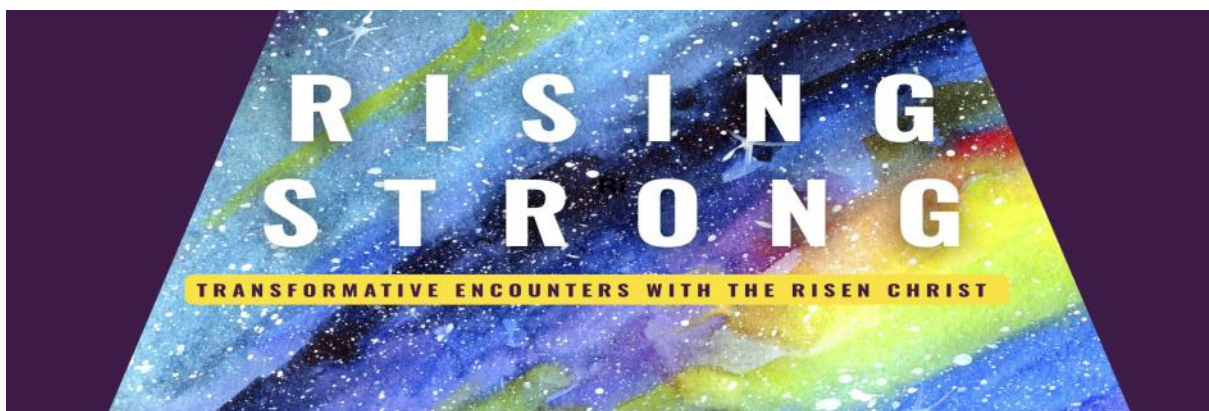


# STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

or click on the link on our website:

[www.stevensville-umc.org](http://www.stevensville-umc.org)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn: #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Monique Yoder

Message: "Rising From Doubt"

Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "All Things Through Christ"

Senior Choir

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology #94

Holy Communion

Hymns: #364 "Because He Lives"

#354 "I Surrender All"

\*Closing Hymn: #140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Blessing

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Mobile Food Pantry Update**-Thank you to the 24 volunteers who came out to help with the mobile food pantry this week. We served: 68 households; 144 individuals; 22 children; 66 seniors and 9 veterans. The next pantry will be here Wednesday, May 20.

**Middle School Dance**-Friday, April 17th, 7:00pm.

**Pie In The Face Mission Trip Fundraiser**-See page 2 of today's update.

**Rummage Sale Week**-See page 4 of today's update for dates and times for rummage drop off and also the sign-up sheets in the hallway for volunteering.

**SUMCC DAY CARE**-will be closed Friday, April 24.

***Serving in Worship Sunday, April 19***

*Kellie Meyer, Pianist*

*Rose Westmaas, Lector*

*Bob & Barb Clark, Ushers*

*Lynne Willadsen, Greeter*

*Brooklynn Stolk, Acolyte*

*Kathy Harris, Bette Mallen, Allyson Rigler,*

*Nancy Farrington, Communion Helpers*

*Mindi Logan, Congregational Safety*

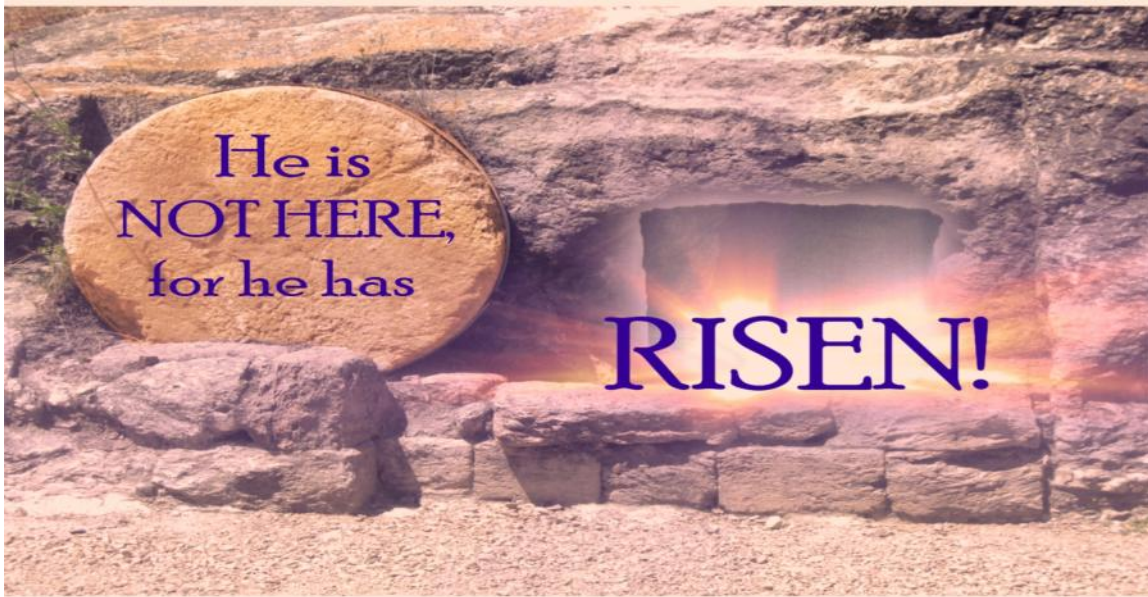
***Altar Flowers Given by Mike and Mindi Logan  
Welcome Home Max and Happy 25th Birthday.***

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*He is risen! He is risen indeed!*

This is the refrain of the Easter, the good news echoing through our hearts and our world. The grave could not hold Jesus – he has risen from the dead! It is a joyous thing to arrive at this good news after the 40 days of Lent. Thankfully, we get a whole 50 day Easter season to celebrate the resurrection. Join us this Sunday as we kick off our series “Rising Strong,” as we explore transformative encounters with the risen Christ in Scripture and discover how we, too, are invited to rise up to new life.

Let's be the Church,  
Pastor Elise



**Zimbabwe Mission Team**

**Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser**

The team member with the most donations will get pied on Sunday, May 3! If the total is more than \$1000, the whole team gets pied! Vote with your dollars and let the pie fly!

Elise, Mike, Stan, Joni, Tendi, Farai, David, Ken

**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Tery Bailey  
Bruce Barclay  
Gordie Barry  
Christi Blunt  
Adam Burnett  
Missy Carroll  
Dianne Collins  
Sue Dock  
Jerry Farrington  
Dianna Hartman  
David Hills  
Jason Kik  
Debbie Foley  
Ken Foyder  
Patrick Fowler  
Shirley Hetfield

Dick Lukey  
Sebastian Kurup  
Mike Melcher  
Gary & Lee Nelson  
Schaeffer Ott  
Bonnie & Tom Parrish  
Gloria Pollack  
Mike Rush  
Amy Schaub  
Fred Seifert  
Jan Taylor  
J.T. Thompson  
Kathy Trejo  
Brooke Trux  
David Sunblad Jr.  
Judy Vanderaue  
Gary Wank

Dan Whitt

**SHUT-INS:**

Carol Momany  
Grace Park  
Sally Streick  
Carol Svorec

**MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD:**

Caleb Dormah-Liberia

**IN ACTIVE SERVICE:**

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



**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Prayers for Jack Hardy who is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
- Prayers for Jessica Buehler who is having knee replacement surgery on April 21
- Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Sharon Alsbro who passed away March 28.
- Prayers for peaceful transformation for Myra's brother in law who has stage 4 cancer of the liver, lungs and colon.
- Prayers of healing for Chris Stolk who is recovering from surgery to remove colon cancer. Also prayers for his sister Amber who has a mass in her colon.
- Prayers for all our men & women in the armed forces, especially for Lydia Sankey-Orsillo who is on a destroyer ship in the Mediterranean Sea. May they all be safe and appreciated in their mission.
- Prayers for de-escalation in the air strikes taking place in the Middle East. Prayers for open dialogue and humility.
- Prayers for Mick & Barb Pries son who is looking for a job in engineering that is a good fit for him.
- Prayers for Lisa Williams Uncle Norman who is having treatments for mouth cancer and her brother Mark Long for surgeries.
- 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 of peace for our world.
- Prayers for Amanda Feigley who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She is 30 years old.

**APRIL 1**

Kelly Hahaj-Mendus

**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**

Elliott Edwardson

**APRIL 13**

Robin Weingart

**APRIL 15**

Robert Hendley

**APRIL 16**

Katy Smith

**APRIL 17**

Lou Hendley

**APRIL 18**

Carrington Tubman

**APRIL 21**

Chris Stolk

**APRIL 22**

Sue Russell

**APRIL 23**

Mary Sundblad

**APRIL 26**

Ted Hollacher

**APRIL 29**

Perry Melcher

Brody Nelson

Sally Streick

**APRIL 30**

Max Logan

Savanna Stolk



**IMPORTANT RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION**

Our spring rummage sale will be **Friday April 24 from 9 am – 5 pm** and our \$5 bag sale on **Saturday April 25 from 9 am – noon.**

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

**Sunday April 19:** 11 am to 1 pm Enter through door number 6 in back of building. Place rummage in alcove or room 3.

**Monday April 20:** 6 pm to 8 pm Enter through door number 6 in back of building. Place rummage in alcove or room 3.

**Tuesday April 21:** 10 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm Enter through door number 8 (kitchen door) on the north side of building.

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 21 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!!

**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: Bette Mallen (429-8219), Leanne Nitz (429-8150 or 252-9407) or Mary Sundblad (429-6329 or 519-8498).

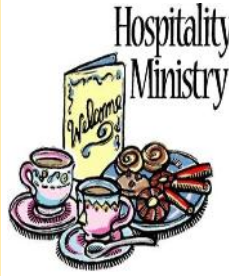




**Faith Formation**

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 Edwardson, [reveliselowedwarson@gmail.com](mailto:reveliselowedwarson@gmail.com)



**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!

**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**

**CARDIO DRUMMING**

**THURSDAY'S IN APRIL ON THE 2ND, 16TH, 30TH IN FAITH HALL AT 6:15PM**

**CARING MINISTRY**

Next Wednesday, April 22nd, we will celebrate Earth Day. It is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the theme of Our Power, Our Planet. The theme spotlights how local, everyday choices and actions shape our global environment. Think of daily actions to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle.

God created the earth and called it good. Scripture reminds us of our responsibility to care for the earth and the creatures who inhabit it. We are the caretakers of God's beautiful creation.

As the Artemis II astronauts saw planet earth from afar it reminded them "we're all one people". They highlighted a sense of shared humanity and responsibility.

**Psalm 24:1**

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too.


What a gift we were given to cherish and protect future generations. Thank you God for making us a part of your plan.

Nancy Mead, Caring Ministries


*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*

## Faith Formation-April


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:** 🕒 Sundays at 9:00 AM • Room 1, Faith Hall -


**NEW STUDY WILL BEGIN APRIL 12, "CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS" BY ADAM HAMILTON. THE STUDY WILL RUN FOR 6 WEEKS.**

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

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

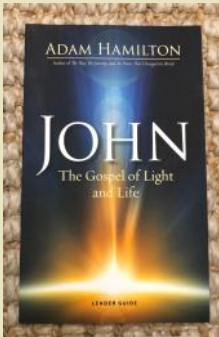
Pull up a chair and join the conversation. Each week we dive into moral, ethical, theological, and philosophical topics in a relaxed, open setting. Bring your thoughts, your doubts, and your curiosity—no question is too big or too small.

 **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.

### **A NEW STUDY John The Gospel of Light and Life By Adam Hamilton**

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." This study will begin Wednesday April 8 at 1 PM in the Gathering Area. The study is being facilitated by Lona Vogie and Kathy Sankey. It is a six week study. Please join us for good discussion and fellowship. You are welcome to participate even if you may have to miss a class or two along the way. If you're not into reading the video is often enough to be able to join in the discussion.



#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Trustees team will be hosting a church spring clean up on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 am - Noon. There will be things to do inside and outside the church. We hope everyone will plan to attend, even if you can only give an hour or two!



**WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC**

**April 20-April 26**

**Monday, April 20**

8:30am Packing Soup Kitchen Lunches  
Rummage Sale Set-Up  
6:00pm Scout Troop Mtg

**Tuesday, April 21**

Rummage Sale Set-Up  
10:00am Generosity Mtg  
2:00pm Scripture of the Week  
5:30pm Harmony Ringers  
7:00pm Pub Theology

**Wednesday, April 22**

Rummage Sale Set-Up  
10:00am Staff Mtg  
1:00pm Study/John  
5:30pm BASIC Rehearsal  
7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 23**

Rummage Sale Set-Up  
11:30am Covenant Journaling  
1:00pm Old Chimers  
2:00pm Lancer Lunches  
6:15pm Cardio Drumming

**Friday, April 24**

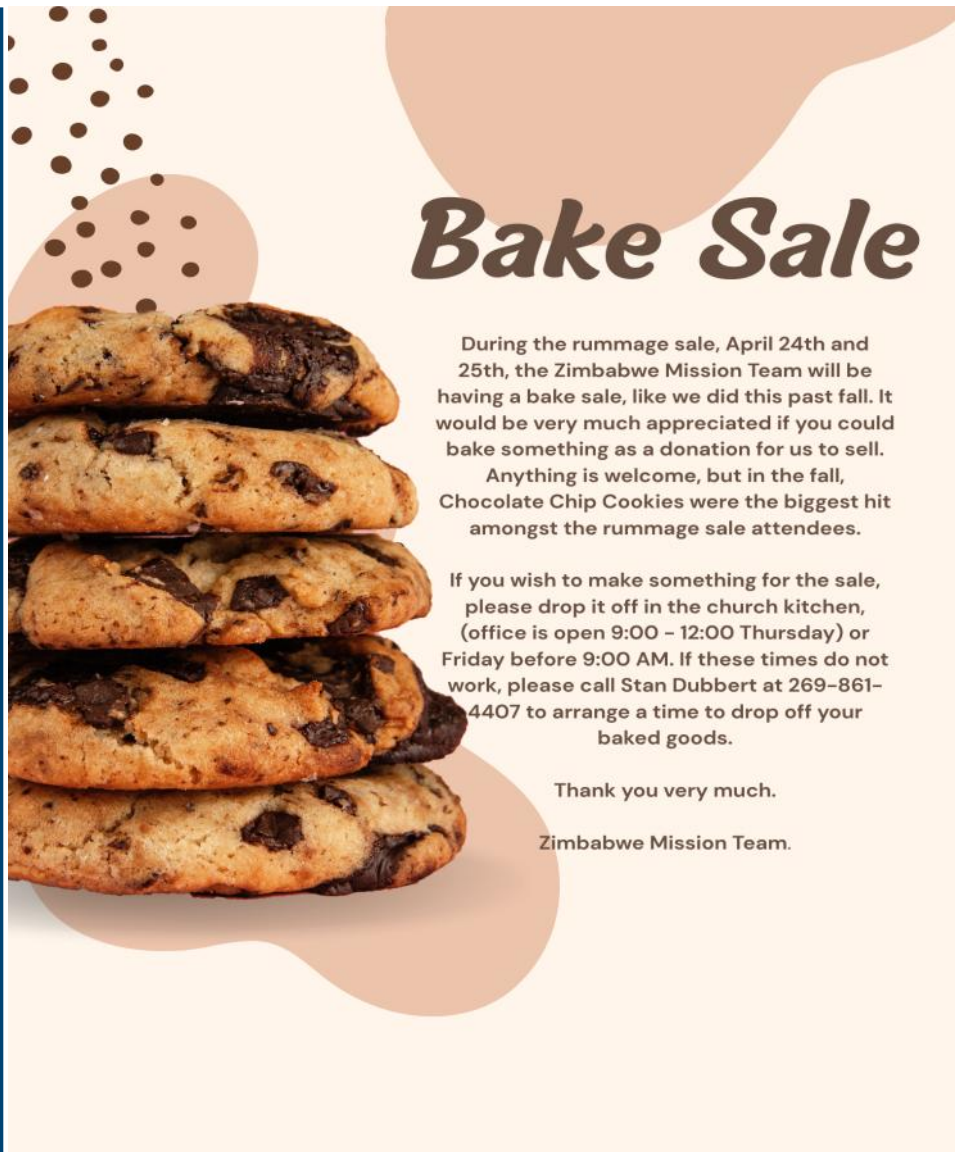
9:00am Rummage Sale  
SUMCC DAY CARE CLOSED

**Saturday, April 25**

9:00am Rummage \$5 Bag Sale

**Sunday, April 26**

9:00am Men's Study  
10:00am Worship  
10:15am Sunday School  
11:15am Grace Notes  
2:30pm Eagle Scout Ceremony



# Bake Sale

During the rummage sale, April 24th and 25th, the Zimbabwe Mission Team will be having a bake sale, like we did this past fall. It would be very much appreciated if you could bake something as a donation for us to sell.

Anything is welcome, but in the fall, Chocolate Chip Cookies were the biggest hit amongst the rummage sale attendees.

If you wish to make something for the sale, please drop it off in the church kitchen, (office is open 9:00 - 12:00 Thursday) or Friday before 9:00 AM. If these times do not work, please call Stan Dubbert at 269-861-4407 to arrange a time to drop off your baked goods.

Thank you very much.

Zimbabwe Mission Team.



**Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the cards, food,  
visits and loving care during Larry's long  
illness and passing. I love and appreciate  
all of you.**

**Joan Shadle**

## **APRIL MISSION FOCUS**

The Good News Is.... United Methodists have always been amazing at recognizing the needs in the world around them, making plans to address those needs and then putting the plans into action. Each year, during the Michigan Annual Conference, congregations are given the opportunity to support specific areas of ministry. This year, the traditional opening worship offering will support two long standing missions: Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI) and Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia.

Through HAPI, the families in Mizak have access to healthcare and job training. The Start Right program gives babies a healthy start in life. HAPI is working to reverse hypertension and heart disease so Haitians can live healthier, longer lives. Healthcare workers are being trained on how to take charge of healthcare programs within their communities.

Established in 2000, the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia provides education, health care and counseling for children orphaned by civil war. Originally established as an orphanage, today, most children spend their day in the village classrooms, receiving education and meals, returning to their own homes each evening. When you support this program, scholarships become available so children have the opportunity to attend school, receive healthcare, and meals.

In addition to supporting HAPI and Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village, 10% of the offering collected will support the Miracle Sunday Initiative. Each year, this initiative provides vital support for 500 clergy living outside of the U.S. through The Endowment for Theological Education. While more than 70% of clergy in the U.S. hold a theological degree, less than 5% of clergy outside of the U.S. have earned a theological degree. This portion of the offering will help close this gap by funding and sustaining theological education for emerging pastors in Africa, Europe and the Philippines.

Your generous donations will be presented by Pastor Elise during the Michigan Annual Conference in May. Thank you for your support of these vital programs.

***Mission Team Members – Monique Yoder (Chairperson), Wanda Barclay, Barb Clark, Kathleen Deforest, Pastor Elise, Dick Lukey, Kellie Meyer, Leanne Nitz, Nancy Poelker, Barb Pries, Kathy Sankey, Myra Thompson, Lona Vogie, Rachel Wade, and Robin Weingart***