

UMC EXPRESS

Share the news - it's almost time for the Seville Farmer's Market!



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Dates to Remember:

- May 25 - Opening Day
- June 15- Yard Sale -No Market today
- Aug 10 - Farmer's Market Week Celebration
- Sept. 28 - Last Market of the season -Customer Appreciation Day

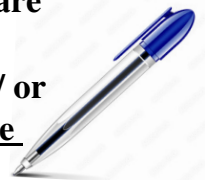


Like and follow the group on Facebook for the latest news, events, and any updates.

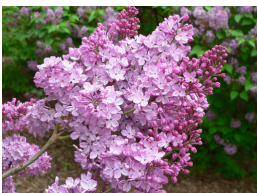
The Worship Committee wants to announce that "Geranium Sunday" will be on May 19th this year! Geraniums will be available at \$5.00 each. Purchase a plant to beautify the church grounds. Order forms will be available in the 5/12/24 bulletin as an insert. Yes, volunteers are welcome to help us plant these gorgeous flowers this summer! Contact the church office if you want to volunteer!



To those of you that are scheduling meetings or events this Spring/ or Summer, please make sure that we have a completed "Building Use 2024" contract on file in the office before your next event or meeting. Thank you.



Building Use Packets are available outside the front office in the hanging file.



The Deadline for the JUNE Newsletter is WEDNESDAY, 5/22/24!

Check us out on Facebook!



Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!



Dates to Remember!

Pam Mullin is back and Choir Practice *resumes on May 2nd!*

UMM Make-and-Take Mother's Day Event Saturday, May 4th

Sign up for a time slot.

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. or 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact J. Gladden with questions.

POT LUCK DINNER Sunday, May 5th

after 10:45 service - bring your best dish

Contact M. Oberli with questions.

TOWN HALL Meeting Sunday, May 5th

after 10:45 service & Potluck-

All should plan to attend!

Contact J. Gommel with questions.

Food Pantry Evening Monday, May 6th 6-7 p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

Trustee Meeting Tuesday,

May 7th 7 p.m. Contact P. Oberli, C. Perry,

C. Piper or W. Payn with questions.

Bibles & Burritos Food & Fellowship

Gathering Wednesday, May 8th

6:30 -7:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. To Rev. Tammy

UWiF Meeting Tuesday,

May 14th 7 p.m.

Contact M. Oberli with questions.

Craft Bazaar Group Meets Thursday May

16th 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m

Contact C. Piper with questions.

UMM Spring Clean-Up Meeting

Saturday, May 18th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact J. Gladden with questions.

Food Pantry Weekend Saturday,

May 18th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, May

22nd 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Go to the Red Cross

Site to register!

Dear Bazaar Group: I just wanted thank all of you for your support and prayers during my hand and hip surgeries. Your prayers and concern have pushed me through some of the tougher moments. I'm looking forward to the end of April or the beginning of May to see all of you again. God Bless, Sue P.

Thank you all so much for your comforting words and blessings. My hands and hip are healing well. I've finally progressed to a cane. Within the next 2-3 weeks I'll be allowed to drive again. And I hope to get back into the swing of things before May. Thanks again to all, Sue P.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE TONY'S!

**UWiF Seville UMC - All Daughter's Banquet
Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:15 p.m.**

**BROADWAY BOUND DRESS AS YOUR
FAVORITE MUSICAL CHARACTER...**

**Cost \$10 at the door and \$5 for children ages 6-12.
Children 5 and under are free.**

Contact K. Korb or M. Oberli with questions.

"Hamilton" "Some Like It Hot" "Gypsy" "The Producers"

"Lion King" "Moulin Rouge" "Harry Potter" "Wicked"

"Back to the Future" "Aladdin" "The Great Gatsby"

"Chorus Line" "Hello Dolly" "Chicago" "Fiddler

on the Roof" "South Pacific" "The King and I"

"My Fair Lady" "Guys and Dolls" "Annie"

"Evita" "Cats" "Hairspray"

"The Phantom of the Opera"

"Monty Python Spamalot"



As a reminder! The **Seville Yard Sale** Weekend will be here before we know it (June 14-15). This is a great opportunity to park cars bringing in additional funds for the church. We do need parking lot volunteers. **Contact John Gladden for more details.**



LUNCH BOX MEALS Delivered May 24th @ Noon
Contact Lea Ewing with questions.

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

Easter overflows into Pentecost.

God's blessing and power animating Jesus in the resurrection extends to the disciples and rushes them out into the street. Sure, we joke about the funny place names in the Acts 2 reading: "Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene." Jews from "every nation under heaven." We need to remember languages varied greatly even though people lived only a hundred miles away. The disciples were not ready to be pushed out into the streets. They were not ready to be sharing about Jesus in other languages. So the Holy Spirit nudged them.

We celebrate Pentecost fifty days following Easter. As we have the forty days of Lent to prepare for Easter, we have the great fifty days to prepare for Pentecost. Today, we might not encounter people who speak different languages, yet we do encounter people from different walks of life, different perspectives and different lifestyles. We might be reluctant disciples and need the Holy Spirit's push to have a conversation with them.

General Conference is a gathering of United Methodists from around the world, with simultaneous translation in French, Portuguese and Swahili. General Conference edits and amends the United Methodist Book of Discipline every four years. We get to practice being Christian with each other from all over the world. Prayers for traveling mercies for the thousands attending (some as delegates, some as support people, some as lobbyists). May the Holy Spirit's push enable them to converse gently and authentically.

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
~ George Croly 1867**

Sharing some pictures of the Habitat For Humanity Wall Build on April 20, 2024

Look for more photos on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

According to Habitat's executive director, Tom O'Connell, "... on behalf of all of us at Habitat, thank you for being willing to partner with us to build the walls for Habitat's next home in Medina County!" There were 92 volunteers from the various UMC churches who helped with this build. Habitat has received \$6,300 so far in donations for this build.



1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."



Scan here to check out the Cloverleaf
Collaborative YouTube Channel!



The Church in Mission

Reverend Tammy Kuntz



Rev. Tammy is returning home from General Conference. Exhausted, energized, and blessed to be part of the United Methodist Connection.

Photos and details on general conference can be found at

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/news>



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...

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

Prayers answered- celebrations (!)
Stacey Armstrong is doing better!
Nancy Baldwin is doing better!

Charlotte and Richard Eisenbrei (the parents of Carol Harlan) Pray for health and recovery
Hank Herbst (Cathy Piper's brother) Please pray for his success with a new treatment
Lori Morris recovery from surgery.
Amber Conway (offer additional prayers for improved health)
Troy Jarvis (recovery)
Kevin Barr & Family (Prayers for his brother Steve)
Bailey Freeland
Ester Puglisi
Lori Skelton recovery after surgery
The Plumer family (Jeff)
Lillian Gelmas, (mother of Chris Wotowiec)
Marvin Lambert and family
Luci (COVID and unspoken concerns)
Jerry Ross
Betty Perry
Pray for peace in the world: Ukraine, & the Middle East.
Unspoken Concerns & those suffering from mental illness and homelessness.

Birthdays

- 1-Linda Avery
- 2-Juanita Peery 80+**
- 5-Tony Wolfe
- 8-David Welday
- 9-Benjamin Hanson
- 10-Carol Carter
- 12-Ralph Smith 80+**



Birthdays

- 13-Cathy Piper
- 15 - Joyce Milota
- 16-Jennifer Powell
- 18-Emily Gladden
- 20-Brea Pawlus
- 24-Carol Harlan
- 29-Roy Bise
- 31-Wendel Payn

Anniversaries

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| 1-Cindy & Dave Gubics | 22-Dawn & Brad Puck |
| 15-Kristi & Carl Perry | 26-Hannah & Evan Marris |
| 17-Ricki & Bill Perry | 26-Janet & Chris Briggs |
| 20-Molly & Jacob George | 26-Becky & Lee Clem |
| | 29-Eve & Scott Hartman |

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 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 **May 8, 2024**
RSVP to Rev. Tammy for reservations.



The light shines in the darkness and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

- JOHN 1:5

 Praying for peace.

Groups and Committees

Share A Laugh!
Make Someone Smile Today!



"Your doctor can only do so much.
The rest is up to you. Stop getting older."

VBS: *SCUBA DIVING INTO A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD*

is this summer's theme for VBS week
June 17-21 from 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Any child age 3 and up to children entering 6th grade can attend. Register online at Cloverleaf Community VBS <http://vbspro.events/p/cloverleafcommunityvbs> Let's build and strengthen our connection with Jesus this summer! We still need volunteers! Also if you have not had a background check, please see Rev. Tammy Kuntz. Contact Val Welday for more details about VBS at **330.329.1531**, or reach out to Sarah Riegler at 330.421.3164 or Jerrica Pawlus at 330.441.2205.



VBS will also have a float in the Westfield and Seville Memorial Day Parades this Year!

Sunday School:

(9:30 AM on Sundays for all ages.)

We are quickly approaching the end of our Sunday School year. We collected paper products for our food pantry. Palm Sunday we waved the palm branches and had our annual Easter Egg Hunt too. Our Bible curriculum for this quarter has been right on schedule with the lessons; with Jesus' teachings, choosing his disciples and his resurrection. Our attendance each Sunday has been a strong 6-7 children. Our last day for this quarter is **May 19th**, then it is our summer break! In August, postcards made by Bible School children will be mailed out by our VBS Staff inviting ALL Bible Schoolers to Sunday School in September.

Thank you, Tara Freeland

Congratulations to the **J.C.Kids** for their great evening performance of "**Big Shot: Facing Down Our Giants, Looking Up to God!**" Thank you to all who attended!

The event raised \$412 which will go towards the scholarship fund.



FAMILY LIFE
MAY 5th
POTLUCK DINNER after the 10:45 service. Bring your best dish. Table service and beverages will be provided. A pie social is being planned for August!



If you are still interested in being part of the **200 YEAR** celebration planning committee for the church, please let Bette Smith or Mary Oberli know.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to Beth Meadows and her artistry in making birthday cards for shut-ins. This past month we delivered one to Norma Allen and also Esther Puglisi. With tears in their eyes they read the signatures of our church members. Norma's daughter, Patty hung the cards on Norma's door.

Next, \$355 in contributions have been made to Indian Lake residents. Thank you so much to those who have contributed. Yes, there is still time to contribute if you would like to do so!



Reminder! The COFFEE CLUB will start up on June 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

We are in the process of planning programs for the season. Lunch cost is \$4.50. Hope to see you in JUNE! On 9/9/24 we will hear from the "The Giving Doll." They have made 72,000 giving dolls for sick children around the world. We are waiting to confirm other speakers as well this year. M. Oberli



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

The next Special Giving Sunday is **May 26th** - Peace With Justice Sunday and then after that **October 6th** - World Communion Sunday.

Worship Looking ahead

May 5

**6th Sunday of Easter
Communion**

Scripture

Psalms 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-5 (p. 991)
John 15:9-7 (p. 878)

Hymns 8:30

Holy Love Holy Light.
Both Verses
Jesus Your Name.
All 3 verses
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Beloved 1 John 4:7-8
This I s My Commandment

Hymns 10:45

432 "Jesu, Jesu"
393 "Spirit of the
Living God"
557 "Blest Be the Tie
that Binds"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Lea & Mark Ewing
10:45 Chris Wotowiec
& Joyce Milota

Communion Steward:

8:30 Lea Ewing and 10:45 Helen Angell

Liturgist

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

Counter-Helen Angell

May 12

**7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday**

Scripture

Psalms 1 (UMH 738)
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (p.884)
1 John 5:9-13 (p. 991)
John 17:6-23 (p. 879)

Hymns 8:30

All Heaven Declares.
Both Verses
As We Gather
Be Still And Know.
All Verses
Give Thanks
Jesus Is My Lord

Hymns 10:45

413 A Charge to Keep
I have
178 "Hope of the
World"
396 "O Jesus I have
Promised"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Jean Eby & Theresa
Naftzger
10:45 Ralph & Bette Smith

Liturgist

8:30 -Brian Greer
10:45 - Melanie Gladden

Counter-Carol Harlan

May 19

Pentacost Heritage Sunday

Scripture

Psalms 104 (UMH 826)
Acts 2:1-21 (p.885)
Romans 8:22-27 (p. 919)
John 15:26-27 (p. 878)

Hymns 8:30

How Majestic Is Your Name
It's Time To Praise the Lord
Both Verses
Come Into His Presence.
Both Verses
Surely The Presence
Micah 6:8

Hymns 10:45

#539 "O Spirit of the
Living God"
#420 "Breathe On Me,
Breath of God"
#475 "Come Down, O
Love Divine"

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Nancy & Kevin Barr
10:45 Val & Dave Welday

Liturgist

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

Counter-Janet Gommel

May 26

Trinity Sunday

Peace With Justice Sunday

Scripture

Psalms 29 (UMH 761)
Isaiah 6:1-8. (p. 553)
Romans 8:12-17 (p. 991)
John 3:1-17 (p. 878)

Hymns 8:30

Spirit Song.
Both Verses
Shepherd of My Soul
Jesus Draw Me Close
For This One Reason.
Both Verses
Seek Ye First.
All Verses

Hymns 10:45

64 "Holy Holy Holy"
593 "Here I Am, Lord"
79 "Holy God, We
Praise Thy Name" v 1-4

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Nancy & Brian Greer
10:45 Vicki Fugate & Kathy
Stutzman

Liturgist

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

Counter-Melanie Gladden



Helping Others ... at Flat Rock

Seasonal and regular items are needed. Your support means a lot! There are flyers posted at each of the church entrances listing the items needed. As an example: outdoor fun equipment, skin and dry skin body lotion, dish soap and more. Donations can be picked up at Seville UMC by Rose Darling as these items are collected. **If there are questions call or email Rose at 330-639.5378 or Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org.**

More Things To Know

Mother's Day Make-and-Take Workshop 5/4/24

The United Methodist Men workshop on May 4th will help children create gifts to celebrate mom! Hours: 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4! It's an opportunity to surprise mom with a gift. Contact John Gladden at 330-591-8926 with questions. Use the this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/aYYcMus84Rb7GtHJ7>

J.C. Kids Dinner Theater Performance 4/28/24



KEY CARDS



If you were assigned a church KEY CARD (giving access to the church) between **January 2022 to January 2024** please call the front office at **330.769.2836!** Dean Stutzman & Phyllis Jadosh are updating our *security report and matching the assigned cards* to the numbers that we have registered on file. We will need to know your key card number. Know that some cards may be deactivated if they are not used on a regular basis. **If a card is deactivated** and a card is needed, call the front office. We will assign a temporary card to you on an as needed basis. All cards that are no longer being used frequently or those no longer needed should be returned to the office. Thank you for understanding.



Thank you to Pat Conway & Cindy Groetz for donating a book about the **Detwiler Family** to the Seville United Methodist Church library for all to view. The book is on display in the parlor and was donated in memory of Sam & Stella Detwiler with love from Norma Allen and the family.

Chancel Choir :

On **May 2nd** Pam Mullin will be back this month and Chancel Choir practice will resume again. Thank you to everyone for wishing Pam better health and recovery.



There will be no Chancel Choir in June.

Lay Member Will Go To The Annual Conference

During the recent Administrative Council Meeting **Bobbi Placke** announced that the 2024 Annual Conference for East Ohio Faith Hope Love will be on **June 13-15** at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. **Bobbi has registered and looks forward to representing our church at the conference.** *Phil Wilden* will deliver one of the morning worship sermons. Bobbi also plans on presenting information about the **Simplified Accountable Structure model (S.A.S.)** to the congregation on **May 5th** at our next Town Hall Meeting! She has shared some information with others after the Zoom training session in January 2024. Bobbi suggests that if we are considering the S.A.S. structure, we will need to develop a **“Discernment Team and a Prayer Team.”** Church members will be involved in these decisions and this is why we encourage everyone to attend the next **Town Hall on May 5th.** Collectively we need to decide our next steps and then notify our District Superintendent of our future plans.



Seville UMC Still Needs NURSERY- VOLUNTEERS !

We would still like to offer nursery services on Sundays, 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 Sandy Bridenthal Email: bridenthal@neo.rr.com

April Finance

From the Finance Committee: As of April 30, 2024

General Fund Giving	63,013
Blessings Dinner	1,399
Second Mile	400
Building/Maintenance	937
Total Giving	65,689
Expenses thru 4/30/24	(64,589)

1,100

“At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” – Albert Schweitzer

From the Finance Committee:

In April, we saw overall giving decrease slightly but for the year our giving has exceeded our expenses by \$1,100.

We continue to be grateful for the extra giving seen by the Blessing Dinner and 2nd Mile giving as well as gifts not necessarily seen in these figures but thru items provided by you to support our church.

As we look toward the summer months, your continued, steady giving is increasingly important and appreciated.

Thank you for all you do!



More Second Mile Giving items highlighted:

- **Feb/March Plowing/Salting: \$315**
- **One month Lawn Service: \$400**
- **One month property tax \$171**

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



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"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

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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

Did you know....**World Laughter Day** was established in 1998 and the first celebration was on 10 May 1998, in Mumbai, India, arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement. **The day is now celebrated on the first Sunday of May worldwide.**

On May 5, 2024 Share A Laugh!

Thank You



Scan here to view
the Calendar
Online



MAY 2024

BUILDING USAGE: We always have lots of activity going on within the church - **this is a great thing!** The church is here for members and for the community. We certainly want to encourage groups and individuals to use the church building for meetings and events. **

We do need to ask that **ALL** meetings and events scheduled are done in advance with the front office and a contract is on file from the meeting leader. Even if the fee has been waived for your group, we would still appreciate each event or meeting leader review the contract building usage guidelines and sign the 2024 contract. This will ensure that everyone is **aware** of church usage guidelines allowing us to continue to have the space available for others in the future. If you have a question whether or not a fee applies to your group, please reach out to the office for clarification.

** If you need to rearrange a room in advance of your meeting or event, we do understand, however, please contact the front office to advise of the time and date for your set up. If possible, set up on the same day of your event or the night before so other meetings and weekly functions held at the church during the week are not disrupted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Food Pantry Items of the Month Peanut Butter & Jelly



FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Q: What did the peanut say to the raisin at the gym?
A: "You're looking grape!"



Thank You!

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