used to attend services here. Ask someone to come back and revisit a Sunday service with you and celebrate Spring together at Seville UMC. We welcome all new families!*

Thank  
You



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the Calendar  
Online



## APRIL 2024

### PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BUILDING IN GREAT CONDITION FOR VISITORS!

A reminder to all who visit the church, the sanctuary and our building: If you open a window or turn on a light please make sure you close the window and shut off ALL lights before you leave the premises.

*(Imagine if you left your house only to come back 24 hours later to find the cold water faucet running full blast in the sink. Thank goodness a flood did not take place but nonetheless, your water bill may go up.)*

This is what happened on Monday 3/25/24 in the downstairs girl's restroom by the food pantry. The cold water faucet was on at full blast. For all church parents and members please do a walk thru before you leave the building to ensure things are restored, **trash is picked up**, (candy wrappers) off the floors in the sanctuary, and things are back to their original state. This will help to keep our building safe, and clean for our guests and also help keep our operating costs down. **Thank you!**

**Online Giving at** [www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home](http://www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home)



### Food Pantry Items of the Month

Dish Soap, Household Cleaners & Sanitizing Wipes

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You!



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