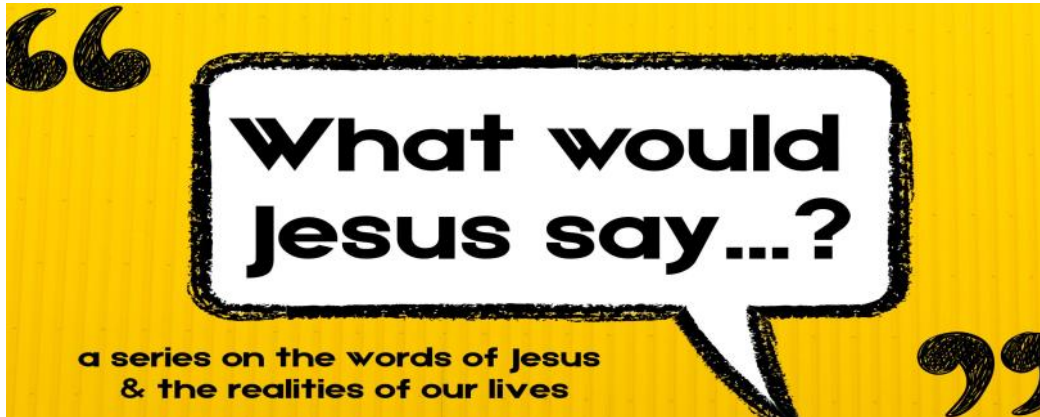


STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE
or click on the link on our website:
www.stevensville-umc.org

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: "Mighty To Save"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52
Sandy Krieg

Message: "What Would Jesus Say on Mother's Day?"
Pastor Elise Low Edwardson

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology #94: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song: "Forever"

A Song of Blessing:
"The Blessing" - B.A.S.I.C.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus For May-Logan Center

We're Hiring—See page 6 of today's update for information on a Youth Outreach position and Nursery workers during church service.

Blood Pressure Check—May 11th after worship.

New Faith Formation Classes Beginning—See page 4 of today's update.

Card Ministry Class—Tuesday, May 13, 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Apocrypha Study—Beginning Wednesday May 7 1:00pm. **(6:00pm evening class has been canceled)**

Covenant Journaling—Thursday, May 15, 11:30am.

Pub Theology—Thursday, May 15, 7:00pm at the Watermark.

Church Spring Spruce Up!—Saturday May 17, 9:00am.

Serving in Worship Sunday, May 11

Sandy Krieg, Lector

Allyson Rigler & Rachel Wade, Ushers

Tommie Weber, Greeter

Faith Mitchell, Acolyte

Sandy Hayes, Congregational Safety

Altar Flowers Given by Melissa Rescoe

In Loving Memory of Melissa's Mom, Linda Burke



PASTOR'S NOTE

MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when over \$20 billion is projected to be spent on cards, flowers, and other gifts to honor mothers. While Mother's Day is often considered to be a "Hallmark holiday," it began as an effort to recognize the powerful role women play in the work for peace. In fact, the observance of Mother's Day is the result of the work of some faithful Methodist women who wanted to recognize and empower women to lift up the work and voices of women for a more peaceful world.



In the 1860s, Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs to serve suffering women and children in her local West Virginia coal mining community. These clubs helped offer support and education for mothers as to support their children's nutrition, hydration, and sanitation. When the Civil War began, the need for support only intensified. Ann became convinced that as war ravaged their communities, women could play a unique and powerful role in nurturing the vulnerable and advocating for peace. Ann envisioned a holiday that would lift up women's role in nurturing a peaceful and just world.

Ann Jarvis died in 1905 before Mother's Day was made into an official holiday, but her daughter Anna saw the vision through. In 1908 Anna organized the first Mother's Day celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation that made Mother's Day an official holiday.

For some of us, Mother's Day is a day of joy and celebration. For others, it is tender day in which we are reminded of griefs and losses in our lives. For many, the day might hold a mixture of feelings. No matter how you encounter Mother's Day this year, I invite you to come hear a word of comfort and encouragement this week as we continue our series "What Would Jesus Say...on Mother's Day?"

Grace and peace,
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

Gloria Pollack
Tom Parrish
April Pinderski
Mike Rush
Amy Schaub
Fred Seifert
Larry Shadle
J.T. Thompson
Kathy Trejo
Brooke Trux
Pat Steenbergh
David Sunblad Jr.
Judy Vanderaue
Dan Whitt

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

STUDIES ABROAD

Max Logan



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Please hold Nancy Farrington's brother-in-law Brad in prayer. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Prayers for strength and hope for him and his family.
- Elizabeth Carlson asks for prayers for Joanne who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Prayers of healing for Gloria Pollack who is having severe right knee pain.
- Prayers of healing for Kathy Culbertson's brother who had back surgery.
- Prayers for MSU international students whose visas have been revoked.
- Lisa Williams asks for prayers for Norm who is having cancer surgery, Virgil who is in heart and kidney failure, and Freda who has nausea associated with radiation.
- Prayers of sympathy and comfort to Melissa Rescoe and family as they grieve 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 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 Holly & Dawn Hetfield's parent's, Norman and Shirley Hetfield on their 61st Wedding Anniversary on May 2.



Faith Formation

We are pleased to announce **Faith Formation** continues to grow. There are multiple options for discussion, participation and instruction.

Men's Group: Room 1 (*Video/Book Study*)

Meets every week in room 1 just off Faith Hall. The group watches a video followed by an open discussion. Watch the Weekly News for the topic during this session.

Begins: Sunday May 4 at 9AM/ Bob Clark, Facilitator

The Apocrypha. Gathering Area. (*Study Group*)

The Apocrypha is often categorized as the books in between. You will not find them in the Protestant Bible, but they once were included. We will discuss how the Bible came to be and look at a few of these books in between the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. We may also discuss some of the Lost or Gnostic Gospels. Discussions may differ only by the questions asked. No book is required however, you may want to check out a copy the Apocrypha from your library or purchase one on line.

*****6:00 APOCRYPHA EVENING CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED*****

Begins May 7 at 1pm

Covenant Journaling Lounge (*Journaling/Instructional Group*)

Have you ever wanted a special time to seek out answers from scripture, journal or meditate? Come see what we are doing. Its a time we guarantee you will enjoy. Meditative music will be played. Whether you are familiar with the concept of journaling or not we invite you to become a part of this cutting edge group. We will discuss new ways to Pray, Bible or Faith Journal each week. We will share ways to make our faith stronger through prayer and Bible study. We know this may be a new perspective for some folks, but we are definitely there to assist everyone in their faith journey.

Begins: ongoing come once, miss a week it's Ok. We meet on Thursday's at 11:30.

Lounge/Pastor Patti Harpole, Facilitator

Pub Theo Off site (*Discussion Group*)

Pub Theo is back for another session of stimulating conversation. By vote the night has changed to Thursdays. We meet every week to have open, honest conversations about how our theology impacts or is impacted by ideology, culture, ethics, moral values? Come see what we're all about, grab a pint if you desire or some bottled water and food from one of the food trucks. We'll save a seat for you.



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!



The next Men's Group Study is by John Ortberg called "If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got to get out of the boat"! This is a six week study and they meet Sunday morning at 9:00am. This study will begin Sunday, May 4. If you have any questions please contact Bob Clark at: bandbclark2@gmail.com

Adopt a Flower Bed



**Help keep our grounds beautiful!
See Leanne Nitz for more information**

We have 4 gardens around the church that need TLC during the year. The main responsibility would be to occasionally weed the garden and just make sure it looks nice. There is more information and pictures of the gardens up for adoption on the trustees' board in the concourse. If you are interested in helping care for our church grounds or just need more information, please contact Leanne Nitz at

LANCER LUNCH PACKERS INFORMATION FOR APRIL

- THURS, 5/1 3pm
- THURS, 5/8 3pm
- THURS, 5/15 Noon-Rotary
- THURS, 5/22 3pm



May Cardio Drumming

**Thursdays,
May 15, 22
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.



Mowing Help

Thank you to those who signed up to help mow the church lawn. We could still use some more volunteers so please see Ken Green if this is something you can help with. Sign-up in sheet in the hallway. Thank you.



Church Spring Spruce-Up

Come have some fun together as we spruce up our church building and beautify the church grounds. Donuts provided!





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. [Click here for full job description.](#)



Nursery Workers Needed!

SUMC is hiring workers for our Sunday morning nursery. Nursery workers typically work from 9:30-11:30 on Sunday mornings, and have the option of serving on a rotating schedule so they can continue to be present in worship most of the time. Pay is \$15/hour. Nursery workers must be background checked and complete SUMC's Protection Policy training. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Elise or Kevin Ivers (kevin.ivers1@gmail.com).



FAIR BOOTH DONATIONS FOR 2025

We are starting to collect the following items for the fair. Please leave your items or monetary donations on the table in the hallway. See Sandy Krieg, Rachel Wade or Dick Lukey with any questions. Thank you for your generosity and support. We are looking forward to another successful year and so appreciative of your donations!! **(PLEASE NOTE, GALLON OF OPEN PIT AND 114oz CONTAINER OF HEINZ CATSUP CAN BE PURCHASED AT GORDONS).**

Paper Plates-6"and 10" (microwaveable) **Need a lot**

Napkins-**Need a lot**

Paper Towels-**Need a lot**

114 oz Container of Heinz Ketchup-**Need 10**

1 Gallon Container of Open Pit BBQ Sauce-**Need 10 Gallon Containers**

9 X 13 FAMILY SIZE Brownie mix-**Need 40**

Cookie Dough Mix-**Need 20 packs**



**WEEK
at a
GLANCE**

WEEKLY Calendar at SUMC/May 12-18

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

- 10:00am Card Ministry
- 4:00am Card Ministry
- 6:15pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Harmony Ringers

Wednesday, May 14

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Apocrypha Study
- 5:30pm BASIC
- 7:00pm Senior Choir

Thursday, May 15

- 11:30am Covenant Journaling
- 1:00pm Old Chimers
- 6:15pm Cardio Drumming
- 7:00pm Pub Theology-Watermark

Saturday, May 17

- 9:00am Church Spring Spruce-Up

Sunday, May 18

- 9:00am Men's Group
- 10:00am Worship/Graduation Sunday

May Birthday's

MAY 1

Taurai Rukunda

MAY 2

Jack Hardy

MAY 3

Logan Boyle

MAY 7

Heather Boyle

MAY 8

Barb Bittner

Jan Johnson

May 10

Nancy Poelker

MAY 11

Joy Kempic

MAY 13

Carson Rigler

MAY 16

Max Allen Jr.

MAY 17

Frank Melcher

Lorna Thompson

MAY 18

Rhonda Rennhack

MAY 19

Charlie Vegter

MAY 20

Janice Koebel

MAY 22

David Topping

MAY 23

Douglas Weingart

MAY 24

Davison Brown

Sandra Hayes

Robert VanderMolen

MAY 27

Jeffrey Sankey

MAY 28

Eric Dubbert

MAY 29

Kyle Deforest

MAY 30

Mary Slavicek

MAY 31

Dick Shaffer

Jamesy Thompson

**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

honor your mother....Exodus 20:12

The dictionary defines mother as a female present of authority and responsibility. Many wonderful words can be used as well-loving, caring, understanding, smart, etc.

A few famous mothers come to mind—Mother Mary, Mother Teresa, Mother Goose. Each Mother is famous in her own right—the best listener, the best cook, the best hugger, etc.

God said it best—honor your mother. So make every day Mother's Day.

Sharon Foxworthy, Caring Ministry

What kind of flower can't you trust?

A lie-lac!

Your Caring Ministry team is here for you; please contact any of the members if you have a need: Nancy Mead, Lona Vogie, Karen Pallas, Sharon Foxworthy, Elaine Graves, Chris Weber, Lisa Williams, and Pastor Elise Low Edwardson



**BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECK AFTER WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 11.
SEE SANDY HAYES**





MAY MISSION FOCUS



In the late 1990's and early 2000's, there was a dramatic rise in the number of people diagnosed with autism, and this rise in prevalence continues to this day. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that affects communication, social interaction, and behavior. In Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties alone, an estimated 3,500 individuals are on the autism spectrum. LOGAN Community Resources has been at the forefront of providing evidence-based services for individuals with autism and intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) since opening its Southwest Michigan Autism Center in Benton Harbor in 2013. Today, LOGAN still operates the first and largest center-based Autism program in the Southwest Michigan region, which serves over 200 children with autism. LOGAN's services have rapidly grown, addressing critical community needs through applied behavior analysis (ABA), speech therapy, occupational therapy, and a variety of enrichment programs. In addition, LOGAN Applied Behavioral Analysis regularly transitions 20-25% of children from the centers back to school or the community each year. Most recently, LOGAN also launched a partnership with Lake Michigan College. This collaboration promotes community integration, expand therapeutic spaces, and creates opportunities for post-secondary education and internships, fostering long-term success for individuals with autism.

<https://www.logancenter.org/swmi-logan-autism-learning-center>.

Where are the donations used in Southwest Michigan?

Upgrades to Autism Learning Center (Benton Harbor, MI)

Parent and guardian engagement through Family Support Therapy Services

Need a space that will allow for greater opportunity for families to be fully integrated in the therapies for their children and then fosters continued growth in homes

Impact: 175 children and their families

Needs: office equipment, storage unity, renovations, therapy equipment

Expansion of services at Autism Learning Center

New program (3 classrooms) at First Congregational Church in St. Joseph, MI

Reducing our waitlists for services (nearly 100 children on waitlist)

Integrated within community

Impact: 16 children, attending services full-time (5 days/week)

Needs: office equipment, outdoor playground equipment, outdoor climbing equipment, storage unit, renovations to create a sensory room

Capital improvements

parking lot

Autism Programs

Field Trips

Practice program- annual need

Summer programs- First Congregational

MISSION TEAM MEMBERS — Monique Yoder, Chairperson

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