

STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

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www.stevensville-umc.org

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "God the Mountains Tell Your Glory"

The Story For All Ages

Doug Weingart

Musical Praise: "I Need Thee/Be My Vision"

Harmony Ringers

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Message: "Lessons in Mountain Climbing"

Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology: #94 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Communion

Musical Praise: "At the Table of the Lord"

Senior Choir

*Closing Hymn: #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus For February—Gardens of Hope

Potluck and Possibilities—Join us Sunday, March 1st after worship for Potluck and Possibilities - a chance for us to share a meal, pray, dream, and listen as we cast a vision for who we want to be in 2026 and beyond. We want your voice, your experience, your prayers, and wisdom to be part of this gathering. Sign up to bring a dish to pass, and join us for a meaningful time of food, fellowship, and moving forward in faith.

Mobile Food Pantry-Wednesday, February 18. Set-up begins at 2:30. The pantry arrives at 4:00pm. Please consider coming out to help volunteer for this mission for our community.

Ash Wednesday Service-Wednesday, February 18, 7:00pm.

Lenten Studies— February 18, 1:00pm "Knowing Who We Are" and February 19, 6:30pm "The Final Days". See page 5 of today's update for information on all classes.

Middle School Dance-Saturday, February 21, 7-9pm.

Serving in Worship Sunday, February 15th

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Jonah Wilson, Lector

Sandy Hayes, Sandy Krieg, Terran Rogers,

Graham Rogers, Ushers

Tom & Bonnie Parrish, Jason & Levi Canfield, Greeters

Elias Eiseman, Acolyte

Myra Thompson, Sandy Hayes, Sandy Krieg,

Communion Helpers

Graham Canfield, Scout Troop Update

Austin Volk, Donnie Johnson, Flag Procession

Stan Dubbert, Congregational Safety

PASTOR'S NOTE

When I was in college, I spent a lot of time in the Appalachian Mountains. My work with an outreach ministry called Mountain TOP brought me there, but one of the blessings that came with that work was the beauty of the region. I learned to navigate the winding switchback roads, to respect the steep cliff faces, and fell in love with the picturesque waterfalls and the stunning mountain overlooks. It was in those college years that I fell in love with the mountains; they became a thin space for me, a place where heaven felt closer to earth. Perhaps you've also been blessed enough to be awestruck by a breathtaking overlook, to see mountains reach for the sky, to feel wonderfully small amidst something so grand.

Mountains play a prominent role throughout Scripture; whenever mountains appear in a story, we can be sure that something notable is about to happen. This Sunday – Transfiguration Sunday – invites us into one of those mountain stories. We will also have the joy of having our Scouts from Troop 603 with us and will get to hear about their mountain-top moments from the last year. Join us this Sunday for some lessons in mountain climbing!

Let's be the Church,
Pastor Elise

Happy Valentines Day From Caring Ministries

I hope when you hear this phrase you think of love and happiness. I remember as a child and with my kids how much fun elementary school valentines parties were. We would decorate a shoebox and put a slit in the top to receive valentines from all our classmates. Thinking back what a wonderful gift to choose a valentine for each classmate and celebrate together.

Sharing with you 5 facts about Valentines Day.

1. It is the second largest card holiday following Christmas.
2. Cupid is a Roman god.
3. Chocolate boxes were a marketing invention in the 1860's by Richard Cadbury.
4. Conversation hearts started as medicine. They were lozenges for sore throats.
5. Proposals and pets are big business.

Of all the love sayings you find on cards, I think Paul says love best in his letter to the church in Corinth. The famous love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13. Paul defines love as patient, kind and enduring, emphasizing that is the most important Christian virtue. May our love shine to all this Valentines Day and everyday.

Nancy Mead, Caring Ministries

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Tery Bailey
 Bruce Barclay
 Christi Blunt
 Adam Burnett
 Missy Carroll
 Dianne Collins
 Sue Dock
 David Hills
 Debbie Foley
 Ken Foyder
 Shirley Hetfield
 Dick Lukey
 Sebastian Kurup
 Mike Melcher
 Gary & Lee Nelson
 Schaeffer Ott

Bonnie Parrish
 April Pinderski
 Gloria Pollack
 Mike Rush
 Amy Schaub
 Fred Seifert
 J.T. Thompson
 Kathy Trejo
 Brooke Trux
 David Sunblad Jr.
 Judy Vanderaue
 Gary Wank
 Dan Whitt

**SHUT-INS:**

Sharon Alsbro
 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:


- Prayers of strength, comfort and peace for Joan Shadle and family. Larry passed away peacefully at home Feb 12.
- Prayers of comfort, strength and peace for the Bueler Family on the passing of Jessica's brother John Thompson-following a long illness.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Pete Hanna who passed away.
- Prayers of safe travels to Don Rescoe as he travels to Florida to visit with his parents.
- Prayers for Jan Taylor who broke her hip and is at Caretel.
- Prayers for Kathy DeForest's son-in-law Dan Whitt for his cancer and up coming Pet Scan and a new treatments.
- Prayers for the McInerney family as Kirk, the husband/father, transitions to heaven.
- Prayers for Chris Stolk and his upcoming medical treatments.
- Prayers of healing for Jack Harris who fell and broke his hip.
- Prayers of healing for Sandy Hayes's brother Ken who fell on the ice and injured his head and hip.
- Prayers of comfort and peace to Leanne Nitz and family on the passing of Leanne's mom.
- Prayers of healing for Pastor Gordie Barry as he recovers from pneumonia.
- Prayers for Pastor Elise's Granddad Bill Rodgers who is recovering from a broken hip .
- Prayers of lament in the loss of life, the separation of families, and for fear.
- Prayers for Ralph Stocking's granddaughter, Prissy Bau who's breast cancer has returned.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for all those accepting serious health diagnoses, anticipating/recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for JT Thompson who is enduring treatments in both of his eyes for Macular Degeneration.
- Continued prayers for Lona's nephew Jason who has Crohn's disease.
- Prayers of peace for our world.
- Prayers for Amanda Feigley who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She is 30 years old.

Faith Formation for February


As a new month begins, we gather with open hearts and expectant spirits. Faith Formation invites us to pause, reflect, and grow—together. Whether through study, conversation, journaling, or prayer, each gathering offers a chance to deepen our connection with God, discover fresh purpose, and share the journey with one another. Come explore, question, and be nourished by practices that awaken the soul and strengthen community.

 **Men's Group:** Eternity is now in session 🕒 Sundays at 9:00 AM • Room 1, Faith Hall


A Radical Rediscovery of What Jesus Really Taught about Salvation, Eternity, and Getting to the Good Place. John Ortberg dispels the myth that eternal life is something way out in outer space that we can only hope to experience after we die—and that being saved is merely about meeting the minimal entrance requirements for getting into heaven.

 **Scripture of the Week** – with Pastor Elise Low Edwardson 🕒 Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • Location TBD

Ever wish you had more time to reflect on Sunday's message before it's preached? This gathering offers just that. Pastor Elise gently unpacks the week's scripture, offering context, insight, and space for conversation. It's a chance to engage with the Word ahead of time—so it can settle in your heart before it's proclaimed from the pulpit.

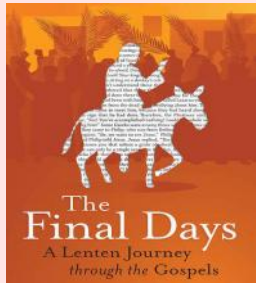
 **Pub Theology** 🕒 Tuesdays at 7:00 PM • The Watermark

Pull up a chair and join the conversation. Each week we dive into moral, ethical, theological, and philosophical topics in a relaxed, open setting. Bring your thoughts, your doubts, and your curiosity—no question is too big or too small.

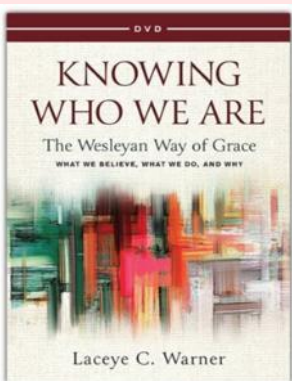
 **Covenant Journaling** – 🕒 Thursdays at 11:30 AM • Lounge

Enter a sacred space of quiet reflection. With gentle, meditative music surrounding us, we journal our prayers, thoughts, and spiritual insights—whether through Bible journaling, faith journaling, or prayer journaling. We close with shared prayer practices that refresh the spirit and nourish the soul.

LENTEN STUDIES



Thursdays during Lent, we will discuss the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love found in Gospel accounts of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. The book "The Final Days" by Matt Rawle compares the writings in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning. Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. Join us at 6:30pm on Thursdays during Lent - February 19 through March 26. Facilitators: Mike & Nancy Farrington



This class will be offered as a Lenten study. The class will be on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in the Gathering Area beginning February 18. The study will be co-facilitated by Kathy Sankey and Lona Vogie. Books will be available soon and a sign up sheet is available in the hall way outside the Sanctuary. It is a six week study. In this book, Lacey C. Warner invites you to a richer understanding of Wesleyan Christianity so you can have a clear sense of identity, better express your own beliefs, and deepen your connection with The United Methodist Church. She introduces you to important values and characteristics that make the Wesleyan way distinctive, including emphasizing God's grace for all and sanctification as tangible transformation in your life, your community, and all creation.

--Soup & Song will begin Wednesday, February 25 at 6:15pm

SIGN UP FOR

Altar Flowers Sign-Up For 2026

Altar Flowers are silk arrangements done By Robin Weingart. Cost is \$30.00 and goes towards missions.

Sign-up on the clip Board in the hallway.

If you are not able

To get to church to

Sign-up please call

The church office at

429-5911. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Knitting Group would like to welcome **ALL TYPES OF CRAFTERS** to join on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month. What's your craft?

Knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, quilting, scrapbooking? Come and join the group of crafters to work on your favorite craft and projects. The next gatherings will be Thursday, February 5 2026 at 2:00pm and February 19 at 2:00pm.



Hospitality Ministry Please consider signing up to help set-up, clean-up or make cookies for our Sunday Morning Hospitality. If you have questions please see Sandy Hayes or Lona Vogie. Sign-ups are at the Hospitality table. Thank you!



FEBRUARY 1

Louise Boelcke

FEBRUARY 4

Judy Miller

FEBRUARY 5

Farai Rukunda

FEBRUARY 7

Gordie Barry

Owen Wade

FEBRUARY 9

Sandy Krieg

Tom Russell

February Birthdays

FEBRUARY 10

Ralph Stocking

FEBRUARY 13

Tom Mitchell

FEBRUARY 14

Richard Stauffer

FEBRUARY 15

Darl Williams

FEBRUARY 16

Jan Bickers

Char Marko

FEBRUARY 21

Elise Low Edwardson

FEBRUARY 22

Michael Logan

FEBRUARY 23

Eric Elleson

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18 | 7PM



Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Coordinator serves as a member of the church staff and will direct/ manage all Educational/Formational Ministries of SUMC, 25-30 hours per week. Interested candidates should send a resume to Rev. Elise Low Edwarson,

reveliselowedwarson@gmail.com



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

FEB 16-FEB 22, 2026

Monday, February 16

8:30am Soup Kitchen Lunches

7:00pm Harmony Ringers

Tuesday, February 17

2:00pm Scripture of the Week

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, February 18

10:00am Staff Meeting

1:00pm Knowing Who We Are Study

4:00pm Mobile Food Pantry

5:30pm BASIC Rehearsal

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

11:30am Covenant Journaling

1:00pm Old Chimers

2:00pm Crafting Group

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

6:30pm Final Days Study

Saturday, February 21

Middle School Dance

Sunday, February 22

9:00am Men's Group

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

11:15am Grace Notes Rehearsal



SUMC 101 - Sunday, February 15th, 11:15-1 pm
If you're interested in becoming a member of SUMC, learning more about this congregation, or just are interested in what it means to be a United Methodist, join us for SUMC 101 on Sunday, February 15th. We will share lunch, learning, and a chance to connect more with one another. Sign up in the Gathering Space!

A Warm Welcome and a Vision for Growth

At Stevensville UMC, we believe that offering our very best in the work of Jesus Christ begins the moment someone walks through our doors. First impressions matter—studies remind us that “the first seven minutes a new person spends in a church often determines whether they will return.”

We've already seen new faces choosing to worship with us, and that is a blessing worth celebrating. Thank you for the role you've played in making Stevensville UMC a place of welcome and belonging. Our prayer is to continue seeing more new faces and to grow together as a church family.

Following our July meeting, we formed a Task Force—a small, focused group—to explore what strengthens our church's first impression. At our first gathering in September, we prayed for God's guidance and discerned three key priorities:

A new Welcome Center to greet and connect with visitors

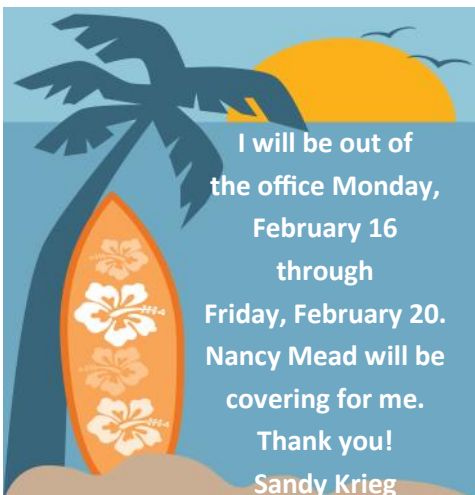
New signage inside and outside the church to guide and invite

An Alternate Worship Service to reach more people in meaningful ways

We identified other areas for growth as well, but these are goals we believe we can accomplish with prayer, consistency, and intentional effort. Of course, this journey will also require time and financial support.

As we move forward, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can be part of this vision. Together, with God's leading, we can continue to make Stevensville UMC a place where every person feels welcomed, valued, and drawn closer to Christ.

Your First Impressions Team, Pastor Patti Harpole, Rachel Wade, Rev. Elise Lowe Edwardson, Bob Hendley, Bette Mallen, Don Rescoe, Kathy Sankey, Joni Dubert, Michael Crawford.



FEBRUARY 2026 MISSION FOCUS – GARDENS OF HOPE

There is a saying “Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.” It makes sense, doesn’t it? But what if the pond is not healthy? What if there is no pond? Then it becomes necessary to address the fundamentals of the situation at hand. To make a change, we can plant “gardens and fields of hope” so families can feed themselves for a lifetime. In 2025, our annual conference made a commitment to transform communities in Haiti by Planting Seeds of Hope through the Gardens of Hope Project. The campaign intends to make a significant change in the lives of Haitian families through sustainable agriculture, education and healthcare

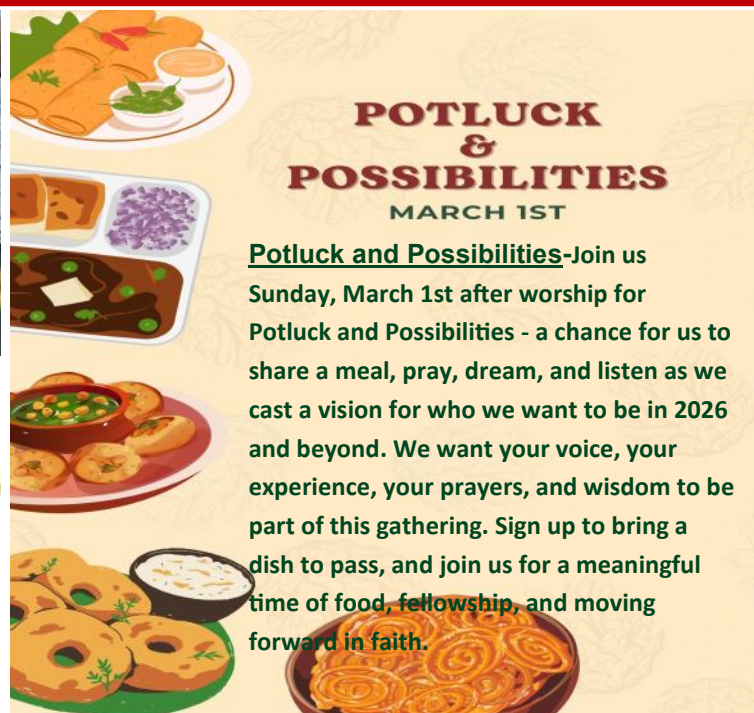
initiatives. A goal of \$200,000 was set to support these initiatives. This campaign will succeed if every United Methodist Church in Michigan can contribute at least \$350.00. These funds will help empower local farmers to grow crops to feed families, education children and enhance access to healthcare. Together we can build a brighter future for Haitian families, fostering resilience and sustainable growth. Even in the hardest soils, hope can grow! We can plant seeds of hope in Haiti. Please consider generously giving to support Gardens of Hope!



Available now for you to
pick up

In the Gathering Area.

Lenten
DEVOTIONALS



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