



The Good News **EXPRESS**



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // JULY 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

A Season In The Son Offers A Summer Selah In The Psalms

Selah is a word often found in the Psalms. It is not exactly known as to its meaning. However, most believe that it is an ancient musical term that means to pause. Theologically, it can give us instruction to pause and to take time to review and reflect upon what was just read in the psalm. It can also offer us a time in Scripture, and in life, to simply pause in the midst of our regular routine in order to reconnect and renew. We are invited to take heed of the Lord's instruction and to give added attention to God by meditating on the truth of his word and his ways. This summer we are offered an opportunity to do just that: to pause from our concerns and focus on reconnection and renewal.

Summer is also often a time of rest and recreation. Recreation can promote re-creation and provide renewal. People are often excited to travel, or are eager to get back to their favorite activities. Summer is always a great season for creation and re-creation. It is a time to relax and recharge while enjoying the outdoors and attending various gatherings with friends and family. As we gather together this summer as a church family, I pray that we will all experience restoration and renewal. I pray that through various recreational activities, we may be encouraged, invigorated, and re-created.

Our current season is a good time to pause and reflect how God has moved in wonderful ways this past year. It is also a time for hope to flourish in the promise of new adventures within our lives of faith as we look forward to what lies ahead. It is indeed time for some summer sabbath renewal where we find rest for our weary souls. The Psalms are a good place to pause, and a good place to reflect upon our relationships while giving thanks to God for his loving care. My friends, it can indeed be a sensational summer season in the Son - the Son of God. May Christ's love shine brightly upon us all, and may we connect with one another as we connect with God during our upcoming "Summer Selah In The Psalms." - With Grace, Pastor Dave

**Scan the QR Code to
visit our Facebook page
where we also live stream
Sunday worship**



Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

Dates to Remember!

July 6 Coffee Club 10:00 am -1:00 pm

**July 6 Seville Community Food Pantry
6:00-7:00 pm. Contact Kristi Perry**

July 12 Coffee Social after both services

**July 13 Book Club meets at 2pm
In The Parlor. Contact the Office
with any questions.**

**July 13 200th Anniversary Team Meeting
7:00 pm in the Parlor.**

July 15 Outreach Meeting 10:00 am

**July 18 Seville Community Food Pantry
10:00 am - Noon. Contact Kristi Perry**

**July 24 Lunch Box Meal Program
for those home bound. Delivery of meals
around Noon. Contact Lea Ewing**

July 27 Red Cross 11:00 am -6:00 pm



Outreach Team...

Graduation Sunday Reception

On June 7, we celebrated all young adults who have graduated from high school or college this year.

Congratulations to Brianna Wagner who graduated from Cloverleaf High School and also to Morgan Wood who graduated from The University Of Virginia.

July Birthdays

1-Barbara Hawkins	10-Cheryl Betts
2-Chritina Wolfe	16-Darla Payn
2-Oliva Fugate	16-Libby Brantner
3-Carl Perry	17-Alyssa Drehs
4-John Rhoads	17-Devon Pawlus
5-Jean Eby	18- Daniel Parsons
7-Brenton Kimble	24-Berry Frey
7-Carol Smith	28-Matt Swain
8-Jennifer Drehs	

July Anniversaries

- 7- Wendy & Steve Avery
- 8-Jennifer & James Harris
- 12-David & Patricia Berry
- 19- Amy & Justen Grills
- 20- Carol & Courtney Harlen
- 24- Dave and Karen McGrath

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR
TIME TO BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK!!

Heather Guay
Sandy Bridenthal
Tara Freeland
Emily Gorey
Bobbi Placke
Janet Gommel
Kathy Rhoads
Sarah Riegler
Katie Gorey
Jamie Chaw
Maddie Cessna
Anya Parsons
Cheryl Betts
Kenzie Gorey
Nancy Pitz
Kelly Korb
Pam Payn
Karen McGrath
Maclaine Bell
Tessa Sparks
Emily Banfield
Valerie Welday
Ashley Seeholzer
Jostin Bumpus
Dean Stutzman-
Technology needs
Adine Dunn-secretary
needs

Pastor Dave
Joanie Bise
Vicki Kindall
Jacob Banfield
Kathy Pangle
Rachel Firebaugh
Amy Barr
Jerrica Pawlus
Trent Firebaugh
Maddy Hansen
Evelyn Welday
Erin Kindall
Brandon Kindall
Vicky Wellman
Noah Pawlus
Pastor Joseph
Alissa Bell
Sue Frey
Ellie Cessna
Derek Young
Katie Terhorst
Ben Hansen
Carol Harlan

Participating Churches:

Jerusalem-Lutheran Church
Lodi United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
Seville United Methodist Church



Day 1: **Tango**

God is our creator,
Wow God!



Day 2: **Seymour**

God knows everything,
Wow God!



Day 3: **Dottie**

God is our safe place,
Wow God!



Day 4: **Tia**

God is love,
Wow God!



Day 5: **Howie**

God is forever,
Wow God!

~We were very fortunate to have 50-65 kids present each night. We raised just over \$282 for the Matthew 25 Coalition. Throughout the week, we collected 91 cereal boxes to help out our own Seville community food pantry. We couldn't have done this without everyone's help to put it all together. God is forever! Thank you to our congregation for always donating money, supplies, buying subs-it all goes towards an amazing week of outreach that reaches our whole Cloverleaf community! Wow God!

Wild Games:

Wild games combines untamed fun with meaningful learning about each day's Bible Point!

Sticky Scripture:

Immerse kids in the daily scripture so they understand God's word, apply it to their lives, and remember it for years to come.

Rooted Bible Adventures:

Kids plunge into powerful Bible stories that showcase the true nature of God.

Imagination Station:

The sciency-fun spot for creativity, discovery, and unbe-leaf-able faith connections.





SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 2026

Fellowship Opportunity

July 12th, Sunday there will be a Coffee Social after both services. If you can, stop by for some fellowship and delicious coffee!



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



8/16/26 2nd Celebration

10/11/26 3rd Celebration



COFFEE CLUB IS BACK

The COFFEE CLUB resumes on Monday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m.
We have some very interesting and entertaining programs planned for this year plus a great menu. The cost for each person is \$5.00
Hope to see you! - Mary Oberli
A CALENDAR OF FUTURE DATES IS AVAILABLE NOW.

July 6 2026: "Estate Planning"

Guest Speaker: Attorney Coleman Oberli

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

Farmer's Market

Dates to Remember:
It began on Memorial
Weekend 9 am -12 pm and
runs through
September
2026! Follow
them on Facebook!



**Deadline for the
August 2026
NEWSLETTER no later
than Thursday
August 24 . Please have
ANY & ALL items
into the office by
then, thank you.**



Sunday School Update

Sunday school wrapped up its spring quarter on May 17th. We are now on our summer break. Our spring quarter for our elementary and middle school/high school had an important milestone. Five of our youth went through confirmation class, taught by Pastor Dave and five adult mentors. These five students are in Bobbi Placke's Sunday school classroom.

Our annual Easter egg hunt was held on Palm Sunday for all Sunday schoolers with a surprise visit from the Easter bunny. We will resume Sunday school on September

13th continuing with the same curriculum.

Tara Freeland Sunday School Superintendent

Get Your Picture Taken For Our New Directory

Nancy Greer will be available on Saturday, August 15, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to take photos for the Seville UMC 200th Anniversary directory. Appointments will be available every 10 minutes. Please watch for the schedule and be ready to sign up for your preferred time. Those interested in submitting their own photo may send it to Adine at Seville. UMC.office@gmail.com. Please include your phone number, address, email, and birthdate for the directory. If you have any questions, please see Beth Meadows or John Gladden.

Worship Looking Ahead: Praise & Worship

July 5

*6th Sunday After Pentecost
Happy Are Those Who —.*

**Scripture
Psalm 1**

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Nancy & Brain Greer

10:45 Chris Wotowiec & Joyce Milota

Liturgist

8:30 Bobbi Placke

10:45 Melanie Gladden

Counter- Helen Angell

July 12

*7th Sunday After Pentecost
Who Are We That God
Would Care For Us?*

**Scripture
Psalm 8**

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Lea & Mark Ewing

10:45 Bette Smith & Sue Payne

Liturgist

8:30 Brian Greer

10:45 Dave Freeland

Counter- Carol Harlan

July 19

*8th Sunday After Pentecost
One Thing To Ask
Of The Lord*

**Scripture
Psalm 27**

Greeters/Ushers

8:30 Roseann & Craig Wood

10:45 Val & Dave Welday

Liturgist

8:30 Kelly Korb

10:45 Dave Welday

Counter- Janet Gommel

July 26

*9th Sunday After Pentecost
Be Still And Know
That I Am God*

**Scripture
Psalm 46**

Greeters/Ushers

8:30: Jean Eby & Theresa Naftzger

10:45: Vicki Fugate & Kathy Stutzman

Liturgist

8:30 Jerrica Pawlus

10:45 Helen Angell

Counter- Bette Smith

July 5

Communion Steward: **8:30** Carol Harlan **10:45** Helen Angell

The New Office Email Address is:
Seville.UMC.office@gmail.com

The old email address, although soon to be deleted, will be briefly monitored by Pastor Dave in order to not miss some communication during the transition.



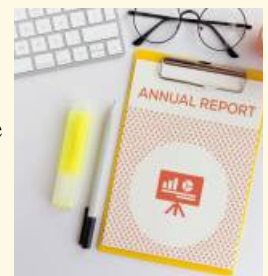
Seville United Methodist Men Annual Report

It was a bounce-back year for Seville United Methodist Men. Our monthly meeting attendance increased from an average of five in 2024-25 to an average of 12 in 2025-26. I would attribute the rise in attendance to two things.

First, the general increase in engagement and enthusiasm within the church following Pastor Dave's appointment in 2025. Second, from a practical point of view, the reminder postcards sent out each month seem to help keep the meetings on everyone's radar. We gather for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month from October to May. All men, young and old, from the church and the community, are welcome. Our year-long devotional study was Eugene Peterson's book on the life of David, "Leap Over A Wall." Participation was limited in terms of members taking turns leading. Going into this year, we dropped a pair of annual activities: the devotion.

We'll renew our efforts in 2026-27 with Tony Dungy's devotional, "The Uncommon Life." and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Mother's Day Make-and-Take. And, honestly, no one seemed to notice! So maybe those events had run their course. Events we continued to take part in include serving Easter breakfast and the All-Daughter's Banquet. We had a great turnout of volunteers this year for both. We rescheduled the church grounds clean-up day from May, which was postponed due to rain. We also worked the annual Seville Yard Sale parking fundraiser over Father's Day Weekend, which benefited the Matthew 25 Coalition of Medina County. We continue to sell Equal Exchange products to the congregation and church visitors – more a mission outreach than as a fundraiser. Equal Exchange promotes economic justice by ensuring small producers around the world receive a fair price for their coffee, tea and chocolate – industries that often exploit small farmers. We would like to devise a new fundraiser to replace the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which also raised money for Matthew 25. Suggestions are welcome. UMM increased its meeting programming this year. Among our speakers: Ann Kenski of the Matthew 25 Coalition, Seville Police Chief Taylor Deal, plus two of our own church members – Fran Menssen and Emily Gladden. We aim to increase our programming even more for 2026-27. We also hope to take on new service projects. One – suggested by Chief Deal – is to line up volunteers to help shovel snow for elderly or disabled residents of the village. We continue to financially support church projects, as needed, and to send thank-you and thinking-of-you cards to members of the church and community each month. I announced that I am ready to step down as UMM president after the 2026-27 year, which will mark (I think) eight years in that role. I'm looking forward to the fresh ideas that will come from new leadership. Paul Oberli continues as our treasurer – for as long as he wishes to stay in that job! We are grateful for the continuity and faithful service he provides.

- John Gladden





Please keep these folks in prayer :
 Connie Beery: Health Concerns

Cathy Piper: Passing of her brother Hank

Sue Payne: The passing of her cousin Glenn

Patti Plumer and family:
 The recent passing of Jeff Plumer

Nancy Pitz Prayer Request:
 For Mary and her son Garrett:

Margaret Clevidence:
 Strength for her knee injury

Tom Wellman (Vicki's husband) :
 Health Concerns

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

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.

200th Year Celebration

Have you ever wondered about the people whose names are memorialized in the church's stained glass windows? Did you know that decades ago the sanctuary had a sloped floor?

Did you know that our church once fed and housed dozens of travelers stranded by a blizzard?

Join us for a single service at 10 a.m. on Aug. 16, for "Stained Glass Window Stories" - the second of three special Sundays in Seville United Methodist Church's year-long 200th anniversary celebration.

There will be a worship service, followed by information stations and children's activities highlighting the church's history. And when you get hungry, you're invited to take a break and enjoy a delicious grab-and-go lunch in the Fellowship Hall with your church family. The next meeting of the 200th Anniversary Planning Committee is at 7:00 p.m. on July 13. All are welcome to learn more about what's coming up and to share your own ideas.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Mary Oberli or John Gladden for more info.

CARING FOR OTHERS



The Pantry served 33 households during the month of June. And, out of the 67 people in these families, 33 were seniors and 9 were children. Our Pantry is very appreciative of the boxes of cereal collected by our Cloverleaf VBS. This is a much needed item during the summer months when children are eating breakfast at home. One of the very favorite things about our Pantry is how it operates as a Team. We do not miss a beat if someone is not able to attend a particular Pantry or when someone needs to pivot to a new role. We can all count on our Pantry Team to fill in as needed. True teamwork in action. Our Pantry is continuing to receive donations in memory of our dear friend and teammate Joel. And in addition, we received a \$1000.00 grant from our Conference. God indeed provides if we just put our trust in Him and let Him use our hands to serve. It was nice to see our church working together to support this ministry. VBS in providing cereal, the Mens Group in working out the logistics for parking on a Pantry day during yard sale. Our church is supportive in so many ways. Our church can be proud of the way this ministry serves our community. Thanks to all who contribute in any way to make our Pantry stronger.

- Seville Community Food Pantry

We have amazing volunteers who show up to do what is needed. We have a wonderful crew from Seville UMC as well as several folks from other churches in our community. It takes many hands to make all the puzzle pieces fit together. If you evw you how it works and maybe even put you to work!

The Next Food Pantry Dates are
Monday July 6 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm and
Saturday July 18~ 10:00 am -Noon

Thank you to everyone who helped
park cars in our church lot for
our annual Men's Group
Yard Sale fundraiser.
Proceeds will go towards
"Matthew 25" to help folks
in our community.

MISSION STATEMENT: The What

The Focus: What God is calling us to do, who it serves, the guiding focus of all we do:

Biblical: The Great Commandment + The Great Commission = Our Purposed Mission

Jesus says that all the commandments are wrapped in two Great Commandments:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, (strength) and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-28)

Jesus gives us the Great Commission: "To make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:18-20)

UMC Denominational Mission Statement is to:

"To Make And Mature Disciples Of Jesus Christ For The Transformation Of The World"

Seville Mission Statement (printed on the cover of our bulletin):

"The mission of Seville UMC is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world"

VISION STATEMENT: The Where

The Focus: The ultimate, idealized state of the mission. What is it we hope to see...

The UMC Denominational Vision Statement: May 1, 2025. It states:

"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ, who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections." This vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

Love Boldly: Passionately love God, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Inspired by Matt 22:37-39 & John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy (Inspired by Ps. 100:1, Neh. 8:10, John 13:14-15, Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Inspired by Josh 1:9, Eph 6:10)

THE PURPOSE STATEMENT : The Why

The Focus: The fundamental reason why we do what we do

THE GOALS: The How

Specific practices implemented to work towards accomplishing the mission, realizing the vision.

These all work together as we ourselves serve in a unique role in our life and community of faith.

Seville UMC's Current Vision Statement:

Discovering God's Intended Well-Being of Body, Soul, and Spirit by Building Community

The Vision: What we hope to see (as an outcome of continual work toward our mission) is:

Healthy people and communities helping to build other healthy people and communities.

This is Jesus' ultimate vision: to bring complete wholeness and wellness, healing restoration, renewal, revival, reconciliation, forgiveness, grace, mercy, and love.

It is wholly, holistic 'trinitarian' of Body, Soul, and Spirit by way of:

God our Creator, Jesus, our Redeemer, and The Holy Spirit, our Sustainer.

The Hebrew word and concept is Shalom = To be made whole and complete in total well-being, harmony, peace, and fulfillment as God intended.

Purpose Statement:

Our purpose is to bring a balanced wellness of the body, soul, and spirit in order to help people continually grow in the likeness of Jesus in order to fulfill Christ's Great Commandments to love God and others and to be faithful to the Great Commission to make and mature disciples for the transformation of the world.

FINANCE NEWS

Our May contributions continue to reflect your generosity and faithful support of our church. Giving for the month totaled \$17,887 bringing total general fund contributions for the year to \$84,050. That keeps us ahead of expenses and in a strong position as we head into the summer months. Thank you again for your continued generosity and faithful support.

Finance report as of May 31 2026
General Fund giving \$84,050
Parsonage Rent (50%) \$3,500
Total General Fund Income \$87,550
Expenses \$75,571
Difference \$11,979

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

What are our budgeted expenses for the year? Glad you asked!

The church's budgeted expenses for 2026 are \$199,006. This covers salaries and benefits, church utilities, office operations, and maintain our building. It also supports ministries and programs such as Sunday School, Family Life, Outreach and Worship. As part of the larger Methodist Church, part of our budget goes to pay Shared Giving (also know as apportionment's) that support missions and programs through the East Ohio Conference. Through May, our expenses have averaged \$15,144 per month and we are currently operating under budget. Any savings realized this year will be used to replenish our savings account, which was drawn down significantly during COVID.

Trustee News:

Bells are now ringing from the church steeple again!

The church received money donations from two families to replace the carillon chimes. The new unit was currently built by Master Chime and is installed! Do you hear bells ringing?

Listen for them next time your here at the church or walking around town.

The steeple and its trim is also being repainted, and the parking lot will be getting a sealed coating soon. Thank you to all who help keep our church beautiful and so welcoming!

Leadership Board News:

The Leadership Board has set the vision for Seville UMC. Each team will be asked to focus on how their work is helping toward the vision.

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Body, Soul and Spirit by Building Community.

On August 12 the District Superintendent will be coming to Seville UMC to meet with us and other churches. A team will be formed to fill out the required paperwork. Melanie Gladden shared our current finances and we were very glad to see how well our needs are being met.

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.

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

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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

Scan here to
view the
Calendar
Online



July 2026 - Item of the month

Personal Hygiene Products

For Men and Women

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



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



Online Giving at

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

**Weekly Panera Bread and
Pastries Pickup on
Wednesday Mornings**

First Wednesday Brian Greer

Second Wednesday The Perrys

Third Wednesday The Ewings

Fourth Wednesday The Rhoads

Fifth Wednesday is Tara Freeland

