



The Good News **EXPRESS**



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // August 2026

Celebrating 200 Years In Ministry!



Seville United Methodist Church
74 W. Main Street; PO Box 32
Seville, Ohio 44273
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

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



Sacramental Recreation Offers Us Selah Moments Of Re-Creation

The words recreation and re-creation have the same spelling although they are pronounced differently. They are two words with somewhat different meanings, yet the two are also connected in interesting ways. Whether one is at recreation or one is to be re-created, there is a sense of one's personal refreshment-either physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We understand recreation as a refreshment of the body and mind by way of leisurely engaging in some kind of relaxing activity that is separate from our daily work. Recreation can also enhance spiritual re-creation, providing refreshment of the soul as well. The summer season is a common time for families to go on vacation and engage in some much-needed recreational activity. However, in the midst of recharging the physical and emotional aspects of your beings, be sure to remain engaged in spiritual disciplines that also refresh the soul. We will continue with our "Summer Selah In The Psalms" theme throughout the month of August, and so I continue to encourage you to take some time to pause from the usual routine. Seek those "selah moments of sacramental recreation" to slow down from the busy-ness of life in order to experience the refreshing presence of God. There is still more summer time before us, so take advantage of the opportunities to engage in some spiritual conversation with friends while sitting on the front porch or back deck. Spend a little time with neighbors in order to get to know one another better. Say hello to someone you may not know at church. Take advantage of these opportunities to nurture relationships. Practice some 'sacramental recreation.' God knows what we need for life. God provides refreshment and nourishment in Christ himself. I like the way Eugene Peterson paraphrases the words found in Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus asks, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." My friends, as you get away this summer with others for times of recreation and refreshment, be sure to also get away with Jesus in special "selah moments" as well that can help you learn the unforced rhythms of grace. Take advantage of summer's opportunities for sacramental recreation and find true refreshment and re-creation from the One who supplies everything you need. Such 'sacramental recreation' can provide beautiful, enriching 'selah moments' of much needed refreshment. Together, let's discover God's intended well-being of body, soul, and spirit by building community. Only when we ourselves are refreshed and renewed in healthy disciplines that bolster God's desired wellness of our beings can we then help build up others in sacred community. Our vision of helping every person experience the healing wholeness only God can provide is being communicated with a new phrase I coined: Trinspiration! The work of God is inspired holistically as three-part trinitarian. We are first and foremost made in the image of the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Therefore God's intended well being for us involves our whole being: Body, Soul, and Spirit. We understand the needed balance of all three parts: the physical, emotional, and the spiritual. When one part is out of whack, that effects the other two parts. A balanced life is one that finds refuge in the unforced rhythms of God's grace. One other aspect of "trinspiration" is the connection of community in three parts as well: God, ourselves, and others. What does the Lord require of us?

Three things, according to Micah 6:8: To act justly,
to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Ahh! Trinspiration!

Selah!

-- Pastor Dave



Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!

Dates to Remember!

August 3

Coffee Club 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

August 3

Seville Community Food Pantry 6:00-7:00 pm.

Contact Kristi Perry

August 5 Leadership Board Meeting 7pm

August 6

Historical Society Meeting 7:00 pm

August 10

Book Club meets at 2:00 pm In The Parlor.

Contact the Office with any questions.

August 11

Worship Team Meeting at 7:00 pm

In The Parlor

August 11 Trustee Meeting 7:00pm

August 12

Host Church for West Plains District Office

Consultations 10:30-5:00 pm

August 15

Seville Community Food Pantry

10:00 am - Noon. Contact Kristi Perry

August 15 Photo Session 9:00am - Noon

August 16 One Service at 10:00 am

August 18 UWIF Meeting 7:00 pm

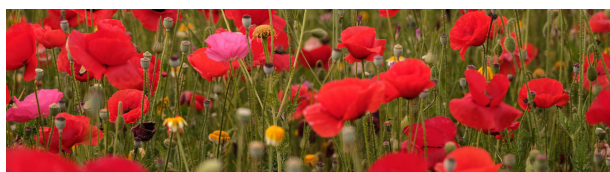
August 19 Girl Scouts

August 28 Lunch Box Meal Program

**for those home bound. Delivery of meals
around Noon. Contact Lea Ewing**

August 28 & 29 United Daughters of the

**Confederacy, Giants of Seville Group reserved
hall both days**



August Birthdays

4-Heather Cottingham	21-Kelly Korb
6-Bill Reedy	22-Jim Meadows
7-Sue Frey	23-Darwyn Riggensbach
9-Debbie Miller	23-Michaela Gubics
9-Evan Riegler	25-Mariah Wood
11-Mary Lou Eby	26-Margaret Clevidence
11-Kay Freeland	28-John Drehs
13-Kathy Stutzman	30-Sandy S. Miller
17-Devon Pawlus	

August Anniversaries

4-Virgina & Jim Demo
6-Jerrica & Devon Pawlus
7-Kay & David (Sr.) Freeland
8-Jennifer & John Drehs
8-Cathy & Patrick Sheridan
9-John & Bev Rhoads
12-Sandy & Lynn Miller
14-Melissa & Michael King
15-Lauren & Matthew Korb
17-Amy & Ed Fashbaugh
21-Brian & Nancy Greer
25-John & Melanie Gladden
30-Paul & Mary Oberli

Christian Education

Although the children's Sunday School classes take a summer break, the adult Sunday School Class that meets at 9:30 continues year round. The group is open to all folks to come. A few different people help lead the class. The children's classes will resume on Sunday Sept 13.

Pam Mullin will also be hosting her next morning bible study in the fall.

Great Commandment + Great Commission = Our Purposed Mission

Seville UMC's Current Vision Statement:
**Discovering God's Intended Well-Being of
Body, Soul, and Spirit by Building Community**

Our vision of what we hope to see as an outcome of our continual work toward our mission of making and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ is this:

To see people and communities helping to build up other people and communities in the Spirit-filled discovery of God's intended well-being physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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.

*A Basic Formula: The Great Commandment Plus
The Great Commission Equals Our Purposed Mission.*

Jesus says that all the commandments are wrapped up in his Great Commandment:

"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 also 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)

Our purpose is to help 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.

YAPPY NIGHT



**Sponsored
by Outreach
Group**

Do you have a dog?

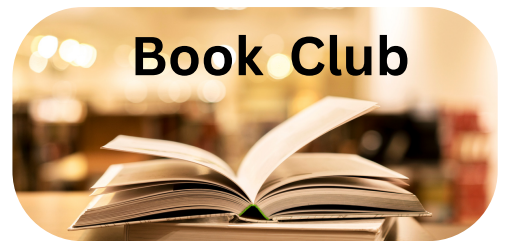
We are having a yappy night on September 27 at 5:00pm till 6:30pm. We're opening it up to the community and to all dogs and all persons! There will be treats for dogs and all persons! It surely will be fun.

Outreach Group



In the month of August the Outreach team will be collecting coloring books and boxes of 24 crayons for Akron Children's Hospital. Those items are the most needed at the hospital. There will be a container in the Fellowship Hall for the items. Please consider donating, thank you.

Book Club



Book Club was meeting on the second Monday of each month. Starting in September, it will be on the second THURSDAY of each month. There is a list of books up until December that we will be reading. List is on the table outside the sanctuary. We meet in the parlor at 2:00 pm.
All Are WELCOME!!



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH August 2026

Save The Date

Save the Date: Annual Jubilee Luncheon is being held on September 24 from 9am-3pm. It is a Thursday and we hope to see you there!



**SAVE THE DATES!
For Our Special 200th
Celebrations in 2026!**

One Worship Service

10:00 am

August 16 and October 11



COFFEE CLUB IS BACK

The COFFEE CLUB resumes Monday, August 3rd 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.

August 3, 2026: "Backpacking In Laurel Mountains"

Guest Speaker: Emily Gladden

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

Farmer's Market

Dates to Remember:

It began on Memorial
Weekend 9 am -12 pm and



runs through
September
2026! Follow
them on Facebook!

Pie & Ice Cream Social - September 13 (Sunday)

Plan to attend the pie and ice cream social on September 13 at 5pm. Everyone is to bring a favorite pie. We will begin the afternoon at five with a wonderful group of gospel singers, you'll enjoy!



Seville UMC 200th Anniversary Directory Photos

Nancy Greer will be available on Saturday, August 15th, 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 included your phone number, address, email, and birth date for the directory. If you have any questions, please see Beth Meadows or John Gladden.

Deadline for the

August 2026

*NEWSLETTER no later
than Thursday*

August 24 . Please have

ANY & ALL items

into the office by

then, thank you.

Worship Looking Ahead: Summer Selah - Praise & Worship

August 2
10th Sunday
After Pentecost

*How Lovely Is Your
Dwelling Place*

Scripture
Psalm 84

Greeters/Ushers
8:30
Nancy & Brain Greer
10:45
Jim & Ginnie Demo

Liturgist
8:30 Heather Cottingham
10:45 Sandy Bridenthal

August 9
11th Sunday
After Pentecost

*To Dwell In The Saftety
Of God's Shadow*

Scripture
Psalm 91

Greeters/Ushers
8:30
Brian & Nancy Greer
10:45
ohn & Melanie Gladden

Liturgist
8:30 Bobbie Placke
10:45 Dave Freeland

August 16
12th Sunday
After Pentecost

*An Inviting Call
To Worship*

Scripture
Psalm 95

Greeters/Ushers
8:30
Mark & Lea Ewing
10:45
Carl & Kris Perry

Liturgist
8:30 Brian Greer
10:45 Melanie Gladden

August 23
13th Sunday
After Pentecost

*The Helper Keeps You
On The Upward Journey*

Scripture
Psalm 121

Greeters/Ushers
8:30:
Craig & Roseann Wood
10:45:
Sandy B. & Beth M.

Liturgist
8:30 Kelly Korb
10:45 Janet Gommel

August 30
14th Sunday
After Pentecost

*Reruns Of Sin and
Sequels Of Victory*

Scripture
Psalm 130

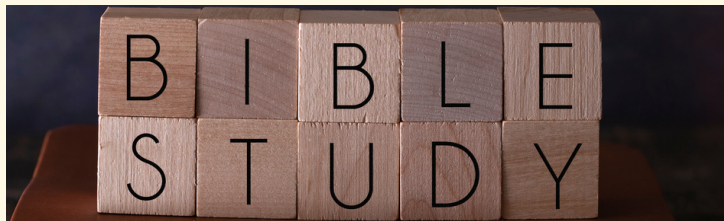
Greeters/Ushers
8:30 Jean Eby &
Theresa Naftzger
10:45
Wendel & Darla Payn

Liturgist
8:30 Jerrica Pawlus
10:45 Dave Welday

Counter- Helen Angell **Counter-** Carol Harlan **Counter-** Janet Gommel **Counter-** Bette Smith **Counter-** Melanie Gladden

August 2: Communion Stewards: **8:30** Bobbi Placke **10:45** Tara Freeland

The Joy Caring Group will
provide a coffee and snack
gathering after each worship
service on Sunday, August 2



Acts: Awakening To God In Everyday Life

In Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life, a 6 week study of the Book of Acts by Melissa Spoelstra, you will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission and direction. If you wish to participate in this 6-session Bible Study, please add your name to the sign-up list on the table in the fellowship hall. Please register by Sunday, August 30.

Contact Pam Mullin with any questions.





**Please keep these
folks in prayer:**

Connie Beery: Health Concerns

Cathy Piper: Passing of her brother Hank

Patti Plumer and family:
The recent passing of Jeff Plumer

Kathy Pangle: Recent Surgeries

Margaret Clevidence:
Strength for her knee injury

Tom Wellman (Vicki's husband) :
Health Concerns

Pam Mullin: Passing of her cousin
Bob Husted of Kentucky

Skelton Family: The recent passing of
Lori's Mom, Peggy Baringer

Rittman UMC and the whole Rittman
community over the recent tragedy

Harlan Family: The recent passing of
Carol's Mom, Charlotte

Edie Landis: Recovery of a broken shoulder

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.

A Special Thank You



I wanted to thank everyone for the love, thoughts, and prayers for Jeff and I over the years. He was so lucky to have so many that cared for him. A special thank you to Pastor Dave. His support the day Jeff passed was so special to me and my family. Having him with us was such a comfort. – Pattie Plumer

CARING FOR OTHERS



Seville Community Food Pantry

The Pantry served 36 households during the month of July. These households included 83 individuals. Over 25% of these 83 were children. One of the requirements for participation in the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank is that our freezer and refrigerator as well as our storage area be within a range of temperatures. We have not been able to maintain the correct temperature during the heat we have been experiencing. It was decided that we purchase a new, bigger, more efficient air conditioner. We are fortunate to have received donations and grants to be able to make this purchase, while still being able to supply our Pantry friends with plenty of choices of food and non-food household items, such as personal hygiene and paper products. Another way we intend to operate out of abundance is to supplement our inventory with purchases of items that we cannot get at the Food Bank. We recently purchased cleaning supplies, dish washing liquid and coffee. We continue to be grateful for the support of our church through donations and participation. We always have room for more volunteers. So, if you are interested, please reach out to Kris or Carl Perry.

The Next Food Pantry Dates are

Monday August 3 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm and

Saturday August 15~ 10:00 am - Noon

Please Note: Next month, the food pantry is September 8, which is on Tuesday, instead of the usual Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.



As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, we will include "Stained Glass Window Stories" at our gathering after worship on August 16. A stained glass window that has become special to me is the one behind the piano in the place where our altar was located years ago. I spend prayer time in the sanctuary during the week, and I am often drawn to the cross and the anchor images. I noticed one day that the anchor looked a lot like the cross, and I thought how the cross of Christ is indeed the anchor of our souls. - Pastor Dave



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Submitted By Bobbi Placke

This year the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church came together for the 57th year.

There were 288 Clergy and 310 Laity in attendance. This year's theme was "Abundant Grace."

Bishop Hee-Soo-Jung and the bishops cabinet shared the 2026 Ohio Vision Statement. It stated:

In 2026 the Ohio Episcopal area moves forward in collaboration, discipleship, multiplication, leadership, development and global mission-building a unified, Spirit-led movement rooted in abundance, trust, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to prayer, partnership, and courageous action as we form One Ohio" for the sake of God's mission in the world. **There are 5 Pillars:**

Pillar 1 Building Relationships

Pillar 2 Shared Mission

Pillar 3 Discipleship

In 2026 we will deepen discipleship across the Ohio Episcopal Area.

SEED: *Seek, Engage Equip, Deploy.*

Pillar 4

In forming 100 new faith communities by 2030, we will live out a movement rooted in the theology of abundance. We reaffirm our commitment to a culture of real discipleship: planting, multiplying, and nurturing new communities of faith for all people from emerging house churches to multi-ethnic ministries and digital expressions. Nine fresh expressions have already begun.

Pillar 5

A renewed, Spirit filled church requires bold investment in youth, young adults, next generation clergy, and equipped lay leadership. \$28,000 will put a young girl through 4 years of education at African University. Rev. Tammy Kuntz is looking for 50 churches to give 50 dollars to UMVIM. UMVIM is celebrating 50 years. There are 650 teams with over 7,000 members.

Laity are the quiet strength of the church. We are witnesses of the living breathing expression of Christ. The laity of the church matter and make themselves willing and available for God's use. Laity lead with passion not passiveness. In 2027 West Ohio and East Ohio conferences vote during their annual conferences if they want to merge. There has already been work started between the two cabinets so we can be better prepared if we do decide to merge.

Camp Wanake and Camp Aldersgate have been camps for 80 years and not to be forgotten Camp Asbury for 70 years. Many young lives were and will continue to be molded by their time at camp. Growing their faith along with fellow campers, and the counselors who will help them learn about God's Grace through fun, worship and activities. Thanks to a \$10,000 donation 20 children will be able to attend camp.

We celebrated 70 years of clergy rights for women.

231 churches paid their full apportionments.

This was a 23% increase from 2025. I'm always proud when I see Seville UMC listed.

In 2027 annual conference will again be at the College of Wooster during the week on June 7-13.

Our Bishops vision may not bring more people into the church doors, but may allow laity to hear God's word in an environment that brings them peace and comfort where they can learn of God's Grace



200th Anniversary Celebration

Join us August 16 for the second of three special Sundays celebrating Seville UMC's 200th anniversary year! We'll gather for one service at 10 a.m. to join our voices in select songs and hymns that hold particular meaning in the history of the UMC and our congregation. After the service, visit learning and activity stations around the church to discover more about Seville UMC's heritage. When you get hungry, pull up a chair and enjoy a delicious light lunch with your church family. But wait! There's more!

Have you had your picture taken for the new church directory?

If not, Nancy Greer will be taking photos on Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church. Please sign up at the table in the back hallway.

Be sure to order your commemorative 200th Anniversary t-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags

Visit the table in the Fellowship Hall or click here to order online:

<https://seville-umc.itemorder.com/shop/home/> The deadline to order is Sunday August 16.

The next meeting of the 200th anniversary planning committee is 7:00 p.m. Aug. 10.

All are invited to attend to learn more, lend a hand and share ideas!

~ Leadership Board News ~

A Joint Team consisting of John Gladden, Janet Gommel, Pastor Dave, Bobbi Placke and Chris Wotowiec met to discuss the Local Church and Clergy Assessment Paperwork that is due before the meeting with our District Superintendent. Our DS will be conducting meetings at Seville UMC on August 12. There was good conversation about moving forward together. There were a couple suggestions to be brought to the Leadership Board. It was suggested that the Leadership Board put together an Annual Report after we finish our first year of work together. At the next meeting the board will discuss liaisons so that everyone in the congregation is aware of who they can come to with questions or to volunteer to be part of a team. We will also be looking at having a Townhall and lunch soon. The Leadership Board is meant to work with the Pastor allowing him to focus more on his Pastoral Leadership. The laity can then work together in the many areas we are able fill using our talents. Our goal is to help Pastor Dave fulfill leading our congregation through his sermons and equipping us to reach out to the needs of Gods children. After the next board meeting there will be a 3-4 minute video so the congregation can better understand the workings of the Leadership Board. Please keep Pastor Dave and the Leadership Board in your prayers as we all work toward making our church a faith filled, open door, and welcoming church.

For any questions about the Leadership Board, or any interest in becoming part of a Team please contact anyone on Leadership Board:

***Randy Eby, Emily Gladden, Janet Gommel, Brian Greer,
Carol Harlen, Beth Meadows, Mary Oberli, Wendel Payn,
Bobbi Placke, and Craig Wood.***

FINANCE NEWS

During the summer months, as people, and families are busy enjoying their summer activities, we often see a dip in giving. June's giving does reflect a slight decrease, with giving for the month totaling \$13,916. Due to strong months earlier this year, giving totals \$97,966 for the year. This, along with the \$4,200 of parsonage rent allotted to the general fund keeps us in a strong position, placing us ahead of expenses by \$10,846 as of June 30.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and faithful support.

Finance report as of June 30 2026
General Fund giving \$97,966
Parsonage Rent (50%) \$4,200
Total General Fund Income \$102,166
Expenses \$91,320
Difference \$10,846

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

VBS is a wonderful outreach. How is it financially supported? Glad you asked!

Curriculum, crafts, music, snacks, decorations, and dinners for our week-long Vacation Bible School all add up. Each year, the church budgets \$1,000 to support this outreach, and proceeds from our annual Super Bowl Sub Sale help provide additional funding. We are also blessed by the generosity of other churches in our community and many members of our congregation. Whether by selecting items from the donation board or making financial contributions, your support helps make this ministry possible. Thanks to these combined efforts, our 2026 VBS was fully funded! We are deeply grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered their time, shared their talents, and poured their energy into making VBS a success. A special thank you goes to Val, Jerrica, and Sarah, whose countless hours of planning made it possible to provide an incredible week for our Cloverleaf kids. sevumcfinance@gmail.com. Your question may be one others are wondering about as

Trustee News:

The steeple and its trims are all painted. Looking fresh. We are currently getting bids on the fence and for sealing the asphalts. Thank you to all who help keep our church beautiful and so welcoming!

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

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

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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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



August 2026 - Item of the month
Soups that eat like a meal

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



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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

