

# SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARCH 2026

## JUST ONE THING ...

As a reminder there is a display board in the sanctuary where you can sign up to help maintain our church by doing "Just One Thing." There are a number of activities that need the support of the congregation month to month. Thank you to those who have already signed up and pledged their time to help support these efforts.



The time changes on Sunday March 8th! "Spring Clocks" forward!



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**Save The Date**  
**Seville UMC Chili Cook Off is on Saturday March 21st @ 5 PM!**  
For details contact Valerie Welday!  
vawelday@goarrows.org  
330.329.1531 or 330.441.2205  
Let's get cooking & start putting our auction baskets together!  
Tickets became available in February. See more on Page 6!

\$12 Adults  
\$ 6 Children

## SAVE THE DATE!

**3/9/26**  
**The 200th Anniversary Planning Committee will meet at 7 p.m.**  
All who are interested in helping are welcome.

UMM will once again serve Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on April 5.

We can use everyone's help!

Questions? Contact John Gladden at 330-591-8926.

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WILL BE ON SITE ON MONDAY 3/23/26 Noon - 6 PM**

Register now on the Red Cross Website to donate blood on 3/23.  
**1-800 RED-CROSS**  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Pastor Dave's "usual weekly office hours" are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. (These can sometimes fluctuate due to various situations, you can call the office to be sure.)

Deadline for the APRIL 2026. NEWSLETTER no later than MONDAY 3/23rd. Please have ANY & ALL items into the office by then, thank you.

# Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

## Dates to Remember!

**Mar. 1st Pastor Dave's Lenten Study Begins 6:30 PM (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th)**  
See more details on Page 5.

**Mar. 3rd Bible Study meets 9:30 AM** Contact Pam Mullin with questions.

**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-H Meets Amy's Group 6:30 PM**  
Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> JC KIDS meet 5:30 PM** Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> Craft Bazaar Group meets 9:30 AM**  
There is no meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Contact Cathy Piper with questions.

**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> The Historical Society has a presenter on "Big Trains."** Contact Joe Doty with questions.

**Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> The musical passion play Tetélestai** will be presented at Lafayette United Methodist Church March 6th, 7th at 8 PM and on March 8 at 2 PM. The presentation is FREE; at 6201 Lafayette Rd. Medina, Oh 44256

**Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> UMM Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM**  
Breakfast prepared by Barry Frey and a program titled, "**The Life of this Particular Railroader**" by Fran Menssen. We'll also have the next installment in our study of the life of David.  
**NOTE: UMM will once again serve Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on April 5. We can use everyone's help!** Questions? Contact John Gladden at 330-591-8926.

**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Dave's Lenten Study 6:30 PM**

**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> TIME CHANGES Spring Forward!**

**Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee next meets at 7 p.m.** All who are interested in helping are welcome.

**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> Joy Caring Group Meets** Contact one of the group members with questions.

**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM** Contact Paul Oberli or Wendel Payn with questions.

**Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> JC Kids meet 5:30 PM** Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 12th Craft Bazaar meets 9:30 AM**

## More Dates to Remember!

**Mar. 15th 4-H Group meets 4 PM** Contact Valerie Welday with questions.

**Mar. 15th Pastor Dave's Lenten Study 6:30 PM**

**Mar. 17th UWiF Meeting 7:00 PM** Contact Kelly Korb with any questions.

**Mar. 18th JC Kids meet 5:30 PM** Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Group Meets 6:30 PM**  
Contact Jerrica Pawlus with questions.

**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> Craft Bazaar Group meets 9:30 AM.**  
Contact Cathy Piper with questions.

**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 4-H Meets Amy's Group 6:30 PM**  
Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 20th Set up for the Chili Cook Off in Fellowship Hall** Contact Valerie Welday to help with the Cook Off & Auction.

**Mar. 21st Annual Chili Cook Off & Auction 5:00 PM** Contact Valerie Welday with questions.

**Mar. 22nd Pastor Dave's Lenten Study 6:30 PM**

**Mar. 23rd American Red Cross will be on site NOON to 6:00 PM** Contact the Red Cross to register to donate blood. 1-800-RED-CROSS

**Mar. 25th JC KIDS meet 5:30 PM** Contact Amy Barr with questions.

**Mar. 27th Lunch Box Meals Program for those home bound NOON** Contact Lea Ewing or Sandy Bridenthal with questions.

**Mar. 29th Palm Sunday Services at 8:30 AM or 10:45 AM** Contact church office with questions.

**Mar. 29th Pastor Dave's Lenten Study 6:30 PM**

## March Birthdays

1-Mylah Morris	13-Patrick Cottingham
5-George Gage 80+	15-Lynn Miller
6-Madeline Grey	17-Tudy Cook 80+
7-Heidi Parsons	18-Norma Allen 80+
9-Nancy Greer	22-Kathy Swagler 80+
13-Miranda Huttinger	22-Oscar Merrow 80+

## March Anniversaries

3-J.D. & Wendy Harmon

# A WORD FROM PASTOR DAVE ...



## St. Patrick's 'Celtic Way Of Evangelism' Is A Good Model For Today

You know the old cliché: “March comes in like a lion but goes out like a lamb.” For me, the grass is always greener around the seventeenth of March. However, in the midst of all the secular hoopla surrounding this holiday, I often find myself thinking about the real story behind one of Christianity’s most widely recognized figures. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false. They are the by-products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling. However, the true facts show that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, Patrick worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace and became a devout Christian. After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. Upon returning to England, Patrick reported that he experienced a divine revelation. An angel in a dream told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began a course of religious study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the pagan Irish people. Patrick went back to the very place from which he escaped in order to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ, the “Lion of Judah” and the “Lamb of God.” One of the most impactful books I read at Duke Divinity was George Hunter's *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*. It contrasts the approach of helping others learn about God. The "celtic way" is much more relational. It centers upon meeting people where they are, sharing life with them, and then becoming a strong Christian influence by their living example and love. The corresponding "Roman institutionalized" method expected people to come, and somehow, on their own, acclimate into the already established Christian belief system. Patrick's type of relational approach is a good lesson reminder for today's world, where there are generations of people with no connection with church and God. - Blessings, Pastor Dave

### A Comparison Of Celtic and Roman Views Of Evangelism^

Concept	Celtic	Roman
Civilization	Conversion Causes Civilization	Must Be Civilized Before Conversion
Priest	Evangelist/ Shepherd/ Reformer	Administrator / Chaplain
Monastery	Be Active In The Marketplace	Be Isolated In A Fortress Of Retreat
Ministry	Lay-Led, Outward Focus	Professional, Inward Focus
Theology	Earthly & Relevant	Heavenly & Philosophical
Culture	Redeem The Local Culture	Others Must Adopt The Roman Culture
(^ Taken From: George Hunter's <i>The Celtic Way of Evangelism</i> )		

#### HOLY WEEK

- Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM April 2nd
- Good Friday Service 7 PM April 3rd

#### EASTER SUNDAY

- Easter Sunrise Service 7 AM April 5th at Mound Hill Cemetery
- Easter Sunrise Breakfast 7:30 AM April 5th at Seville UMC
- Easter Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:45 April 5th



*Please pray for:*

## More To Know ...

**New Prayer Requests:** Please add our daughter Terry Cook to the prayer chain. She is going through some rough times right now and needs lots of prayers. Thank you. Tudy and Dale Cook.

**Pray for these families:** Sue Payne and her family, Anya Parsons and her family, Regina Clayton and her family, and please pray for the McGrath family.

**Prayers are still needed for:** Alissa Daily Edie Landis's niece, Connie Beery & family, Edie Landis, Hank Herbst, Kevin Barr for his recovery, Lillian Gelmas, Matthew Herbst, Rocky the son in law of George Gage, Roy Bise, Shirley Schaffter, Tammy Brown, and Terry Cook.

**Pray for all** victims affected by natural disasters and pray for countries at war.

**Pray for PEACE** around the world!

*If we did not hear from you regarding any updates to your listing or request, and the 30 days has passed, the prayer requests was removed for this month. Please contact the church office with any updates to this list.*



### EXPERIENCE EAST OHIO CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP: Exploring God's Nature

**Save \$50** – Register for Summer Camp by March 1 - Summer Camp Open House Schedule:  
Camp Asbury Sun. 3/22 (2-5 PM) 330.675.2333  
Camp Wanake Sat. 4/25 (2-6 PM) 330.569.3171  
Camp Aldersgate Sun. 5/3 (2-5 PM) 330.627.4369  
Register for summer camp today. Fees start at \$575 per camper. Ask about financial assistance for campers. Ask about early bird rates, and support camperships!

**If you would like your birthday listed in the newsletters or included in the 80+ celebration in the bulletin, please let the church office know. We do not have everyone's birthday on file. Thank you.**



## Valentine Gift Boxes

Rebecca Gordon (pictured right) expresses her appreciation for the Valentine Goodies. What a great surprise! I would like to thank everyone for their kind gesture and thoughtfulness to think of me. The valentine gift box made my day!

*Thank you so much, Rebecca.*



Avery Skelton (pictured right) expresses gratitude for the Valentine Gift Box. Thanks for the Valentine box! Everything has been delicious!

*Thank you, Avery.*



Dear Seville Family, Thank you so much for all of the sweet treats and tasty snacks! I received my box of valentines a few days before an exam; so, it got to be enjoyed by many studiers. I appreciate all of the time and thought that went into the box, as well as the love and prayers behind it. Thank you for being a phenomenal church family!

*Olivia Fugate*



Dear Seville UMC, Thank you so much for the cookies! It really means so much to me to know my church family back home is thinking of me and cheering me on. I miss you all, and you are in my heart.

*All the best, Morgan Wood*

Dear Mrs. Perry,  
I got my valentines box in the mail today, and I just wanted to reach out to say thank you for the work you put into this project, and for all of the thoughts and prayers. It is nice to be thought of while I am away at school. I will make sure to pass out some of the goodies to my friends to share the love. Thank you so much again!

*- Carter Betts*

# Worship Looking Ahead: Hope & Worship

**March 1st**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**March 8th**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**March 15th**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
UMCOR Sunday

**March 22nd**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Scripture**  
*Feeding The Multitudes: A Recipe For Fish & Loaves*  
Mark 6:30-44 p. 818  
Mark 8:1-10 p. 819

**Scripture**  
*Inner Purity*  
Mark 7:1-23 p. 818

**Scripture**  
*Family Matters*  
Mark 9:33-37 p. 821  
Mark 10:1-16 p. 822

**Scripture**  
*Dollars & Sense*  
Mark 10:17-31 p. 822  
Mark 12:13-17 p. 824  
Mark 12:41-44 p. 825  
Mark 14:3-9 p. 826

**Greeters/Ushers**  
**8:30** Roseann &  
Craig Wood  
**10:45** Valerie &  
Dave Welday

**Greeters/Ushers**  
**8:30** Jean Eby &  
Theresa Naftzger  
**10:45** Vicki Fugate &  
Beth Meadows

**Greeters/Ushers**  
**8:30:** OPEN TBD  
**10:45:** Ginnie &  
Jim Demo

**Greeters/Ushers**  
**8:30:** Lea &  
Mark Ewing  
**10:45:** Melanie &  
John Gladden

**Liturgist**  
**8:30** Jerrica Pawlus  
**10:45** Janet Gommel

**Liturgist**  
**8:30** Heather Cottingham  
**10:45** Melanie Gladden

**Liturgist**  
**8:30** Bobbi Placke  
**10:45** Dave Welday

**Liturgist**  
**8:30** Brian Greer  
**10:45** Helen Angell

**Counter-** Helen Angell

**Counter-** Carol Harlan

**Counter-** Janet Gommel

**Counter-** Bette Smith

**Communion Steward:** **8:30** Carol Harlan and **10:45** Tara Freeland

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm/Passion Sunday Scripture:** *Wicked Tenants* Mark 11:1-11 pg. 823, Mark 12:1-12 pg. 824 **Liturgists:** **8:30** Jerrica Pawlus **10:45** Sandy Bridenthal **Ushers:** **8:30** Brian & Nancy Greer **10:45** Kristi & Carl Perry **Counter:** Melanie Gladden



## Walking In The Dust Of The Rabbi To Become More Like The Master

Jesus told us in Luke 6, "The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." That is the goal of Christian discipleship: for us to become more and more like Jesus. A disciple is a student. Therefore, discipleship is the on-going work of becoming more and more like the master. Jesus calls us to follow him, to study him, to learn from him, and to live with him in order to continually grow in the grace and knowledge of his will and ways. The goal of discipleship is to become like the teacher, reflecting their character, values, and wisdom. For Christians, this means becoming like Jesus, who is the ultimate rabbi teacher. The Lenten season is a time to draw closer to the master, and to focus on various aspects of our growing faith and discipleship. During Lent, we will utilize a five-week, video-based study entitled "In The Dust Of The Rabbi" by Ray Vander Lan exploring what it meant to follow Jesus in the first century, and what it still means to follow him today. The teaching examines some understanding of the culture and customs of Jesus day that can help us understand Scripture better and follow Jesus more closely.

### **In The Dust Of The Rabbi Lenten Study With Pastor Dave Sundays @ 6:30pm in the Parlor.**

(This is DVD based and is very casual. The five sessions will last one hour each. It begins March 1)

3/1 When The Rabbi Says Come

3/8 When The Rabbi Says Go

3/15 The Presence Of God – A Countercultural Community

3/22 Living Stones

3/29 The Very Words Of God

# MORE SEVILLE UMC NEWS



## SEVILLE UMC'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF & BASKET AUCTION MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5 PM



It's that time of year again! We're thrilled to invite you to our 9th Annual Church Chili Cook-Off & Basket Auction, a beloved tradition that brings our congregation and community together for an evening of good food, warm fellowship, and heartfelt generosity.

This year's event carries special meaning, as all proceeds will go toward repairing and repainting our eves and steeple—a cherished symbol of our faith and history.

Our chili cooks are already gearing up to bring their very best recipes, from tried-and-true classics to creative, flavor-packed favorites. The competition is heating up! Participants will compete for First, Second, and Third place, and the always-popular People's Choice Award. Whether you're cooking or simply tasting and voting, you'll have plenty to enjoy.

Alongside the delicious chili tasting, don't miss our Basket Auction, featuring beautifully arranged baskets filled with thoughtful, themed items. These make wonderful gifts—or a fun treat for yourself—and every bid helps us reach our goal of refreshing the steeple.

Tickets are on sale now, so be sure to grab yours early! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a special evening of community spirit, joyful gathering, and shared purpose. Together, we can make a meaningful impact while enjoying an afternoon of fun and flavor. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. Get your tickets early—we will sell out! We can't wait to see you there!

## Seville Community Food Pantry

The Pantry served 41 households during the month of February. The households comprised 119 individuals, including 30 seniors and 32 children. Fourteen percent of the households have 4-6 individuals. February was a busy, short month.

Our item of the month for February was paper products and we had a very nice response. The item of the month for March is cleaning products, a much needed items for our families.

It is not too late to participate in our special Lenten giving project. Bags are available at the back entry and also at both doors to the sanctuary. Many folks give something **up** for Lent. This gives you a way to give something **to** for Lent. The response by our church and community has been so great. To date over 50 bags have been distributed.

We have had a nice response to the "Just One Thing Campaign" with regards to the Food Pantry. Many folks have stepped up to take on a job on a regular basis.

We are looking for someone to manage our item of the month by making sure that donations are represented at the altar and moved to the Pantry on the last Sunday of the month. Maybe that is you?

Thank you to all those who support this mission of our church either by their time, talent or prayers. All are important!

Bags for a Lenten offering to our Food Pantry were made available after church service on 2/15/26 and on 2/18/26 for those interested in



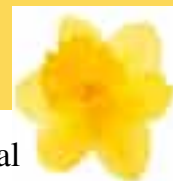
participating. This project is a way for us to "Give Back while Giving Up" something for Lent.



## SAVE THE DATES! Our 200th Celebration 2026 Event Dates

- 4/26/26 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration
- 8/16/26 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration
- 10/11/26 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration





We are grateful for your continued generosity as we venture into 2026. As of Jan. 31, our General Fund shows a shortfall of \$1,695. Even so, we find this encouraging, as January had one less Sunday of giving due to the Jan. 25 snowstorm, which naturally affected contributions.

This also highlights the value of every offering. Whether you give monthly or weekly, no matter the amount, your contribution truly makes a difference and has an impact on the ministry of this church.

**Finance report as of Jan. 31:**

General Fund giving	14,390
Parsonage rent (50%)	<u>700</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>15,090</b>
Expenses	<u>16,785</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b><u><u>(1,695)</u></u></b>

A few weeks ago, as he opened worship, Dave Freeland shared a few facts about the origins of Lent with a “Glad You Asked” moment. In that same spirit, we thought it would be a helpful way to share some church financial information.

If you have a question, please feel free to ask Melanie Gladden or email a question to [sevumcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:sevumcfinance@gmail.com). Your question might just be one that someone else is wondering about as well.

Thank you again for your faithful support and generosity.

**WHAT EXPENSES DOES THE CHURCH INCUR DURING THE WINTER MONTHS?**

*Glad you asked!*

While the church is on a monthly budget plan for natural gas, our budget did increase in January to a cost of \$687 – up from the previous \$552. Our electric and water costs were \$225. Expenses for plowing and salting the parking lot were \$935.

FYI, the plowing costs were for December services, as we were billed in January for the previous month. Look for those expenses to be higher next month with all the snow we had in January.



**VBS SUPER BOWL SUB SALES**

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a sub, and/or donated to our VBS fund!!

We sold 150 subs and made \$1,000! Thank you for continuing to be a generous church and one who supports our community events!

We can't wait to be swinging in the rainforest this June!

The VBS/fundraising committee



**The 40-Day Lenten Calendars were made available on the tables outside the sanctuary doors.**

**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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**Seville United Methodist Church** 74 West Main St. Seville, OH  
**Our Sunday Morning Schedule:**  
8:30 AM Praise Worship  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Traditional Worship & Online Streaming

Scan here to  
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Online



## **MARCH 2026 - Item of the month CLEANING PRODUCTS**

**Why not consider signing up in Fellowship Hall on the calendar to order Sunday Altar flowers this Spring to honor someone or to remember a loved one.**



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

*“... we always enjoy seeing new faces.”*

Our upper elementary Sunday School lessons require a lot of discussions. We do venture off topic at times, but we always get back on track. Our most recent topics: Where did God come from? Is God okay with me getting angry? Everyone gets angry, but how we handle our anger can be a game changer.

Our class attendance fluctuates. We have had a couple of visiting friends with us; we always enjoy new faces. Each Sunday we have three to four 5<sup>th</sup> graders and a 4<sup>th</sup> grader in class. Every Sunday we have a snack and if there's time, we play a game. It is enjoyable to spend each Sunday with our young parishioners. Blessings and peace,  
*Tara Freeland, Sunday School Superintendent*



Hi, It's chilly here in sunny Florida, but I know its frigid in Ohio. Blessings to all ,  
Joyce Milota



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### **Weekly Panera Bread and Pastries Pickup**



**First Tuesday** Brian Greer  
**Second Tuesday** The Perrys  
**Third Tuesday** The Ewings  
**Fourth Tuesday** The Rhoads  
**Fifth Tuesday** is Tara Freeland

### **SEVILLE UMC EASTER EGG HUNT**

The traditional Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday School hours. Please let Tara know about any donations for the Easter Egg Hunt!  
Thank you!

