

The Good News EXPRESS



SEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // October 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

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

The Stewardship Giving Of Our Time, Talents, And Treasures Is An Act Of Prayerful Worship

Stewardship is all about taking care of that which has been entrusted to us. For those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ, what has been entrusted to us is the Gospel's Good News of God's love, grace, and forgiveness. As Christians, we have been entrusted with the responsibility of sharing that love of God with other people. We have been commissioned to bring Christ's message of love, hope, and reconciliation to others. It takes time. It also takes talents and some treasure. It is God's mission for the world. It is our co-mission together. It is our 'Great Commission' to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, as we love both God and neighbor. Responding in joy to the Lord is a matter of stewardship and an act of prayerful worship. Stewardship is not just about financial giving, although giving is an important spiritual discipline that is key to the work we are to accomplish for God's glory. The overall essence of faith filled stewardship is a joyful response to God's love and grace in our lives by taking seriously the responsibility given to us in taking good care of that which has been entrusted to us.
We can't do it alone. We need one another. Although in our annual stewardship focus, we do specifically ask you to respond with a pledge of your estimated financial giving for next year 2027 on our Consecration Sunday, there are other aspects of taking care of what has been entrusted to us as well - namely the church. Without your responses to serving the Lord with your time, talents, and treasure, there can be no church. God has entrusted us with taking care of the church since it is a primary place to learn and grow in the Good News Gospel of God's amazing grace. All of it, time talents and treasure, is an act of stewardship that has carried our church through two centuries of ministry! This worshipful stewardship response to God involves much more than a limited, single expectation. Christian stewardship is a multi-relational response to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. The starting point is always the love of God. We love because God first loved us. Sharing the Good News with the stewardship giving our time, talents, and treasure begins and continues as a grateful response to God's love for us. Therefore, we will begin our stewardship focus this month by celebrating World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4. The following Sunday, Oct. 11, we will have one combined homecoming worship service at 10:00 am celebrating 200 years of faithfulness from generation to generation during our third special bicentennial service. October 18th is then Laity Sunday. Our lay leader and worship leader, Bobbi Placke will lead the both services relating to the time and talents supplied by faithful disciples. We will conclude the month with our annual Consecration Sunday on Oct. 25. Individually, we might be able to positively influence others around us. That's true. However, together as the Church, God can do amazingly greater things through us as God's people working together in faithful mission.

- Pastor Dave

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS! SEVILLE UMC

Join Us For Our Big Homecoming
Combined Worship Service
October 11, 2026
at 10:00 am
Celebrating
200 Years Of Faithfulness:
From Generation To Generation!

Great Things Are Happening At Seville UMC!



October Birthdays

4-Evelyn Welday
6-John Gladden
6-Everett Parsons
10-Ed Placke
13-Melanie Gladden
14-Pam Payn
17-Beth Meadows
22-Noah Pawlus
25-Janet Turner
28-Fran Menssen

October Anniversaries

6-Bill & Teare Reedy
7-Wendel & Darla Payn
8-Ben & Janet Gommel
11-Jim & Beth Meadows
15-Dale & Tudy Cook
18-David & Lori Skelton
19-David & Kelly Korb
23-Fran & Janet Menssen



There are a number of beautiful hand made prayer shawls by the overflow room in the sanctuary. Take a moment to look at them and think of someone that could use support as you reach out with a shawl.

These blanket shawls are gifts of love and warmth. If you know of someone who could use a helping hand of support, compassion and prayer consider giving them a gift of a prayer shawl.

Many thanks to Pam Mullin who spends hours dedicating her time and talent to create these beautiful shawls.



Christian Education

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. Currently they are studying "Proverbs & Parables, God's Wisdom for Living" By Dee Brestin

The children's classes Are Sunday's at 9:30 am
All are welcome! PreK-12th grade.



Lunchbox Fridays

Lunchbox is a meal delivered once a month to people who have difficulty cooking for themselves.A volunteer makes a lunch and a second volunteer makes a dessert. Its delivered by Cathy Piper, Carl Perry, and Liisa Coldron. If you would like to help with lunchbox it is every fourth Friday of the month. We would love to have you! Sign up to make a meal or dessert. Sign up sheet coming soon.



Redcross

Please consider donating blood on November 23, Monday from 11-6pm.They will be here at church, set up in fellowship hall.



Please join us in walking in the Crop Walk. If you cannot walk consider sponsoring someone who is. Look forward to this event! Many thanks to Nancy Pitz for bringing it back! If you so desire wear your Halloween costume as you walk.
Hope to see you there!!!

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS! SEVILLE UMC

200th Anniversary Service

Join us for Seville UMC's final special 200th anniversary Sunday on Oct. 11, which we are celebrating as Church Homecoming Day with one service at 10 a.m. We are looking forward to former pastors and members joining us for "A Visit from The Rev. John Hazzard," Seville UMC's founding circuit rider. After the service, there will be a church family photo and lunch will be provided, so please plan to stay and visit with old and new friends. Also, please remember to bring in items for the time capsule before it's sealed! It may be your last chance for the next 200 years!

Craft Bazaar

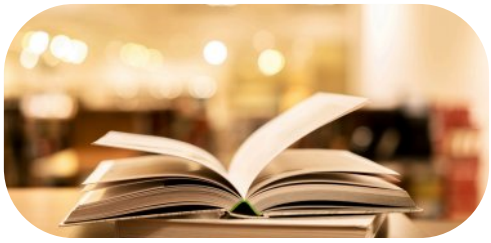


Are you crafty?? Come on Thursday's from 9:30am-12pm and join us, let's get creative. Hope to see you! We meet in the lower level room.



Thank you to Sue Payne who has been working weekly in the Fellowship Hall regarding weaving the mats that we provide to the homeless. We extend our gratitude to Sue for helping with these mats! **Would you like to volunteer?** Always looking for some help.

Book Club



Book Club is meeting 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!!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
October 2026

Look for The Weekly Whistle heading to your inbox soon. Expected day to arrive is on Wednesdays. It will be filled with updated information for the week.

Outreach Group wants to thank everyone who donated coloring books and crayons. What a blessing for the kids at Akron Children's Hospital !!



COFFEE CLUB

The last COFFEE CLUB this year Monday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.

We have had some very interesting and entertaining programs this year plus a great menu. Please join us for our final program and meal for this year. The cost for each person is $5.00. Thank you to all who help in this great community outreach.

October 15, 2026: "Wooster Singing Angels"
Guest Speaker: The Ladies Group
Lunch: Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Coleslaw, Angel Food Cake with Fruit Sauce



Coffee Club Speaker Conductor Dave

Conductor Dave performed at the coffee club in September. What a wonderful performance! Thank you Pastor Dave for sharing your talents with us!

Pie & Ice Cream Social

We had a great time on September 13th at the pie and ice cream social. The Gospel Group put on a wonderful performance. Thanks to all who participated and partook!



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



Worship Looking Ahead

October 4	**October 11**	**October 18**	**October 25**
19th Sunday After Pentecost	20th Sunday After Pentecost	21st Sunday After Pentecost	22nd Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday	*200th Anniversary Homecoming* *One Service at 10:00 am*	*Laity Sunday*	*Consecration Sunday*
Scripture Exodus 12: 1-14	**Scripture** Psalm 145	**Scripture** Malachi 3:10-11 Mathew 6:1-4	**Scripture** 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11
Greeters/Ushers **8:30** Jean Eby & Theresa Naftzger **10:45** Vicki Fugate & Kathy Stutzman	**Greeters/Ushers** **10:00** Kevin & Nancy Barr Jim & Ginnie Demo	**Greeters/Ushers** **8:30** Brian & Nancy Greer 10:45 John & Melanie Gladden	**Greeters/Ushers** **8:30** Mark & Lea Ewing **10:45** Carl & Kris Perry
Liturgist **8:30** Jerrica Pawlus **10:45** Janet Gommel	**Liturgist** **10:00** Bobbi Placke & Dave Welday	**Liturgist** **8:30** Bobbie Placke **10:45** Helen Angell	**Liturgist** **8:30** Brian Greer **10:45** Sandy Bridenthal
Counter Helen Angell	**Counter** Carol Harlan	**Counter** Janet Gommel	**Counter** Bette Smith

October 4: Communion Stewards: **8:30** Roseann Wood **10:45** Carl Perry

United Women in Faith Announces New Fall Event

Submitted by Kelly Korb



During our recent United Women in Faith meeting, a decision was made not to host our traditional Turkey Dinner this year. Instead, we are excited to try something new and invite everyone to our **Lunch and Craft Bazaar** on **Saturday**, **November 14 from 10am-3pm**.

We look forward to welcoming our church family and the community for a day of fellowship, shopping and delicious food. Lunch offerings will include **BBQ pork sandwiches** as well **three homemade soups** sure to satisfy every appetite.

As we embark on this new venture, we hope to receive the same wonderful support that has been shown for past events.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and flavorful day while supporting the ministry of United Women in Faith.

More details about the Craft Bazaar and lunch will be shared in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Please keep these folks in prayer:

Connie Beery: Health Concerns
Tom Wellman (Vicki's husband) :
Health Concerns
Mary Oberli: Recovery from knee surgery
Tudy Cook: Health Concerns
Lea Ewing:Recovery from knee surgery
Oscar Merrow: Health Concerns
Kathy Pangle: Physical Therapy after surgery

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



Thank you to my church family for all the cards and condolences that I received for the passing of my Grandmother. I truly appreciate the support.

"That's amore", Adine

CARING FOR OTHERS



Our Seville Community Food Pantry continues to serve households in our community in greater numbers and we are finding ways to meet the needs of our neighbors. We served 44 households in the month of September and it was challenging for our loyal group of volunteers due to summer schedule interruptions.

How can you help?
We have a variety of roles that you can fill at the Pantry!
During the week before Pantry –
this will be during the day, during the week.

Duties include:

- **Unloading the truckload from the Food Bank.**
- **Putting these items away.**
- **Making signs for the refrigeration units**
- **Breaking down large amounts of items into smaller amounts**

On the day of the Pantry –
this will be one hour before Pantry times:

Duties include:

- **Greeter**
- **Shopper**
- **Vanna White of the refrigeration units**
- **Restocking Shelves**
- **Carry Out**

None of these duties take a large amount of time and there is no requirement that you be at every Pantry. So, if you want to be part of the solution (and who wouldn't) let me, Kris Perry, know and I will put you on our email or text list. We offer on-the-job training and the benefit package is pretty awesome!

The Next Food Pantry Dates are
Monday October 5 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm and
Saturday October 17 ~ 10:00 am - Noon

Jubilee Luncheon

Thank you to all the folks that attended our Jubilee Luncheon. The theme was Oktoberfest. It was greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Janet Gommel for everything she does! And to everyone who helped to make the lunch such a success. What a blessing!







Lay Leader Report

Submitted By Bobbi Placke

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully and Lead Courageously

This is what our Bishops calls our churches to envision as a way of worship and service. We as the Laity of Seville UMC, live this vision in the many ways we work in and through our faith. Everyone in the congregation have the opportunity to be a part of sharing Gods Grace with those inside and outside our church walls. Thanks to the hard work of the 200th Anniversary team, we had combined services learning about the many blessings our congregation has received and shared during those 200 years. Having 75 children registered for Vacation Bible School is a large outreach bringing community churches and families together for a week of learning how Awesome God Is. Our Food Pantry allows families who have the prayerfully, temporary need for basic household necessities to receive with the help of the Cloverleaf Community. Through abundance and Gods grace the Food Pantry fulfills their needs. The Chili cook-off, and raffle basket fundraiser raised the funds to give our steeple a fresh new look. Thanks to donations the beautiful sound of our carillon can now be heard by those who have missed hearing them ring out. Thanks to our good financial stewardship, and the hard work of our Trustees team, the Pastors office and the Administrative Assistant office have a new fresh look. The Laity of our church serve with passion not passiveness. Our first confirmation in several years allowed 5 youth and their mentors to work together learning about the Methodist Faith and sharing as they worked on scripture and learned about living a Christian life.

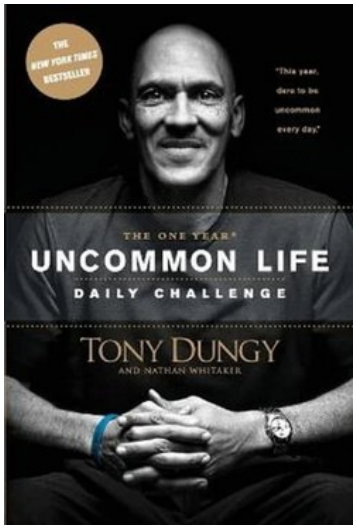
The Leadership Board has set the vision for our church:
"Discovering God's Intended Well-Being of Body, Soul, and Spirit by Building Community"

All of the Laity can work together on teams to see how their work is bringing this vision to fruition.
With many opportunities like teaching one of the Sunday School classes, joining a Lenten study, being a member of the UWiF or UMM, joining a devotional or Bible study, there is a program for everyone.
Being part of the community is a mission of our laity. We offer Coffee Club, our Craft Bazaar and Luncheon, Red Cross donation site, Panera Bread offered every Wednesday, our plastic bag mats, and Matthew 25 among many other times our church doors are open.

United Methodist Men

Submitted by John Gladden

United Methodist Men is back for its first meeting at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3. UMM is a casual group of guys who get together to eat breakfast, enjoy a program, and find ways God can use us to serve the church and community. Our devotions this year will be taken from former NFL head coach Tony Dungy's book, "An Uncommon Life." We meet in the church parlor on the first Saturday of the month from October through May.
All men and boys are invited!
Please see John Gladden for more information.



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

With an extra Sunday for August, giving for the month of August increased to $15,332 and a total of, $126,376 for the year. Your giving, along with the rental income and steady expenses continue to keep us within budget and giving ahead of expenses. Thank you for your continued support.

Finance Report as of August 31, 2026



General Fund Giving	**$126,376**
Parsonage Rent (50%)	**$5,600**
Total General Fund Income	**$131,976**
Expenses	**$123,047**
Net Suplus	**$8,929**

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

The 200th Celebrations have been wonderful.
How are these being funded?
GLAD YOU ASK!

Costs for the 200th Anniversary Celebrations have included banners, mailings, food, printing and other miscellaneous expenses. We've been blessed by some generous donations that have enabled the 200th Team to fund these expenses.

FYI: Please **DO NOT make checks** out to **SUMC** please write out Seville United Methodist Church, the bank will not accept it with just SUMC due to scams. Thank you

Trustee News: There was a brand new fence put in at the back of the parking lot. The work was done by Forever Fence and Rail, they did a excellent job! We are holding off on the sealing of the parking lot until next spring due to the workers going in out of our parking lot.

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.

Scan here with your smartphone camera to make a payment electronically through Vanco
www.https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6HA/home

Online Giving at

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Craft Bazaar 9:30-12 Historical Society meeting 7pm	2	3
4 Praise:8:30 Traditional: 10:45am	5 Coffee Club 10am-1pm Food pantry 6-7pm 200th Team Meeting 7pm	6 UWIF Planning meeting 6:30pm Trustee meeting 7pm	7 JC Kids 5:30pm	8 Craft Bazaar 9:30am-12 Book Club 2pm	9	10
11 200th Celebration One Service 10am	12	13 Bible study 9:30am	14 JC kids 5:30pm	15 Craft Bazaar 9:30am-12 Memorial team meeting 1pm	16	17 Food Pantry 10am-noon Church Charge Conference 10am Medina
18 Praise:8:30 Traditional: 10:45am	19	20 Bible Study 9:30am UWIF 7pm	21 JC Kids 5:30pm	22 Craft Bazaar 9:30am-12	23 Lunchbox Noon	24 Crop walk 1pm
25 Praise:8:30 Traditional: 10:45am	26	27 Bible Study 9:30am	28 JC Kids 5:30pm	29 Craft Bazaar 9:30am-12	30	31 Halloween 

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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

October 2026 - Item of the month
Baking Supplies

Consider signing up in Fellowship Hall to order Sunday altar flowers this Fall 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



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

