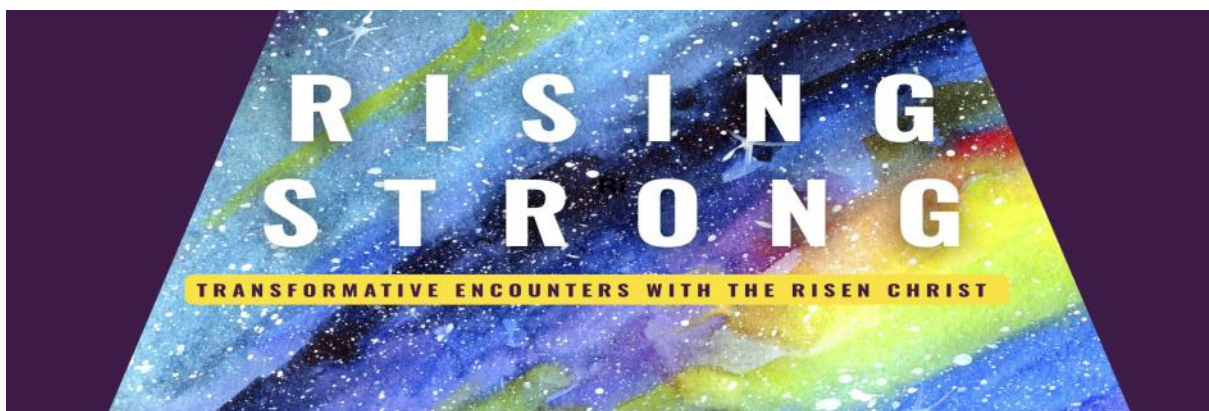


# STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## **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 Song: #2130 "The Summons"

Presentation of Sunday School Bibles

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20  
Sandy Krieg

Message: "Rising to the Call"  
Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "We Are"  
BASIC

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Doxology #94  
Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Song: "I Will Follow"

Blessing

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Mission Focus for May-Arnoldine Mission Trip-  
Zimbabwe, Africa***

### **Visioning Pot Luck-All-Church Potluck**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17th! After worship, we will come together in Faith Hall for good food, conversation, prayer, and listening as we continue the conversations we began at our "Potluck and Possibilities" event in February. Come be a part of discerning our vision for ministry and who God is calling us to be as Stevensville UMC. See page 2 of the update.

**Lawn Mowing**-Please see page 7 of today's update.

**VBS Sign-up**-Sign-up is now available for VBS. See page 5 of today's update. Share with family and friends.

**Clean Gallon Jug Donations**-See Page 5 of the update.

**Supply Collection for Immigrant Family**-See page 8.

**Sisters-In-Faith**-See page 5 for information on the tea party.

### ***Serving in Worship Sunday, May 10***

*Kellie Meyer, Pianist  
Sandy Krieg, Lector  
Tommie Weber & Lona Vogie, Ushers  
Diane Koebel, Greeter  
Juliet Vehslage, Acolyte  
Kathy Sankey, Congregational Safety*

***Altar Flowers Given by Melissa Rescoe  
In Loving Memory of Her Mom, Linda Burke***

## PASTOR'S NOTE

It took four years of living in Escanaba to stumble upon my favorite Upper Peninsula beach. When we moved to the UP to begin our ministry as United Methodist pastors, everyone in the community told us about the amenities of Ludington Park, stretching along a mile of Lake Michigan waterfront. We knew we needed to explore Pictured Rocks, and the iconic scenes along Lake Superior. But it wasn't until we'd been in Escanaba for four years that, in the thick of the pandemic, I finally got stir-crazy enough to follow some signs pointing towards a scenic point just outside of town. I'd never heard anyone talk about this area; I'd driven past the turn thousands of times. I drove down the narrow winding road and parked at the dead end. I made my way down a grassy trail, lined with cattails, birch trees, and wild raspberry bushes. I eventually discovered the most calm, beautiful piece of shoreline that quickly stole my heart. This public beach felt almost untouched. I was shocked that no one had told me about this place. Portage Point soon became the place my family spent every warm summer day. And we almost missed it entirely, because in order to find it, we had to go off the beaten path.

This week, we will hear yet another story of the risen Christ, and this time, he has a clear call for the disciples: go and make disciples. Go where you haven't been before. Go where others aren't going. Go not where you are comfortable, but where you are needed. Go, and discover that wherever you are, I am with you. I invite you to consider the unexpected places God is calling us to go as we continue our series "Rising Strong: Transformative Encounters with the Risen Christ."

With hope and joy,  
*Pastor Elise*



## ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK SUNDAY MAY 17 AT 11:15AM

- ♥ **hear the results of our recent survey**
- ♥ **begin to cast that vision for the future**
- ♥ **enjoy food and fellowship**



Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17th! After worship, we will come together in Faith Hall for good food, conversation, prayer, and listening as we continue the conversations we began at our "Potluck and Possibilities" event in February. Come be a part of discerning our vision for ministry and who God is calling us to be as Stevensville UMC.

Sign-up sheet to bring a dish is available on the hallway table.

**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Tery Bailey  
Bruce Barclay  
Gordie Barry  
Christi Blunt  
Adam Burnett  
Missy Carroll  
Dianne Collins  
Sue Dock  
Jack Hardy  
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-Osillo-USS  
Bulkeley DDG 84-Rota Spain



**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Prayers of comfort and peace for the Farrington family as Mike's dad Jerry passed away on May 4.
- Prayers of safe travel for Monique who is on a two week research data collection in South Dakota.
- Prayers of healing for Jessica Buehler who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- 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 is also recovering from colon cancer surgery.
- Prayers for all our men & women in the armed forces, especially for Lydia Sankey-Osillo 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 for her mother in law Frieda who has cancer.
- 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.

**PRAYER JOYS:**

Happy 62nd Anniversary to Norm and Shirley Hetfield.

# May Birthday's

## MAY 1

Taurai Rukunda

## MAY 2

Jack Hardy

## MAY 8

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

Jan Koebel

## MAY 22

Dave Topping

## MAY 23

Doug Weingart

## MAY 24

Davison Brown

Sandy Hayes

Robert Vandermolen

## MAY 27

Jeffrey Sankey

## MAY 28

Eric Dubbert

## MAY 30

Mary Slavicek

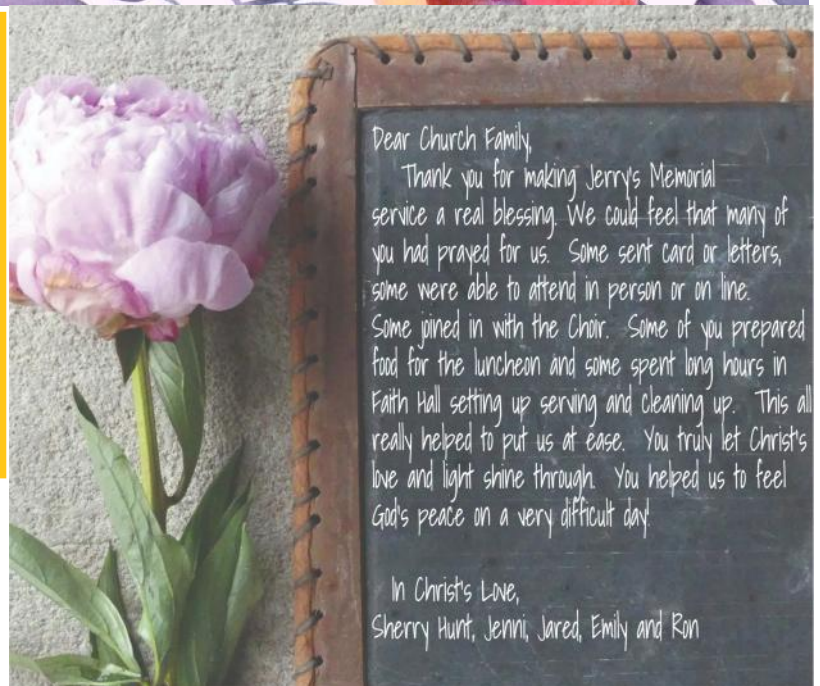
## MAY 31

Dick Shaffer

Jamesy Thompson



**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!





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)



Please join Sisters-in-Faith for a tea party on May 11th at 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the hallway.

Hope to see you there.

Kathy Harris

## 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 MAY ON THE 7TH, 21ST, AND 28TH IN FAITH HALL AT 6:15PM

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK WITH KATHY SANKEY SUNDAY, MAY 10TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE



Gallon Jugs Needed!-We are collecting gallon size jugs for VBS! These jugs will be transformed into an igloo for our winter-themed week of adventure. Please bring clean gallon-size jugs to the collection box in the gathering space.

**Clean Gallon Jug Donations for our VBS igloo!**

Cokesbury Kids

# SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

**June 22-26 ❄️ 9am - 11:30am**

Stevensville United Methodist Church  
5506 Ridge Rd, Stevensville  
269-429-5911  
[www.stevensville-umc.org](http://www.stevensville-umc.org)

**KINDERGARTEN - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Register Here!

A decorative border of pink roses and green leaves surrounds the text.

*Happy*

## **Mother's Day**

Honor your mother. Exodus 20:12. There are many notable and memorable Mothers. Below are just a few:

1. Mary, Mother of Jesus
2. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.
3. Carol Brady, Mother of "The Brady Bunch."
4. Sarabi, Mother of Simba in "The Lion King."
5. Savannah Guthrie, Mother of Vale & Charley.
6. Michelle Obama, Mother of Malia & Sasha.

What do these Mothers have in common? They love, care for, support, teach life lessons, give them wings to fly, and so much more. Please honor and respect mothers everyday.

*Sharon Foxworthy, Caring Ministry*

Who was the most business-savvy woman in the Bible?  
-Pharaoh's daughter, who went down to the bank and pulled out a prophet!

*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*

### **The Spring Rummage Sale was a Huge Success!!**

In church it was announced we had raised over \$5200, but after some additional sales, the amount is actually over \$6,000!! This is the largest sale we have had! Thank you to everyone who donated items, who donated time helping sort and work the sale, and who helped pack up the items and clean Faith Hall at the end of the sale. Without all of your help this would not have been possible!!

Proceeds from the sale will be going to help buy the food we prepare for the BH soup kitchen each month, for kitchen expenses for running our SUMC kitchen, and to help replace our aging stove (30+ years) in the kitchen. Besides these things, we were also able to donate items to several local non-profits, including:

Harbor Country Mission in Bridgman  
Renewed and Restored / Well of Grace Ministries  
Shoes for Haiti  
God's Hands for Kids  
SUMC Children's Center  
Emergency Shelter Services  
First Tee




Thank you for helping to support this important mission of our church!

Mary Sundblad, Bette Mallen, and Leanne Nitz


Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

## Faith Formation-MAY


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

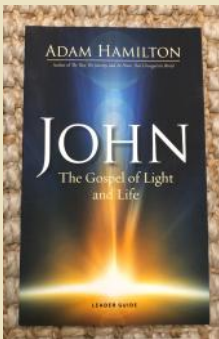
Pull up a chair and join the conversation. Each week we dive into moral, ethical, theological, and philosophical topics in a relaxed, open setting. Bring your thoughts, your doubts, and your curiosity—no question is too big or too small.

 **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.

### 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.



The Knitting Group would like to welcome **ALL TYPES OF CRAFTERS** to join on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays 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, May 7, 2026 at 2:00pm and May 21 at 2:00pm. We will take a break for the summer .After May and resume again in the fall. Thank you.



### LAWN MOWING SIGN-UP

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP MOW THE CHURCH'S LAWN. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE GATHERING SPACE ALONG WITH AN INSTRUCTION SHEET. THANK YOU!**  
***THE TRUSTEE TEAM***



**WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC**

**MAY 11-MAY 17**

**Monday, May 11**

4:30pm Faith Formation

6:00pm Trustees Mtg

6:00pm Sisters-in-Faith Tea Party

6:00pm Scout Troop Mtg

**Tuesday, May 12**

10:00am Card Ministry

2:00pm Scripture of the Week

4:00pm Card Class

6:30pm Scout Mtg

7:00pm Harmony Ringers

7:00pm Pub Theology

**Wednesday, May 13**

10:00am Staff Mtg

1:00pm Study/John

7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 14**

11:30am Covenant Journaling

1:00pm Old Chimers

3:00pm Lancer Lunches

5:45pm Berrien County Quilters

**Saturday, May 16**

10:00am Shadle Visitation

11:00am Shadle Funeral Service

**Sunday, May 17**

9:00am Men's Study

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

11:15am Visioning Pot-Luck

11:15am Grace Notes

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILY

SUMC Missions Team is organizing a food and household goods collection for a local family whose breadwinner has been deported back to their home country. The remaining family members are in need of food assistance and a few household goods. The aim of the drive is to source non-perishable food items that the family of seven typically need and use.

These items include:

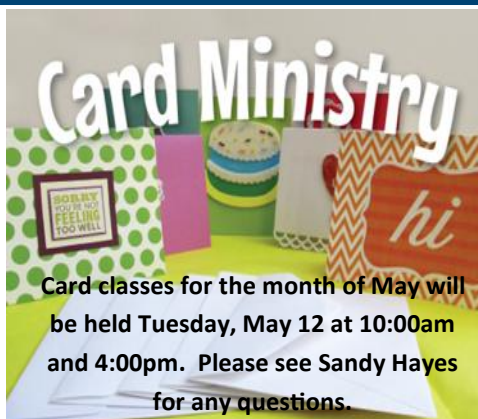
- Canned or dried pinto beans
- White long-grain rice
- Canned sweet corn
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Canned crushed tomatoes
- Canned tomato sauce
- Canned fruit
- Fresh fruit that doesn't spoil easily
- Bottled water -- packs of 16.9 fl. oz. or gallon-size jugs
- Similac Soy Isomil baby formula (pink label)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Clorox cleaning wipes
- Pampers #5 diapers

These items will be collected on Sundays in May (May 3, May 10, May 17). We will then deliver items to the family the week following the last collection date.

**THANK YOU**  
**-THE MISSIONS TEAM**

### Greeting Card News!

We have been so blessed to have about 10 people coming each month to make the greeting cards that are being sent to our congregation members. With that many making cards, we find that we are making more than we need to send. So, I have asked, and been given permission from Caring Ministries, to set up a display where you can purchase greeting cards for your personal use. They will be \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 which is much less expensive than purchasing them at Meijers or Walgreens. Also, if you would like a card for an extra special person or occasion, please let Sandy Hayes know and we will try to honor your request. As we get further into this activity there will be more subjects to choose from, but we need to start somewhere. The money generated from this activity will go toward helping to pay for the cost of the materials that we use for making the cards. If you have any questions, please talk to Sandy Hayes.



Card classes for the month of May will be held Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00am and 4:00pm. Please see Sandy Hayes for any questions.

## **MAY MISSION FOCUS**

### **Arnoldine Mission Trip-Zimbabwe, Africa**

Thank you to the SUMC Mission Team for sponsoring the Arnoldine Mission Trip during the month of May. On July 16th, nine members of SUMC will be traveling to Zimbabwe, Africa to do work with our Living Beyond Hope partner Arnoldine School. During this trip we will help install a WiFi system and solar panels, do school maintenance and help finish apartments for traveling medical care workers. Another objective we have is to create connections and relationships that will continue to foster the relationship between SUMC and the Arnoldine Mission. In preparation for the trip, we are getting our vaccines updated, learning the very basics of their native Shona language as well as cultural customs that we need to be aware of. To establish and build relationships prior to arrival, we all have 'electronic pen pals' where we are communicating via What's App. This will allow us to hit the ground running and be as productive as possible upon arrival. We want to thank you all for your support through prayers, encouraging words and the various fund raisers that we've been doing the past few months. After we return, we will give a presentation to the congregation summarizing our experiences and accomplishments. Members that are attending are: Farai, Tendi & Tafadzwa Rukunda, Stan & Joni Dubbert, Ken Green, Mike Farrington, Pastor Elise and David Stroud. We also want to recognize our project manager Mindy Logan who is keeping everyone organized and on track.

***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***