

STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE ARE THE CHURCH

*Rev. Patti Harpole, preaching
Action Sunday*

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

or click on the link on our website:

www.stevensville-umc.org

May 31, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: #2270 "He Has Made Me Glad"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Dick Lukey

Message: "We Are the Church"

Rev. Patti Harpole

Song of Response:

#420 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" (v. 1-2)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song: #558 "We are the Church" (v. 1,2,4)

Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Mission Focus for June-Cass Community
Social Services***

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

Action Sunday-This Sunday, May 31. List of activities are on page 7 of the update.

Brunch Bunch-Monday June 1st, 11:00am at Dino's.

Widow's Group-Monday, June 1st, 5:00pm.

Serving in Worship Sunday, May 31

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Dick Lukey, Lector

Jan Bickers & Dianna Hartman, Ushers

Leanne Nitz, Greeter

Lorna Thompson, Acolyte

James Thompson, Congregational Safety

Altar Flowers Given by Dick Stauffer

In Memory of My

Mother, Edna Stauffer

PASTOR'S NOTE



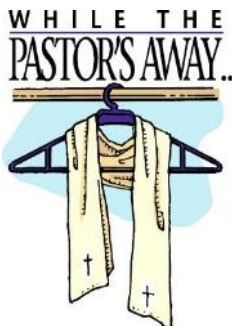
2026
Love Boldly
MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE • MAY 29-31

We Are the Church

By the time you read this, the [2026 Michigan Annual Conference](#) will be underway in Traverse City, Michigan. This annual gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state of Michigan is a meaningful time of worship, learning, decision-making, and fellowship. This year, Kathy Sankey and John and Elaine Graves are serving as our congregation's lay delegates, and you'll get to hear more of their perspective on the experience in the coming weeks. One of the most powerful aspects of annual conference for me each year is experiencing the expansiveness of the Church. When we come together, we feel less alone in our struggles and upheld by the love and prayers of others. When we come together, we get to learn from others whose stories are different from our own, and see the ways God is working that we had never before imagined. When we lift our hearts in worship, we also lift up one another, the Holy Spirit moving to give each one of us strength for the day and hope for tomorrow. What a gift it is to not do this journey of faith alone.

Annual Conference might be just once a year, but every Sunday we get to gather and remember that we're in this together. We don't have to face life's challenges alone. We get to break bread together, pray together, learn together, and be the hands and feet of Jesus together. We are the Church. Join us this Sunday as Pastor Patti brings a powerful message and as we do faith side by side.

With hope,
Pastor Elise



Pastor Elise will be out of the office at Annual Conference Thursday, 5/28 through Sunday 5/31, and will be on vacation June 8-16. While she is away, Pastor Patti will be available for pastoral emergencies and will be preaching on those Sundays. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 429-5911. Pastor Patti can be reached at 269-806-2814. Thank You.

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:

- Memorial Day is a time of remembrance. God Bless and protect our county.
- 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 30

Mary Slavicek

May 31

Dick Shaffer

Jamesy Thompson

June Birthdays

JUNE 7

Christine Margherone

JUNE 8

Betsy Glenn

JUNE 10

Lauren Arnt

Kathy Sankey

JUNE 12

Kaylee Thompson

JUNE 16

Dianna Hartman

JUNE 18

Mindi Logan

JUNE 19

Tafadzwa Rukunda

JUNE 22

Jazi Culbertson

Dennis Kniola

JUNE 23

Wanda Barclay

Kathleen DeForest

Joan Shadle

JUNE 24

Sarah Dubbert

JUNE 25

Jonathan Rennhack

JUNE 29

Michael Crawford

Cassandra Geary

JUNE 30

Norman Hetfield



Thank you for donating your grocery bags. We are taking a break collecting them over the summer so we can use up the huge supply that we have. Thank you for all of your support!!



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 JUNE ON THE 4TH, 18TH, AND 25TH 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!



THANK YOU!!

We have 536 gallon jugs and 15 half gallons!!! We are all set. Thank You congregation on behalf of the men's group for helping collect and thank you to the men's group for cleaning them all out. We are grateful for the support of SUMC. Thank you!



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.



FAIR BOOTH DONATIONS


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





WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

JUNE 1-JUNE 7

Monday, June 1

11:00am Brunch Bunch, Dino's

5:00pm Widow's Group

6:30pm Scout Court of Honor

Tuesday, June 2

3:00pm VBS Mtg

7:00pm Pub Theology

7:00pm Harmony Ringers

Wednesday, June 3

10:00am Staff Mtg

Thursday, June 4

11:30am Covenant Journaling

3:00pm Worship Mtg

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Sunday, June 7

10:00am Worship



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.

CARD MINISTRY
create cards for our church family

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH
AT 10:00AM & 4:00PM



Monday, June 1

11:00am

Dino's in St. Joe

Sign-up sheet

In the hallway.

All are welcome.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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



June Mission Focus

Cass Community Social Services

Fighting Poverty * Creating Opportunity * Building Community

Cass Community Social Services started as a part of Cass Community UMC in Detroit and was established as a nonprofit in 2002. It works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty. Through their many programs, they are able to feed, house, create jobs and train people, and provide free health care for people who have significant barriers to employment; such as: developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical restrictions, formerly incarcerated or homeless, and veterans.

"We meet people in need, where they are in life, by offering food, affordable housing, skill building and vocational training which promotes self-sufficiency on a sustainable pedestrian campus and as part of the larger community."

Some of their programs include:

Green Industries: This includes collecting recyclable items that would otherwise end up in landfills or vacant lots. Over 200,000 tires have been collected and then shredded and made into mud mats and key chains. Repurposed wood from demolished houses and glass scraps are made into beautiful coaster sets. All items made are good for the environment. They employ and train formerly homeless clients for the jobs. Jobs are also created by recycling materials like metal, paper, cardboard and X-rays. They sort and shred the materials, then sell them to recycling companies to help fund the program and employees.

Tiny Homes: To date 25 tiny homes have been built with more to come. The homes range from 225-466 sq ft and are rented by the year. At the end of 7 years, the person living in the home can purchase it for \$1/sq foot. Three people so far have signed deeds for their homes.

Kim's Center: A skill building program for developmentally disabled clients. Some of the skills taught include cooking and sewing. Items they make are then sold at the store.

Feeding the Homeless: Over 700,000 meals are prepared and served each year to people experiencing homelessness and/or living in poverty. The food served comes from community gardens and agencies such as Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest.

Housing:

Warming Center: Open to adults and children from Nov. 15 - March 31. During that time, it operates 24/7 and provides 3 meals a day.

Family Shelter: Open year-round to families with children and operates 24/7.

Rotating Shelter: Open for adults from November – April, local organizations host Cass clients for a week of overnights at a time. The hosting organization provides dinner, a clean place to sleep, breakfast, and a bagged lunch.

The Store: Items made at Cass Comm. Social Services are sold here. They include teas that are made by formerly homeless clients that are taught the skill of making the tea, as well as the mud mats and keychains made at Green Industries and items made by the clients at Kim's Center.

Cass Community Publishing House: Gives a voice to writers underrepresented by the five major publishing companies and publishes books highlighting religious and urban issues.

For more information on this wonderful mission, you can go to casscommunity.org and also check out the mission team's bulletin board in the concourse.

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.