# UMC EXPRESS



#### Seville UMC welcomed back Bill & Teare Reedy for the July 8th Coffee Club!

Guests not only enjoyed Bingo, cards, and conversation that morning, but they were also treated to music by Bill Reedy and his guitar that morning.

And, the ladies of Seville UMC also served up a great lunch -thank you ladies for all of your hard work!

We have exciting and informative speakers in place for the year. The price for lunch and program is \$5.00. We hope to see you there. Please bring guests with you to each meeting. Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for cards and /or Bingo. Then enjoy our planned program at 11:00 a.m. with interesting speakers and a great lunch! Meet new people -make new friends! Food and fellowship! What a great afternoon for you and a guest!

Our next Coffee Club is on August 5th. Bring a friend to hear Shelly from the Chippewa Lake Lions Club talk about their Polar Jump and more. The menu will be hot dogs & potato salad and Texas Sheet cake.

R.S.V.P. to the church office at 330-769-2836





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The Deadline for the SEPTEMBER Newsletter is MONDAY, 8/26/24! Check us out on Facebook!



Do you know of a young individual looking for <u>ways to serve</u> in the community? Send them our way so that we can speak with them to learn more about their interests and guide them as to where their help is of most value for the church and our community.



#### Dates to Remember!

August 4th Sunday at 5 PM come and enjoy a PIE & ICE CREAM Social on the side lawn of the church-bring your own r please and your favorite pie to

*share!* Family Life Committee will supply ice cream. Contact Mary Oberli with questions.

**August 5th Monday Coffee Club** Please **R.S.V.P.** to the church office if you can 330-769-2836, so we are able to know the head count for meals. Thank you. This month hear from the **Chippewa Lake Lions Club** talk about their Polar Jump and more. Contact Mary Oberli with questions.

August 5th Monday Evening Food Pantry from 6 PM to 7 PM. Contact Rev. Tammy with questions. As a reminder there will not be a Monday Food Pantry on 9/2 due to Labor Day. We will resume on 9/21/24.

**August 6th Tuesday Finance Committee**Meeting 7 PM Contact Melanie Gladden with questions.

August 8th Thursday Bazaar Crafters Meet from 9:30 a.m. to Noon Contact Cathy Piper with questions.

**Saturday's in August -** (10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st) **The Seville Farmer's Market**. August 10th is *Farmer's Market Week Celebration!* Hours from 9 a.m. to Noon! Contact Kristi Perry with questions.

**August 12th Monday Worship Committee** Meets at 7 PM Contact Sandy Bridenthal or Beth Meadows with questions.

**August 13th Tuesday Trustees** meet at 7 PM Contact Wendel Payn with questions.

**August 14th Wednesday** You are invited to join the Cloverleaf Collaborative for **Bibles and Burritos** at 6:30 PM at El Patron restaurant in Seville. Please **R.S.V.P.** in advance to Rev. Tammy for reservations.

**August 17th Saturday Weekend Food Pantry** from 10:30 a.m. to NOON. Contact Rev. Tammy with questions.

# Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

SAVE THE DATE - Bible Study Starts Again!
As For Me: Life Through the Lens of the Psalms by Adrienne Camp

Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:30AM in the Parlor

Psalms is a collection of Hebrew poems and songs that focus on humanity's relationship with God and were recorded so they could be preserved as a part of Israel's worship practices. The Psalms were written by multiple authors spanning five centuries. This particular study takes a thematic approach and groups the Psalms into six main categories: thanksgiving, wisdom, royal and prophetic, lament, trust and imprecatory, and praise. The purpose of these categories is to see what worshiping God can look like in all seasons and with many different words. The psalmists poured out their hearts to God and wrestled through various hardships with a reinforced commitment as if to say, "No matter what is going on around me, this is what I choose (i.e. As For Me).

If you wish to participate in this 7-session Bible study, please add your name to the sign-up list on the table in Fellowship Hall. The last day to register is Sunday, September 1st so that books may be ordered in time for the first session. Contact Pam Mullin with any questions.

Mark your calendars, our Sunday school year begins on Sunday September 8th at 9:30am. Pre-K through High School. All are welcome!!

#### MORE DATES TO REMEMBER CONTINUED...

**August 20th Tuesday UWiF Meeting** at 7 PM Contact Kelly Korb with questions.

**August 23rd Friday LUNCH BOX meals** delivered around noon. Contact Lea Ewing with questions.

August 24th Saturday, Seville UMC will HOST the DISTRICT Meeting at the church from 8:30 a.m. to NOON!

District members will be in Fellowship Hall, The Parlor, the Opening Room and the Blue Room on that day. Collectively, we want to make sure that everything <u>looks clean and great</u> for the arrival of our guests from the District on the 24th.

# A WORD FROM OUR

## REVEREND... Reverend Donald Kuntz.

During this long green season in the church year, we think about how the gospel message grows in individuals and communities. Jesus tells a head-scratching story about someone planting seeds, who just threw them everywhere with no notice of conditions. Some seeds fell on the bike path, and some seeds fell on the stony shoreline, and some seeds fell in the bramble bushes, and some seeds fell where they actually could grow and yield something. If seeds are scarce and we need to conserve our resources, we pay attention to the land and only plant where something might actually grow. This is not how God operates with blessings, mercies, beauty and miracles.

The God of Abundance sends good things even where people don't notice; and Jesus forgives people many times before they actually recognize and receive it. Do we reserve our good words and our good works and our forgiveness for only those who will produce a good response to our efforts? Do we feed only those who will turn the calories into muscle and work? *Or do we share whatever we have, where ever we can?* We don't know if the sower threw the seeds willy-nilly (with wild abandon) or with great imagination that something might actually germinate and take root in the middle of these brambles, or this maple seed will find a place to grow in the crack in the sidewalk.

My garden is growing things from seeds which didn't germinate last year, and volunteer tomatoes from the seeds left by the critters who ate the tomatoes before I could harvest them. There is still great mystery to the process of growth even when we know the science of how the seed and soil, water and sun cooperate to bring about growth; the process of optimal conditions over time which bring about a fruitful harvest. God sends the blessings of sunshine and rain upon the just and the unjust. God sends beauty even where it is not noticed. God's abundance is far beyond what we can comprehend with our senses. Jesus says "Father, forgive them they don't know what they are doing." We give thanks that God still has hope for the gospel seeds planted in our hearts.

"Listen, A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 13:3-10)

#### The Matthew 25 Outreach Center food distribution at Cloverleaf Elementary begins year three on 8/10/24!

We have seen sunny days with 80 degree temperatures and cloudy, windy days with single digit temperature. There are *three parts* to the food distribution: (1) the 100 Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes delivered to seniors monthly, (2) other home deliveries and (3) the drive through at Cloverleaf Elementary.



We reached new numbers in July with **345 families served** (140 delivery and 205 drive through), 38 first time families, which total **815 neighbors fed**.

For the July distribution, Medina County residents represented the majority of neighbors served (676), 69 neighbors came from Wayne Co, 56 neighbors came from Ashland Co, 9 came from Lorain Co, 4 came from Summit Co, and 1 came from Portage Co. In our second year of service, 853 families were served representing 2,311 neighbors (average number of visits 4.3 per year). While we think of our regulars we see month after month, 273 families were served only once. This might mean some families don't need this extra assistance every month. The majority of our families are in Medina County, yet over the year we serve families from 46 zip codes from Kent to Wellington, from Mansfield to Cleveland, totaling 3,679 visits.

All this work is done by volunteers, on site at Cloverleaf and delivering through southern Medina County. We still need more drivers who could deliver sacks of groceries to a route of ten homes. We do need back up drivers for the Commodity Supplemental Food Progam boxes which weigh 25-30 pounds each. Our Medina County distribution is the third site Matthew 25 Outreach administers, followed by Richland & Ashland Counties.

# The Church in Mission Reverend Tammy Kuntz

#### Welcome Bishop Jung September 1st!

The North Central Jurisdiction Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to be resident bishop of the new Ohio Episcopal Area effective 9/1. He will be bishop of both the East Ohio Conference & the West Ohio Conference of United Methodist Church.



Jung has served as resident bishop of the Wisconsin Conference for the past 12 years after previously serving eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference. Under his commitment to increase racial justice and radical inclusion, the Wisconsin Conference has reached 49% of its appointments being served by cross-racial leadership.

He has served as president of the General Board of Global Ministries since 2016 and chair of the United Methodist Korean National Plan since 2012. Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea. Join us in welcoming Bishop Jung and his family this September!



#### The Seville Food Pantry

While at home-The Food Pantry continues to be a place of connection, fellowship, and substance for many people. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry.



2024	Households	individuals	Number of meals
January	18	77	693
February	41	145	1305
March	35	99	891
April	41	130	1170
May	44	132	1188
June	29	109	981
July	35	118	1062

#### **North Central Jurisdiction Conference**

North Central Jurisdiction conference was full of excitement with many good connections. It's always good to be with one another with time to work and play, to learn and break bread together.

Each day was framed in Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do Good, Do No Harm, Stay in love with God.

See more about the North Central Jurisdiction Conference on the next page .....



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'

# More About The Church in Mission Reverend Tammy Kuntz

#### North Central Jurisdiction Conference Cont.

One of my big jobs is reporting the teams from across the jurisdiction. Here is what happened January-June 2024. Remember that you are part of every team that serves in all these places. None of this is possible without every member of every congregation across the ten conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction.







### JANUARY-JUNE 2024

72 TEAMS 736 VOLUNTEERS







## News You Can Use...

#### Continue your prayers for these individuals:

#### A PRAISE: Mary Oberli is feeling better!

Family of Juanita Peery at her passing Family of Phil Totten at his passing Sue Lambert regarding cancer diagnosis Hank Herbst, (Cathy Piper's brother) Paul Oberli for health recovery Pam Cook

Christy Eberhart (Fran Menssen's Niece) Taki Sachtouris, (Friend of Donna Drockton)

Lori Adkins, (Friend of Donna Drockton) Amber Conway, (Sue Payne's daughter) **Troy Jarvis** 

Steve Barr, Louise Barr and family

**Bailey Freeland** 

Ester Puglisi

The Plumer family (Jeff)

Lillian Gelmas, (Chris Wotowiec's mom)

Jerry Ross

**Betty Perry** 

and Luci

Please contact the office as individuals recover so we can send out a praise!

Pray for peace around the world:

Unspoken Concerns & those suffering from mental illness and homelessness.

### **VBS**

We would like to thank everyone for all the support we received the weeks and months leading up to VBS as well as the week of.

Because of your support we were able to reach about 55 kids each night and help them either grow their friendship with God or start a new one.

We also collected **100 boxes of cereal** that we donated to the Seville food pantry housed in our church. Our other mission that week was to help

#### **Birthdays**

4-Heather Cottingham 11-Kay Freeland

6-Bill Reedy

7-Sue Frey

8-Catherine (Kay)

Wyant 80+

8-Debbie Miller

9- Evan Riegler

11-Mary Lou Eby 80+

17-Devon Pawlus

21-Kelly Korb

22-Jim Meadows

23-Darwyn

Riggenbach 80+

23-Michaela Gubics 13-Kathy Stutzman

25-Mariah Wood

26-Margaret Clevidence

28-John Drehs

#### Anniversaries

1- Betsy & Brett Amstutz

4-Virginia & Jim Demo

6-Jerrica & Devon Pawlus

7-Kay & David (Sr.) Freeland

8-Jennifer & John Drehs

8-Cathy & Patrick Sheridan

9-John & Bey Rhoads

12-Sandy & Lynn Miller 14-Melissa & Michael King 15-Lauren & Matthew Korb 17-Amy & Ed Fashbaugh

21-Nancy & Brian Greer

25-Melanie & John Gladden

30-Mary & Paul Oberli

### From Seville Community **Food Pantry:**

Thank you to the *Cloverleaf* Community VBS for their generous donation of cereal for the neighbors in our community.

Our cupboard is full and so are our hearts! All your efforts are appreciated and will make a difference to those families who reside in our community.

provide kids in Honduras with clean water at their home for at least a year, they were able to help 95! It is always great when churches come together and support each other. We know that our church will continue giving their support to other area churches as well. Until next year, when we will head from the deep sea to the northern trek.

Jerrica, Sarah and Val



Source: Cheerios bee logo from Ultra Creative

## **Committee News & Updates**

### **Bread and Pastries Pickup**

**Do you like to drive?** We are looking for <u>extra drivers</u> for the Panera runs to Pearl Road in Medina on either Tuesday evenings or first thing Wednesday mornings each week. We are in need of back up drivers in case we have to reschedule someone on the list for picking up bread from Panera's. Contact the church office if you know of anyone willing to help drive to help us coordinate the bread pick-ups.

First Tuesday Kuntz Second Tuesday Perry Third Tuesday Ewing

Fourth Tuesday Rhoads & the Fifth Tuesday Freeland

Bagel slicers and bread packers help weekly with the Panera bread distribution. If you or someone you know would like to help- <u>call us if you can assist</u> with this ministry in any way! And, thank you for offering your time.



- 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 8/14/24!

RSVP to Rev. Tammy for 6:30 p.m. reservations.





# The Memorial Committee Needs Your Input!

The memorial committee *is looking for suggestions* for items to be purchased using some of the monies set aside in our Memorial Fund Account.

Memorial gifts are a way to memorialize church members & friends. These funds are a means of supporting church plans and programs beyond the church's operating budget. *Please submit your ideas to the front office this month* for the Memorial Committee to consider. Your time and thoughts are very much appreciated. Thank you!

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." - Albert Einstein

"My activities were centered around school, football, church and senior high fellowship. I got together with a couple bands and started playing parties, proms, stuff like that.

It was the music that really worked for me."
-- John Denver

\_ Chancel Choir

Psalm 100:1 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth." Does that mean the same as "When in doubt, sing loud?"

Although the Seville UMC chancel choir can probably relate to that idea, we offer our best as we serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing. The singers are not professional musicians, but congregation members who choose to worship God by making music together.

Choirs always need new, devoted members in order to function. The only requirements are a love of music and a willingness to use your musical talents to glorify God.

Contact Pam Mullin if you are interested in joining us this choir season.

The first choir practice of the new season will be on **Thursday, September 5, 2024** at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Remember to let the front office know of <u>any events</u> in the building, so they can be written in the church calendar!

# **More Things To Know**



**How to Get Rid of Ants With 20 Methods** That Actually Work:

Some common household products may help you get rid of ants, such as white vinegar, Borax, essential oils, and coffee grounds. Ants hate baking soda. That's because baking soda and borax both kill ants when they eat them. To make a homemade ant bait trap, combine equal parts baking soda or borax with honey and water. Place it in a shallow container and leave it out wherever you usually find ants in your home. To see all 20 solutions suggested, go to the Healthline link https://www.healthline.com/ health/how-to-kill-ants Submitted by P Jadosh



Jubilee Luncheon will be held on 9/12/24 11:30 - 2:00 Lunch will be served at noon.

The Jubilee lunch is a special lunch that celebrates our members that are 75+ years old and their spouse.

Each year we try to have a different theme and menu. This year the theme is Luau/Polynesian. We do need volunteers to help with the following: kitchen, serving, decorating, and help with clean up.

Please save the date and watch for your invitation in the mail. If you were born in 1949 or before, this is the party for you! If for some reason we miss you with an invitation, please let us know. Our records still need a little assistance.

RSVP to the office no later than Sept. 8th. Call 330.769.2836. Also, for those that can volunteer, please let Janet Gommel or the office know soon.

"Reverend Croft helped us realize how many of our congregation members are already the "Doers" of the church. We are putting together a **Discernment team** and a Prayer team. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to pray for SAS. If you have any questions please reach out to me, respectfully, Bobbi Placke."

More about our meeting with Rev. Jeffrey Croft, an ordained elder in the United Methodist



**Church.** He is in his 31st year of ministry. He has served in rural and urban areas, having started an inner city church in Mansfield, OH. He received certifications as a coach/consultant in Simplified Structure as well as Discipleship Pathways and Seven Dimensions, a systems approach to church leadership. Jeff has a passion to walk alongside pastors/churches and help them discover the potential God has for them.

Reverend Jeffrey Croft is our S.A.S. coach for Seville UMC, as we look toward discernment of transitioning to SAS. He did explain, to those in attendance at the June 29th Seville UMC meeting, how using the Simplified Accountable Structure focuses on allowing the "workers" of the church to get the "work" of the church done. It lets the doers decide.

An analogy he used was that of a Crew team. He explained how all of the rowers face the coxswain. The coxswain is the only one of the crew in front who can see where they are headed and can guide the team towards the goal. This is the SAS role of the governance team. The team is focused on the vision of the church. A nomination committee is still required. The Governance team is elected by the nominating committee. The team is elected for a 3 year term with the recommendation that there is at least 1 year off between terms. To start there will be 3 members serving a 1 year term, 3 serving a 2 year term and 3 serving a 3 year term.

If we focus on the church's vision, we will also focus on the church's growth! When asked, Reverend Croft said it is an advantage for a church using SAS, not only for their current Pastor, but also if they receive a new Pastor. The Governance team consist of a combination of SPRC, Finance, Trustees & Pastor. We discussed with Reverend Croft some things that we already have in place that are considered part of the Simplified Accountable Structure.

# Worship Looking Ahead

#### **August 4th**

11th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday

#### Scripture

Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785) 2 Samuel: 11:26-12:13a p.248 Ephesians 4:1-16 p.951 John 6:24-35 p.867

#### **Hymns 8:30**

Praise The Name of Jesus He Is Faithful, If We Confess Our Sins May Your Kingdom Come In Moments Like These Spirit Song

#### Hymns 10:45

#623 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" #599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" - sermon not eucharist Dt 8:3 #365 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

#### **Greeters/Ushers**

8:30 Nancy & Brian Greer 10:45 Val & Dave Welday

**Communion Steward:** Liturgist

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

**Counter-**Helen Angell

#### August 11th

12th Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Scripture**

Psalm 130 (UMH 848) 2 Samuel: 18:5-9 p.255 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 p.951 John 6:35, 41-51 p.868

#### **Hymns 8:30**

Great is The Lord Hallowed Be Thy Name Come And Sing Praises In His Time He Is Our Peace

#### Hymns 10:45

#384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #178 "Hope of the World" #114 "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

#### **Greeters/Ushers**

8:30 Lea & Mark Ewing 10:45 Vicki Fugate & Kathy Stutzman

#### 8:30 Bobbi Placke and 10:45 Tara Freeland

Liturgist

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

Counter-Carol Harlan

#### Liturgist

8:30- Jerrica Pawlus 10:45 - Bailey Freeland

**Counter-**Janet Gommel

#### August 18th

13th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Scripture

Psalm 111 (UMH 832) 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 p.265 Ephesians 5:15-20 p.952 John 6:51-58 p.868

#### **Hymns 8:30**

I'll Fly Away Woke Up This Morning Honor and Praise Lamb of God Clap Your Hands

#### Hymns 10:45

#600 "Wonderful Words of Life" #395 "Take Time to Be Holy" #630 "Become to Us the Living Bread"

#### **Greeters/Ushers**

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

#### Liturgist

Naftzger

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

Counter-Melanie Gladden

August 25th

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 p.271 Ephesians 6:10-20 p.952

The Lion And The Lamb

Holy Love, Holy Light

Hymns 10:45

#178 "Hope of the

#624 "Bread of the

8:30 Jean Eby & Theresa

10:45 Ginnie & Jim Demo

#514 "Stand Up, Stand

I Come To The Cross

Psalm 84 (UMH 80)

John 6:56-69 p.868

**Hymns 8:30** 

Seek Ye First

Up for Jesus"

World"

World"

**Greeters/Ushers** 

Majesty

#### Here are some ways you can help friends feel more comfortable when inviting them to attend a church service with you, along with the rest of the church membership:

- Ask Out of Love. ...
- Do Personally Invite Them to Worship with You. ...
- Don't Take "No" Personally. ...
- Do Let Friends Know What to Expect. ...
- Do Welcome Everyone. ... and
- Don't Force; Follow Up.

REMINDER!!! On September 8th, 2024 the Worship Committee Members will provide incoming 4th Graders with a Bible. BACKPACKS will also be blessed during Sunday Services as well!

## **JULY Finance**

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

General Fund Giving Blessings Dinner Second Mile Building/Maintenance	\$109,387 \$1,339 \$ 475 \$2,432
Total Giving	<u>\$113,633</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	\$114,214
	<u>(\$581)</u>

From the Finance Committee:

As we are in the middle of <u>summer</u>, our giving dropped a bit during July. Utilities were lower than anticipated and as of July we are only slightly behind for the year. As giving traditionally declines during the summer, this is encouraging news.



Thank you for your continued support!!!

We are grateful to those who can continue their giving towards the Second Mile Fund Items! Thank you!

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Albert Schweitzer

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## **Miscellaneous Items**

We are looking at the calendar and trying to determine a good (day) to do the deep cleaning of the Parlor & Fellowship Hall floors.

Are there ANY fall events that we need to be aware of for August, September or October where the Parlor, Fellowship Hall and or The Opening Room will be needed?

Let us know so that we can advise the cleaners of a date to clean these floors where we are not interrupting someone's plans. Thanks Phyllis!

Summer is anything but a relaxing vacation for families dealing with food insecurity. It's estimated that 22 million kids face summer hunger because they do not have access to free or reduced-price meals given during the school year.

Millions of kids and families <u>depend on</u> food banks during the summer when there is a greater need for food because fewer donations are made and more households rely on food banks.

Trivia News: Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food\_bank

# When was the first food bank developed in the U.S.?

The world's first food bank was St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix, Arizona, founded by John van Hengel in 1967.

Van Hengel established St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix, AZ as the nation's first food bank. In its initial year, van Hengel and his team of volunteers distributed <u>275,000 pounds</u> of food to people in need. Word of the food bank's success quickly spread, and states began to take note.

A food bank is a non-profit, <u>charitable organization</u> that distributes food to those who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid <u>hunger</u>, usually through intermediaries like food pantries and <u>soup kitchens</u>. Some food banks distribute food directly with their food pantries.

St. Mary's Food Bank was the world's first food bank, established in the US in 1967. Since then, many thousands have been set up all over the world. In Europe, their numbers grew rapidly after the global increase in the price of food which began in late 2006, and especially after the financial crisis of 2007–2008 began to worsen economic conditions for those on low incomes. Likewise, the inflation and economic crisis of the 2020s has exponentially driven low and even some middle income class consumers to at least partially get their food at a pantry or food bank.

Summer can be a challenging time for food banks, particularly in regions where school children are usually given regular free meals during term time. Spikes in demand can coincide with periods where donations fall due to families being on holiday.



# FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY:

We are very grateful to those who sent the World Food Truck to us to make a food pantry delivery, not once, but twice this month as we try to better serve our community!



"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

**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

"If you knew what I know about the **power of giving**, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way." - Buddha



#### **AUGUST 2024**

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Fruits!









**SAVE THE DATE** 9/22/24 at 6 PM at LODI UMC!

Join others for an evening of music! Do you play an instrument? Can you sing? Join us!







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