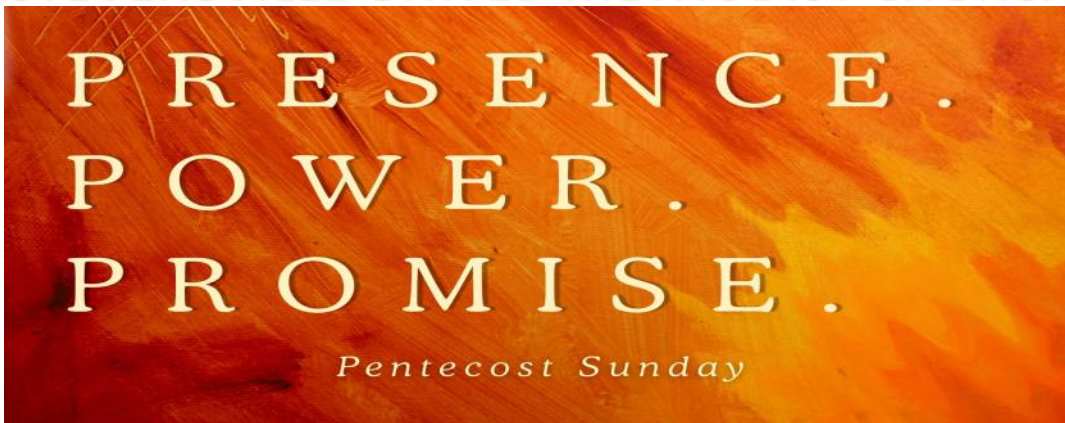


STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

or click on the link on our website:

www.stevensville-umc.org

May 24, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Spirit of the Living God"
Old Chimers

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Lona Vogie

Message: "Presence, Promise, Power"
Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Recognition of Graduates
Shawn Wade Suezin Schneider

Musical Praise: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Grace Notes

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering: "I'm Going to Sing"
Grace Notes

Doxology #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song: #2117 "Spirit of God"

Blessing/Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mobile Food Pantry Update-Thank you to everyone who came out to support and help volunteer for our mobile food pantry. We served: 83 Households, 201 Individuals, 44 children, 78 seniors and 14 veterans. Our next pantry will be here Wednesday, June 17.

Action Sunday, May 31-See page 7 for details!

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.

Serving in Worship Sunday, May 24

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Lona Vogie, Lector

Monique Yoder & Rachel Wade, Ushers

Bette Mallen, Greeter

Jamesy & Lorna Thompson, Acolytes

Sandy Hayes, Congregational Safety

Altar Flowers Given by Kathy Sankey

Happy Birthday to Jeff on May 27th





Being a parent has brought a whole new dimension to birthday celebrations. While I'm guilty of sometimes feeling a little less than excited about my own birthday as an adult, my children experience birthdays with pure elation. They dream for months of what kind of cake they want, what theme or activity they want to have, and how they want to celebrate. Their dreams are often fairly simple – a number balloon, a cake with whipped cream frosting, a day at the park with friends. Their joy when the celebration comes to life is priceless. The most meaningful celebrations are often not the fanciest; they are the ones where we feel truly seen, known, and loved. That is where the power lies.

This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the Church. It is the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out and the community of believers came alive in a whole new way. It is a day when we celebrate the promises that God fulfills, the presence of God in our midst, and the Spirit's power at work in and through us. This Sunday, we will celebrate the ways that the Spirit shows up in new beginnings as we celebrate our graduates, and as we invite God's continued work in our lives and our world. Indeed, God gives us the Holy Spirit because we are seen, known, and loved.

With hope,
Pastor Elise

***P.S.
Wear red this Sunday to celebrate!***

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 for Barb Pries's sister Joanne who is struggling with recovery from a fall.
- Prayers for Tommie Weber's daughter's mother-in-law who is in ICU after cancer surgery and in a lot of pain.
- Prayers for the family of Jan Sonneman who passed away on May 8th.
- Prayers for Lisa Williams' Mother-In-Law Frida who has 3 treatments done. Cancer throughout her body. Also prayers for her Uncle Norman who is halfway through treatments for esophageal cancer and in severe pain.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for the Farrington family as Mike's dad Jerry passed away on May 4.
- 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 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.

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



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

CARDIO DRUMMING

THURSDAY'S IN MAY ON THE 7TH, 21ST, AND 28TH IN FAITH HALL 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



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!

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. We could also use a few 1/2 gallon size. Thank You!

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

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE


Register Here!

Faith Formation-JUNE

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.

 **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.

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Today is the beginning of Memorial Day Weekend, the “unofficial” start of summer. The weekend will be spent attending picnics, concerts, baseball and soccer games, doing yard work, having drinks with friends around the fire pit, shopping deals in many stores, graduation, and enjoying a four-day weekend without work. It is a time to relax and spend time with family and friends. Yet, I wonder if we truly consider the cost of this holiday?



Memorial Day, will be the most expensive holiday on the calendar. Every hot dog, every cheeseburger, every sail around the lake, each drink with friends and family...is a debt...purchased by others. This is not about all who have served in the military...that day comes in the fall. This one is in honor of those who paid in life and blood; whose mothers never saw them again, whose dads wept in private, whose wives or husbands raised children alone, and whose children only remembered them from pictures. For many, this isn't simply a day off. This is a day to remember that others paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, for every free breath you ever get to take, every opinion you wish to share, every dream you wish to pursue. Many gave their lives for our Freedom. It doesn't mean we are agreeing with war, but we should take the time to recognize those who are willing to protect us.

John 15:13 tells us, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends.” Memorial Day reminds me of the sacrifice Jesus was willing to make on my behalf. He willingly laid down his life so that we would have a relationship with God, so that we would have eternal life, so that we would have a room prepared for us in heaven. Because of God's incredible love for us, we find redemption. 1 John 4:9-10 says, “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

On this Memorial Day weekend as we celebrate with family and friends, may we remember the purpose of this day. May we be grateful to the countless men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we could know peace. May we remember this nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. Happy Memorial Day!

Your Lay Servant,
Kathy Sankey



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

MAY 25-31

Monday, May 25

SUMCC/SUMC OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

1:00pm Caring Ministry
6:30pm Ad-Council Mtg
7:00pm Harmony Ringers
7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, May 27

10:00am Staff Mtg
7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28

11:00am Lancer Lunches
11:30am Covenant Journaling
6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Saturday, May 30

Faith Hall Carpet Cleaning

Sunday, May 31

10:00am Worship
Action Sunday



Action Sunday will be Sunday, May 31st after a shorter worship service. The following activities are available for you to sign-up. Please see the clipboards this Sunday. Help put our faith into action, in/for our community.

1. **MAKE SLOPPY JOES FOR THE FAIR**-Sandy Krieg lead. Meet in the kitchen.
2. **PACK UP DONATED ITEMS FOR DELIVERY TO IMMIGRANT FAMILY**-Barb Pries lead. Meet in the hallway gathering space.
3. **SINGING AT CARETEL**- Kellie Meyer & Nancy Farrington leads.
4. **HELP BUILD IGLOO FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**- Men's Group, lead.

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.



Monday, June 1
11:00am
Dino's in St. Joe
Sign-up sheet
In the hallway.
All are welcome.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 5:00PM.
ENTER THROUGH DOOR #4.

widow's
group

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



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



BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR 2026! The fair dates this year are August 17th-21. Last year our profit was \$13,000 and we could not have done that without your Generous help of ingredients and monetary donations. We are going to kick off our collection items for the brookies. We need **40 boxes** of **FAMILY SIZE 13x9** chocolate brownie mix and **20 bags** of chocolate chip cookie mix, one that uses a stick of butter. There will be a table in the hallway for you to leave your ingredients and monetary donations. THANK YOU!

The proceeds for this year will be split between generosity and the parking lot repairs, Feeding America Food Truck and the Samaritan Center. We are excited to get things rolling for the 2026 BCYF.

Your 2026 Fair Team
Co-chairs: Rachel Wade, Joni Dubbert,
Sandy Krieg, Dick Lukey

