



The Good News **EXPRESS**



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // MAY 2026

Celebrating 200 Years In Ministry!



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A Small Church With Giant Heart

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Pastor Dave's 'Usual' Office Hours are the same, however they may fluctuate weekly due to various meetings, so call the office if you need an appointment.

Pastor Dave's Days Off:
Fridays and Saturdays

Sunday Worship Services:
8:30 am Praise And Worship
10:45 am Traditional Service

Sunday Christian Education: 9:30 am

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Sunday worship



Guarding Our Hearts And Minds In

Christ Jesus Gives Us Strength For Service

The month of May is chock full of special days on the church calendar, including Confirmation Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Geranium Sunday, Pentecost Sunday. Thinking about all these special events brings to mind acts of service. When we celebrate the young people confirming the vows that were made at their baptisms, we think of God's call on all of our lives to serve in his mission here on earth. When we remember mom on Mother's Day, we are reminded of her loyal and loving service toward her children. When we celebrate Memorial Day, we remember men and women who died in military service for our country. When we pray, we are seeking strength for service by acknowledging the confirmed power of the Holy Spirit that came on Pentecost, who now resides within us providing all the strength we need to serve God and our neighbors. Our faithful service for God's glory is a witness to the power that we are given to do the work of the Lord. The church, and its ministry, belong to Jesus Christ. He founded it by his life, death, and resurrection, and ever since the day of Pentecost, he has continued to build it by his Holy Spirit. As much as we want to be in charge of our lives, and the life of the church, Jesus is ultimately in charge. We are called to follow him to where he leads us next, and the way we function as the body of Christ becomes our strong witness to the truth of God's Good News Gospel. Therefore, the month of May, we will engage in a brief sermon series study examining God Word as found in Paul's letters to Timothy. In the third Chapter of his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul expresses the central purpose for the letter he is writing. In 1st Timothy 3:15 Paul states, "I write this so that you will know how one ought to conduct themselves in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and the support of the truth." As we grow together in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, we are all called to witness to the grace and truth of the Gospel message of God's great love for us. In doing so, we are told that the peace of God will "guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." That will be the overarching theme of the sermon series as the apostle Paul mentors the younger Timothy. We will focus on guarding the good deposit of the legacy of faith that we have grown into together. We will continue celebrating our rich 200 year history of the wonderful ministry here at Seville UMC. Not only are we taking some time to look back and remember the days and years gone by, but we are also celebrating the present movement of God's Spirit at work within us today as we look forward to a continued great future with hope.

---Serving Together, Pastor Dave

May 3: Confirmation Sunday - Guarding The Gift Of Grace	1 Timothy 4:11-15
May 10: Mother's Day - Guarding The Good Deposit Of Legacy	2 Timothy 1:3-5
May 17: Guarding The Costly Freedom	2 Timothy 1:3-6
May 24: Pentecost Sunday - Guarding Our Strength For Service	2 Timothy 1:6-7, 13
May 31: Guarding Our Witness With Prayer	1 Timothy 2:1-7

Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

Dates to Remember!

May 2nd UMM Breakfast Meeting at 9 AM. Contact John Gladden

May 3rd Confirmation Sunday 10:45 Service Contact Bobbi Placke

May 4th Seville Community Food Pantry 6- 7 PM. Contact Kristi Perry

May 5th 4-H Group meets at 6:30 PM Contact Amy Barr with questions.

May 7th Historical Society Meeting at 7 PM with guest speaker Robin Swoboda. Contact Joe Doty with questions.

May 10th Mother's Day

May 13th Turn in ALL Geranium orders to the church office for Geranium Sunday.

May 16th Royce Smith Funeral Service 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

May 16th Seville Community Food Pantry 10 AM to Noon. Contact Kristi Perry with questions.

May 17th 4-H Group Meets at 4 PM. Contact Valerie Welday with questions.

May 19th UWIF All Daughter's Banquet Event. Contact Kelly Korb or Mary Oberli with any questions

May 22nd Lunch Box Meal Program for those home bound. Delivery of meals around Noon. Contact Lea Ewing with any questions.

May 24th Geranium Sunday a long-standing tradition at Seville UMC. We will use these plants to beautify the church grounds on 5/24. Contact the Worship Team with questions.

May 27th RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE! Noon- 6 PM. Contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Vacation Bible School!



The Cloverleaf Community VBS

will be held at Seville UMC

June 15-19 ~ 5:45 -8:15 pm

Ages 3 -Those Entering 6th Grade

VBS Sunday will be held June 21 at 10:00 am

SAVE THE DATE! June 19-20th Seville Yard Sale Weekend Parking Fundraiser!

This annual effort raises funds for Matthew 25 Coalition, which benefits our neighbors in need in southern Medina County.

Please watch for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

This is a great opportunity to park cars for those in our community attending the yard sale event bringing in additional funds! *We still need parking lot volunteers.*

Contact John Gladden for more details.

johngladden@outlook.com

May Birthdays

5-Tony Wolfe
8-David Welday
9-Pam Douglas
9-Benjamin Hanson
10-Carol Carter
12-Sandy Dearth
13-Cathy Piper
16-Jennifer Powell
18-Emily Gladden
20-Brea Pawlus
24-Carol Harlan
25- Kevin Barr
29-Chris Eby
29-Roy Bise
31-Wendel Payn

May Anniversaries

1-Cindy & Dave Gubics
15-Kristi & Carl Perry
20-Molly & Jacob George
22-Dawn & Brad Puck
26-Hannah & Evan Marris
29-Eve & Scott Hartman



**Last UM Men's Breakfast Until Fall
Saturday May 2 @ 9:00 am**



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAY 2026

A Firm Foundation

In 1826, John Quincy Adams was America's sixth president. The Ohio and Erie Canal was under construction. A Methodist circuit Rider named John Hazzard helped organize the first church in a tiny Western Reserve settlement that would become known as Seville.

**SAVE THE DATE! For Our 200th
Celebrations in 2026!**



8/16/26 2nd Celebration

10/11/26 3rd Celebration



Dan Parsons portrays methodist founder
John Wesley at the
Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

Church Kicks Off Bicenntennial Celebration

By Participating In A Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

Seville United Methodist Church began celebrating its 200th year anniversary on Sunday, April 26 with a combined worship service followed by a church-wide luncheon. The church was full for the combined 10:00 service that offered the 120 people in attendance the opportunity to recommit their dedication to both the church and to God by way of a Wesley Covenant Renewal Service. Church member, Dan Parsons played the role of John Wesley, who gave us a great rendition of the highlights of Wesley's life as well as admonitions and praise for the ministry taking place in the church today. This was the first of three special bicentennial celebrations scheduled this year. The next special service will be held Sunday August 16 at 10:00 with Stained Glass Stories and activities for kids. A grab and go lunch will be provided while you visit learning at activity stations around the church. We will conclude with a last special Homecoming Sunday on October 10th with a picnic lunch and church wide photo in front of the church.



Congratulations To Our 2026 Confirmands

Noah Pawlus

Evan Riegler

Maclaine Bell

Evelyn Welday

Ellie Freund

(From left to right...)

Thank you to their mentors as well:

**Dave Welday, Kevin Barr, Bobbi Placke,
Sandy Bridenthal, and Melanie Gladden**



Church Grounds Spring Clean-Up!

Our annual spring clean up when we weed and trim and spread mulch will take place on Saturday, May 23. This will help get things ready for our Geranium Sunday the next day. *We need volunteers for this project. See the sign up sheets or Contact John Gladden with any questions.*



**Tickets are available
for the UWIF**

“All Daughters Banquet”

MAY 19, 2026

See Kelly Korb For Info

*All men and boys of the church are
needed to help prepare, serve and
clean up for the banquet.*

*Contact John Gladden if you can help
johngladden@outlook.com*

**Deadline for the
JUNE 2026**

**NEWSLETTER no later
than MONDAY 5/25th.**

**Please have ANY &
ALL items into the
office by then,
thank you.**





2026 COFFEE CLUB

10:00AM- 1 PM

The Seville United Methodist Church is once again glad to host the **2026 Coffee Club this year.** *We welcome all to the church* and hope you come to enjoy the great food, conversation, games, and to hear our wonderful speakers for this year's coffee club events. **All coffee club lunches are still \$5.00** and the lunch fee is due at the time that you sign in to register on the day of the event. *Thank you for supporting these events, the 2026 Coffee Club Team!*

June 1, 2026: "How To Save On Your Electric Bill"

Guest Speaker: Nancy Greer

Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chocolate Ice Cream

July 6, 2026: "Estate Planning"

Program Guest: Attorney Coleman Oberli

Lunch: Chicken Salad Croissant, Waldorf Salad, Jello Salad, Cupcakes

August 3, 2026: "Backpacking In Laurel Mountains"

Guest Speaker: Emily Gladden

Lunch: Meatloaf, Mac And Cheese, Greenbean Salad, Chocolate Cake

September 14, 2026: "Riding The Rails With Conductor Dave"

Program Guest: Pastor Dave McGrath

**Lunch: Pancakes With Blueberry Sauce, Pecan Sauce,
Banannas Or Strawberries, Sausage, Applesauce And Cookies**

October 5, 2026: "Wooster Singing Angels"

Program Guests: The Ladies Group

Lunch: Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Coleslaw, Angel Food Cake With Fruit Sauce

Worship Looking Ahead: Praise & Worship

May 3 Conformation
5th Sunday of Easter
Guarding The
Gift Of Grace

Scripture
 1 Timothy 4:11-15

Greeters/Ushers
8:30 Lea & Mark Ewing
10:45 Bette Smith &
 Sue Payne

Liturgist
8:30 Heather Cottingham
10:45 Helen Angell

Counter- Helen Angell

May 10th
6th Sunday of Easter
Guarding The Good
Deposit Of Legacy

Scripture
 2 Timothy 1:3-5

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

Liturgist
8:30 Bobbi Placke
10:45 Sandy Bridenthal

Counter- Carol Harlan

May 17th
7th Sunday of Easter
Guarding The
Costly Freedom

Scripture
 2 Timothy 1:3-6

Greeters/Ushers
8:30: Jean Eby &
 Theresa Naftzger
10:45: Vicki Fugate &
 Kathy Stutzman

Liturgist
8:30 Brian Greer
10:45 Dave Freeland

Counter- Janet Gommel

May 24th
Pentecost Sunday
Guarding Our Strength
For Service

Scripture
 1 Timothy 1:6-7, 13

Greeters/Ushers
8:30: Nancy & Kevin Barr
10:45: Carl & Kristi Perry

Liturgist
8:30 Jerrica Pawlus
10:45 Melanie Gladden

Counter- Bette Smith

May 3rd

Communion Steward: **8:30** Lea Ewing **10:45** Carl Perry

May 31st

Scripture Liturgist: 8:30 Heather Cottingham
10:45 Janet Gommel Greeters/Ushers:
 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Guarding Our Witness With Prayer



Welcome To
Adine Dunn

who takes on our office
Administrator Assistant
position beginning
Monday May 4.

The new office hours are
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 2:00 pm

We want to thank those who attended the special
J.C. Kids Spring Performance of Blast Off



The Annual Conference for East Ohio takes place again this year at the College of Wooster. The dates are June 11-13. Bobbi and Pastor Dave will be attending the conference together. If you would like to attend any of the conference worship services or sessions to see what it is like with Bobbi please reach out to Bobbi soon or speak with Pastor Dave.
 Like last year, Bobbi will be leading the worship services on Sunday June 28, while Pastor Dave is away on vacation and her message will incorporate an Annual Conference Report



Please pray for:

CARING FOR OTHERS



Please keep these folks in prayer

Alissa Daily: Edie Landis's niece
 Anya Parsons and her family,
 Connie Beery & her family,
 Dee Piper
 Hank Herbst
 Joan Bise: recovery after knee replacement
 Lillian Gelmas
 Lisa a friend of Lori Morris
 Rocky son in law of George Gage
 Roy Bise
 Shirley Schaffter
 Sue Payne and her family
 Tammy Brown
 Chris Wotowiec: the passing of her mother

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

Pray for PEACE around the world!

For New Prayer Request: If you want the prayer request listed publicly in the bulletin and in newsletters, fill out a prayer request card, send the office an email of your prayer request or contact the church office to have the prayer request included.

Outreach Team Meeting! **May 13 @ 7:00 pm**

Pastor Dave Will Be Away On:

Thursday May 7 at Lakeside, OH
 For Clergy Executive Session
 East & West Ohio Clergy

Tuesday May 27 & Wednesday May 28
 Vacation Days (Office Closed Monday)

June 21 - June 30th - Vacation
 Sunday June 21 will be VBS Sunday
 One Service at 10:00 am
 (Val, Jerrika, & Sarah will lead worship)

Sunday June 28: Bobbi Placke will lead both services and incorporate the Annual Conference Report into her message.

Seville Community Food Pantry

The Pantry served 43 households during the month of April. Seven more than the previous month. Eleven of those 43 households were new to our Pantry. The item of the month for April was laundry products, a much needed item for our families. The item of the month for May is peanut butter and jelly. Just in time for summer break when our youngsters will be eating lunch at home, putting more pressure on the family grocery budget.

On Sunday, April 12 as part of our worship services, the bags collected during Lent were blessed. We received more than 60 bags of grocery items to share with our neighbors. They are truly a blessing that will continue to bless!

Our Pantry is truly a Community Food Pantry. We are supported by at least 4 churches, Seville Presbyterian, Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran, Seville United Methodist and Grace Church Sterling as well as the entire community and probably some churches I am leaving out. This support comes in the form of donations and manpower.

Thanks to Lori Morris for sharing the story at Pantry regarding the family she saw at Skoops who, because we stretch their grocery budget, was able to treat their very happy, kids to an ice cream cone. How heartwarming. Thank you to all those who support this mission of our church either by their time, talent or prayers. All are important!

The Next Food Pantry Dates are
 Monday May 4 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm and
 Saturday May 16 ~ 10:00 am - Noon

FINANCE NEWS

FINANCE REPORT

In March, we had an extra Sunday along with additional contributions, making it a particularly strong month. With \$24,000 in General Fund giving for March alone, we are in a solid position as we look ahead to the upcoming summer months.

Finance report as of March 31, 2026

General Fund giving 53,425

Parsonage rent (50%) 2,100

Total General Fund Income 55,525

Expenses 47,863

Difference 7,662

If you have a question, please feel free to ask Melanie Gladden or email a question to sevumcfinance@gmail.com.

Your question might be one shared by others.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and faithful support.

DOES GIVING OFTEN FLUCTUATE?

Glad you asked!

It certainly does. Some give weekly, others monthly, and some give as they are able.

Others may make quarterly contributions and some may give annual distributions from their retirement accounts.

However you choose to give, every gift is valued and helps us to continue to meet our expenses and supports our ministry.

Trustee News:

The pastor's office was recently painted and the administrator's office will be painted in early May. Also new carpeting has been ordered for both offices. Trustees have also received two quotes for the steeple painting that will happen this summer. They are also looking into the possibility of replacing the church carillon system that hasn't worked for the last few years. Thank you to all who help keep our church in good shape.

Leadership Board:

One of the main goals of the leadership board is for the church to engage in good communication. When we set a goal such as to "increase attendance or membership," we need to go deeper and set more specific goals of making the church hospitable to new comers. We often use "insider" language. Many have been here for years. But, new people don't know where "the opening room" is or what we mean if we say "Lunchbox is Friday"

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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

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view the
Calendar
Online



MAY 2026 - Item of the month
Peanut Butter & Jelly



**Consider signing up in Fellowship Hall to order Sunday altar flowers
this Spring to honor someone or to remember loved ones.**



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smartphone camera to make
a payment electronically
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**Weekly Panera Bread and
Pastries Pickup on
Wednesday Mornings**

First Tuesday Brian Greer

Second Tuesday The Perrys

Third Tuesday The Ewings

Fourth Tuesday The Rhoads

Fifth Tuesday is Tara Freeland

