

# STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



everything  
[in] between  
shouting & silence



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE  
or click on the link on our website:  
[www.stevensville-umc.org](http://www.stevensville-umc.org)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"  
Tom Mitchell, organ; Kellie Meyer, piano

*take these moments to quiet your mind & heart as worship begins*

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn: #378 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

The Story For All Ages  
Skit Story: "Shouting & Silence"

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-40  
Monique Yoder

Song of Preparation: "Breathe, Listen and Notice"

Message: "Shouting and Silence"  
Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "That's My King"  
B.A.S.I.C.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering

\*Doxology #548 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (1 & 4)

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Song: "We Long to Know Peace"

Blessing

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Mission Focus For April-Annual Conference Giving***



**The 1st Century Church Service and Potluck scheduled for Sunday, April 13 has been postponed. See page 5 of today's update. Thank you.**

**Sisters-In-Faith-Monday, April 14 @ 6:00pm.**

**Mobile Food Pantry**-Our Mobile Food Pantry will be here Wednesday, April 16, 4-5pm. Set-up begins at 2:30pm. Please consider coming out to volunteer for this mission for our community.

**We're Hiring**- See page 6 of today's update for Information on a Youth Outreach Position.

**Maunder Thursday Service**-April 17 at 7:00pm.

**Good Friday Service**-Friday, April 18 at 7:00am.

***Serving in Worship Sunday, April 13***

*Monique Yoder, Lector*

*Mike & Mindi Logan, Ushers*

*Diane Koebel, Greeter*

*Grace Mitchell, Acolyte*

*James Thompson, Congregation Safety*

## PASTOR'S NOTE

### **Palm Sunday, Easter, and *Everything in Between***

It's hard to believe that we are coming into the home stretch of our Lenten journey! This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday – Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem, where he was greeted earnest "hosannas" and a road lined with palms and cloaks to welcome him. Throughout the course of Holy Week, things take a dramatic turn. Jesus shares his last supper with his disciples. He goes to the garden to pray. He is betrayed, arrested, and crucified. And three days later, when the women go to anoint his body at the tomb, they are greeted with the most unimaginable news. A lot happens between Palm Sunday and Easter – and **as we finish our Lenten journey, you're invited to come be a part of everything in between.**

Join us **Sunday evening at 5 pm for a First Century Church Service** – a chance to experience what worship was like for some of the earliest Christians. You won't want to miss this powerful experience to step into the history of our faith. After the service, we'll share a Mediterranean potluck for a taste of the Holy Land. **(please note: this service has been postponed to a later date and time)**

On **Maundy Thursday at 7 pm**, we'll gather to share Holy Communion at the table together. This powerful service will help us get a taste of what the disciples experienced in the Upper Room with Jesus as we remember the mandate given to the disciples that night: love one another as I have loved you.

On **Good Friday at 7 pm**, join us for a powerful Tenebrae service, in which the story of the cross is told through Scripture readings, music, and the extinguishing of candles. Come and witness the depths of God's love for our broken world.

These opportunities in between Palm Sunday and Easter set us up to truly experience the power of Resurrection Sunday. Come step into the story. Come experience God's love in a fresh and **Meaningful** way. Come and see how God is ready to do a new thing in you. I hope you'll join us. I hope you'll join us for a meaningful Holy Week!

Let's be the Church,  
*Pastor Elise*

**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Tery Bailey  
Bruce Barclay  
Carol Bond  
Adam Burnett  
Sue Dock  
Debbie Foley  
Ken Foyder  
Shirley Hetfield  
Hunter Hendley  
Jerry Hunt  
Gayla Kerby  
Dick Lukey  
Baby Sebastian Kurup  
Eric Mallen  
Mike Melcher  
Schaeffer Ott

Tom Parrish  
April Pinderski  
Mike Rush  
Amy Schaub  
Larry Shadle  
J.T. Thompson  
Kathy Trejo  
Brooke Trux  
Pat Steenberg  
David Sunblad Jr.  
Judy Vanderaue

**SHUT-INS:**

Sharon Alsbro  
June Avery  
Carol Momany  
Grace Park

Sally Streick  
Carol Svorec

**MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD:**

Caleb Dormah-Liberia

**IN ACTIVE SERVICE:**

Taylor Allgood-England  
Lydia Sankey-Orsillo-USS  
Bulkeley DDG 84-Rota Spain



**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Prayers of sympathy and comfort to Melissa Rescoe and family as they grief the loss of her Aunt Jill. Prayers of strength to Melisa’s dad Mike Burke as he grieves the loss of his sister as well as one of his firefighters.
- Prayers of healing for Larry Shadle as he is recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayers for Char Marko and family for the passing of her brother Jim on Sunday, March 30.
- Prayers for Max Logan during his travels to Japan on Tuesday and during his studies until 2026.
- Prayers of strength and guidance for Scott Meyer’s sister Debbie and family as they decide the best way to proceed with her recent cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers for Kathy Deforest’s son-in-law & family of Dan Whitt who is battling thyroid cancer.
- Prayers for Lisa Williams’ dad Virgil and his on going health concerns.
- Prayers for Fred Seifert’s ongoing health concerns.
- Prayers for Amanda Feigley who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She is 30 years old.
- Prayers for those affected by natural disasters.

**PRAYER JOYS:**

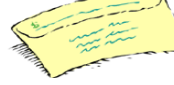
- Prayers of Joy for Nancy Poelker who is going to be a grandma in the fall and continued prayers of good health for Savannah and baby.



**SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH HOSPITALITY BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH**

Do you enjoy the hospitality fellowship after church? We have had so many yummy treats from all who have baked and we are so grateful. There are 3 different areas you can sign-up to help keep this ministry going. You can sign-up to set up the coffee, you can sign-up to clean up, and you can sign-up to bake goodies. If you haven't set-up or cleaned up before that's ok, Sandy Hayes will be happy to show you. Thank you for sharing your wonderful baked goods!

**Offering Envelopes**



If you are using ACH and no longer wish to have envelopes, please send me an email at the church office, [stevensvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:stevensvillechurch@gmail.com) and let me know.

If you have envelopes that are at the church and need help getting them please let us know that too. Thank you for your help with this as we help Nancy in finance with the envelope process.

Sandy Krieg  
Nancy Parmer, Finance



**Church Landscape Opportunities**

As spring approaches we have opportunities for members to help with maintenance of the church grounds. We need someone to mow the church front lawn (Ridge Road side) and people to help with maintenance of the planting areas around the church. If you would like to help with mowing, contact Ken Green. If you would like to help with the flower and plant beds, contact Bette Mallen.

**LANCER LUNCH PACKERS INFORMATION FOR APRIL**

- THURS, 4/3 3pm
- THURS, 4/10 3pm
- THURS, 4/17 Noon-Rotary
- THURS, 4/24 3pm



**APRIL Cardio Drumming**

Thursdays April 17, 24  
Faith Hall, 6:30pm



**Altar Flower Dedications For 2025**

Our Altar Flowers are silk arrangements done by Robin Weingart. Cost is \$30.00 and the money goes towards Missions. Thank you to all for sponsoring the flower arrangements every Sunday. **SIGN-UP ON THE CLIP BOARD IN THE HALLWAY AND PLACE YOUR PAYMENT IN THE COLLECTION BOX THAT IS NOW BY THE SIGN-UP SHEET.** If you are not able to get to church and sign-up please call the church office at 429-5911.



**Social Golf League Opportunity**

Interested in joining a golf league that's less about competition and more about having fun? Mindi Logan is starting a Pipestone Creek Social Golf League, beginning Thursday, May 8th. For more information, see the flyers in the gathering space or contact Mindi Logan at 269-363-1661 or [loganmj11425@yahoo.com](mailto:loganmj11425@yahoo.com).



**POSTPONED**

**Join Us for a Journey Back in Time: Experience a 1st Century Church Service April 13, 2025 at 5:00PM.**

Imagine stepping into a world where faith was raw, unpolished, and brimming with the passion of the early followers of Jesus Christ. Picture the warmth of fellowship in humble homes, the simple but profound teachings shared among believers, and the songs of praise echoing from hearts filled with unshakable hope. This is the essence of a 1st Century church service, and we invite you to experience it firsthand. Afterwards we will share a Mediterranean Pot Luck.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 1ST CENTURY CHURCH SERVICE AND POTLUCK THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13 HAS BEEN POSTPONED. WE WILL DO THIS AT A LATER DATE. THANK YOU!**



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17, 7PM *worship around the Table*

# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 7PM *a service of Shadows*



# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 10AM *Christ is Risen!*



### Easter Offering

This year's Easter offering will benefit Lake Louise Christian Community, where our mission team will be serving this June. Lake Louise provides Christian camping opportunities for children, youth, and adults throughout the year, and serves the local community through opportunities like Boyne Country Service Project. Your gifts will help make meaningful camping ministry and service opportunities accessible and will support the ongoing ministry of Lake Louise Christian Community.



**WEEKLY Calendar at SUMC/April 14-20**

**Monday, April 14**

- 6:00pm Scouts
- 6:00pm Sisters-In-Faith
- 6:00pm Trustees

**Tuesday, April 15**

- 7:30pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Harmony Ringers

**Wednesday, April 16**

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm "Savior" Study
- 4:00pm Mobile Food Pantry
- 5:30pm BASIC
- 7:00pm Senior Choir

**Thursday, April 17**

- 11:30am Covenant Journaling
- 1:00pm Old Chimers
- 6:15pm Cardio Drumming
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 18**

- 7:00pm Good Friday Service

**Sunday, April 20**

- 10:00am Worship, Easter Sunday

There is now a "Kitchen Clean-Up Check List" that needs to be completed whenever the kitchen is used for an event. The blank lists can be found on the clip board hanging on one of the cupboard doors. Please make sure that you complete the check list as you close down the kitchen after an event. The completed list can be left on the counter. If there was an issue that needs to be addressed, please contact Lona Vogie ASAP. PLEASE don't leave any leftovers in the frig unless there is a definite plan for their use. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this important activity.

Lona Vogie and Sandy Hayes



**APRIL 2**

- Dick Lukey
- Bonnie Parrish

**APRIL 3**

- Val Ruttenberg

**APRIL 8**

- Nicole Tubman

**APRIL 9**

- Joyce Hudak-Allen

**APRIL 10**

- Jackie Witt

**APRIL 12**

- Elliot Edwardson

**APRIL 13**

- Robin Weingart

**APRIL 15**

- Robert Hendley

**APRIL 17**

- Lou Hendley

**APRIL 21**

- Chris Stolk

**APRIL 23**

- Mary Sundblad

**APRIL 29**

- Perry Melcher

- Brody Nelson

- Sally Streick

**APRIL 30**

- Max Logan

- Savanna Stolk



April Birthdays!

**NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:30-11:30**

We are in need of nursery workers for Sunday Morning's, 9:30-11:30. The job pays \$15.00/hour and you must be 18 years of age. Please contact paster Elise at [reveliselowedwardson@gmail.com](mailto:reveliselowedwardson@gmail.com)



Stevensville UMC is seeking a Youth Outreach Coordinator. This individual is responsible for nurturing faith and building relationships with youth through service, discipleship, and fellowship opportunities. The ideal candidate has strong relational, organizational, and communication skills. This position is 8-10 hours a week with flexible hours. *Could you or someone you know be the right person for the job?* Interested candidates should email [reveliselowedwardson@gmail.com](mailto:reveliselowedwardson@gmail.com). [Click here for full job description.](#)

**Can + Bottle Fundraiser**



**We CAN Support Upcoming SUMC Mission Trips!**

Whether you do not like taking the returnables to the store or you are excited to help our SUMC church family travel on mission trips, there is an opportunity for YOU! The SUMC Mission Trip committee is holding a RETURNABLE CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE to help defer the costs to attend mission trips to Lake Louise Christian Community (June 2025) and Arnoldine School in Zimbabwe (2026). Throughout 2025 & 2026, donations can be dropped off at the large red trash can in the hallway by the mission board. Too many to bring to church? A pickup can be arranged. You don't want us to see how much Diet Coke you drink? Take the returnables yourself and drop off the cash donation to the church office marked - "mission trip can drive." Any donation helps! Thank you for helping to serve others! Questions: Mindi Logan 269-363-1661

## CARING MINISTRY

They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted,  
“Hosanna”! John 12:13

Holy week is upon us. It is of special significance in the life of Jesus.

1. Palm Sunday-Jesus enters Jerusalem.
2. Holy Monday-Jesus sent out merchants from the temple.
3. Holy Tuesday-Some observe Christ foretelling his own death.
4. Holy Wednesday or Spy Wednesday-This day remember how Judas arranged the betrayal with the chief priests.
5. Maundy Thursday-The Last Supper and Jesus’ arrest.
6. Good Friday-Jesus’ trial, crucifixion and burial.
7. Holy Saturday-Holy Week concludes. Jesus rested in the tomb.
8. Easter-Resurrection!

We can remember these days through reading the Bible, praying, and attending services.

**Jesus Is Alive! Alive Indeed! Happy Easter to Everyone!**

*Sharon Foxworthy, Caring Ministry*

**Why don’t dinosaurs celebrate Easter?**

**Because they’re eggs-tinct!**

### IMPORTANT RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION

Our spring rummage sale will be **Friday May 2 from 9 am – 5 pm** and our \$5 bag sale on **Saturday May 3 from 9 am – noon**. We need spring and summer clothing and household items, including furniture. Please remember that all donated items should be clean and in good working order. **Computers, TV’s, faxes and printers will not be accepted**. When these items don’t sell we must pay to recycle them. (Thanks for your understanding!) Clothing may be left on hangers. It is very helpful if all donations are dropped off no later than **Tuesday April 29 at 7 pm**. Donation letters may be picked up at time of delivery of your donations. We are grateful and appreciative of your contributions to our sale. Thank you so much!!

Rummage sale donations can be brought to the church on the following dates and times:

**Sunday April 27:** 11 am to 1 pm Enter through door number 6 (Children’s Center door) in back of building. Place rummage in alcove or room 3.

**Monday April 28:** 6 pm to 8 pm Enter through door number 6 (Children’s Center door) in back of building. Place rummage in alcove or room 3.

**Tuesday April 29:** 10 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm Enter through door number 8 (kitchen door) on side of building.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ALSO!** Signup sheets are on the opportunities table in the concourse. We will be setting up and sorting on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday, the first day of our sale, is always very busy and many volunteers are needed! Men are especially needed during our cleanup which starts at noon on Saturday. Any time you could give would be greatly appreciated!!

If you have any questions or have items you need picked up, please contact: Leanne Nitz (429-8150 or 252-9407) or Mary Sundblad (429-6329 or 519-8498).

## APRIL MISSIONS-ANNUAL CONFERENCE GIVING

During the opening worship service of the Michigan United Methodist Annual conference, churches will have the opportunity to bring forth offerings to support designated mission projects. This year, the offering will focus on 2 long-standing mission projects: Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia and Haitian Assets for Peace International in Haiti. In addition, Bishop Bard has designated a 10% tithe of this offering to support ongoing efforts of UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. With this opportunity in mind, our April mission giving will help support these 3 areas.

1. **Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village** was established in 2000 in Liberia to provide care for children left orphaned by civil war. The village provides basic education, health care and counseling for the children. Established as an orphanage, most of the children today spend their days in the village in classrooms and receiving meals, but return to their own homes each evening. Support for this program assures the children are able to attend school through scholarships and provided care and meals.
2. **UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery** - UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters. The 10% tithe will help support relief efforts in areas affected by devastation from Hurricane Helene on the East Coast, and the California wildfires.
3. **Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI)** - Our presence ensures families in Mizak have access to dignified healthcare, training for tomorrow, and fair-wage jobs today. Because of the ongoing support from MI United Methodist churches - 7,130 patient consultations, 358 mothers receiving prenatal care, 1,878 lab tests and 117 young people participating in skilled training are just a few of the accomplishments of HAPI in 2023. Our future? Start Right gives babies a healthy beginning; now, we're fighting to extend life. HAPI is tackling Haiti's biggest killers--hypertension and heart disease--for lives that are healthier, longer, and more prosperous. But we're not just treating; we're training local nurses and doctors on current technology to empower them to take the helm of their healthcare and be hometown heroes! HAPI asks for your continued support to resource our heroes in Haiti.

Your generous donations to the April mission projects will be hand carried to the annual conference and presented during the annual conference opening worship service.

### *MISSION TEAM MEMBERS — Monique Yoder, Chairperson*

*Wanda Barclay, Barb Clark, Kathleen Deforest, Wayne Koebel, Judy Kuhlman, Mindi Logan, Dick Lukey, Kellie Meyer, Leanne Nitz, Paster Elise, Nancy Poelker, Barb Pries, Kathy Sankey, Myra Thompson, Lona Vogie, Rachel Wade, Robin Weingart, Paul Westmaas*