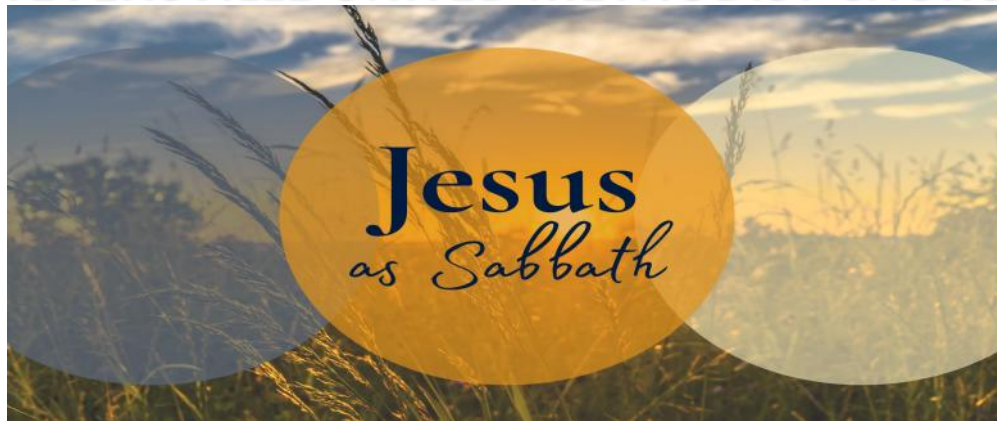


STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE

or click on the link on our website:

www.stevensville-umc.org

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: #2132 "You Who Are Thirsty"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-12:14

Kathy Sankey

Message: "Jesus As Sabbath"

Rev Elise Low Edwardson

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Holy Communion

#641 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

#629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Closing Song: #2146 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fair Sign-Ups Available-See page 8 of today's update.

Ice Cream Social-Sunday, June 28th after Worship.
See page 5. Mark your calendars.

Serving in Worship Sunday, June 21

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Kathy Sankey, Lector

Mike & Mindi Logan, Ushers

Lynn Willadsen, Greeter

Brooklynn Stolk, Acolyte

Bette Mallen, Kathy Sankey, Lona Vogie, Sandy Hayes

Communion Helpers

Sandy Hayes, Congregational Safety

***Altar Flowers Given by
Jeff & Longa Vogie In Honor of Their
45th Anniversary***

Recovering Rest

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."-St. Augustine



My husband Ryan and I just returned from a wonderful trip celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary. We had been dreaming of this trip for a long time – not only the places to see and the adventures to have, but also the uninterrupted sleep and chance to rest in a way we don't always get to as parents of small children. Once we arrived at our destination, it didn't take long for us to start making all kinds of plans for how we would spend each day. How many hikes could we fit into our time? How many places on our bucket list can we possibly see? What all can we do in the time that we have?

It was in these moments of feverish planning that I realized how easy it would be to miss the very rest we had longed for on this vacation. Every "yes" to one adventure was a "no" to something else. Every "no" made space to say "yes" to something different. Even our rest time can exhaust us if we're not careful.

This week, we're concluding our series on rest by exploring the gift God gives us in Jesus. God cares deeply about the flourishing of all creation, and invites us to trust deeply enough to rest and experience God's care. Join us this week as we conclude our series "Recovering Rest."

With grace and hope,
Pastor Elise

Exciting News from Pastor Elise and your Staff Parish Relations Committee!



We are excited to announce that Kellie Meyer has stepped into an expanded role of Music Director here at Stevensville UMC! Many of you already know Kellie well— she's been part of our music and worship family for over 40 years, and her gifts, graces, and experience make her uniquely suited for the journey ahead. In this new phase, Kellie will be leading all of our music groups and helping shape our worship experience each and every week. This is just one of many wonderful things growing out of our Visioning Process— the prayers, hopes, and ideas you shared for SUMC and our community. More good things are coming! Please take a moment to read Kellie's own words below, and join me in cheering her on as she steps into this exciting new chapter.

"Working alongside Nancy all these years has been such a joy and a blessing— I'm so proud of the worship we created together. Now as I expand the role of Music Director, I get to build on that beautiful foundation with the amazing musicians we have here at SUMC, and I couldn't be more excited! Our Visioning Process has me fired up about where we're headed, especially as we explore some new contemporary ways to experience worship together. I'm very excited for the musical journey ahead. When we step out in faith and learn to lean into what God is calling us to do, amazing things happen. I can't wait to see what we create!"



HEALTH CONCERNS:

Tery Bailey
Bruce Barclay
Gordie Barry
Christi Blunt
Adam Burnett
Missy Carroll
Dianne Collins
Sue Dock
Jack Hardy
Margie Hardy
Dianna Hartman
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
Chris Stolk
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



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Prayers of safety, recovery and endurance for those affected by the storms in NW Indiana.
- Prayers of comfort and peace to Claire Hills and family. Pastor David passed away on May 28th.
- 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 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 for peaceful transformation for Myra's brother in law who has stage 4 cancer of the liver, lungs and colon.
- Prayers for Chris Stolk's sister Amber who is 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 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.

CARING MINISTRY

Sunday is a day we honor fathers. Happy Father's Day to all fathers and father figures in your life. We each have a story that resonates with us personally. We all have a heavenly father whom we can turn to for everything and is always there for us. As you see so many descriptions describing fathers, may you enjoy this poem. I find no author for credit but I'm sure there are words that will resonate with each of us as we honor fathers.


Nancy Mead,
Caring Ministry




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-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.

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



PROJECT SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN "IGLOO" CHALLENGE

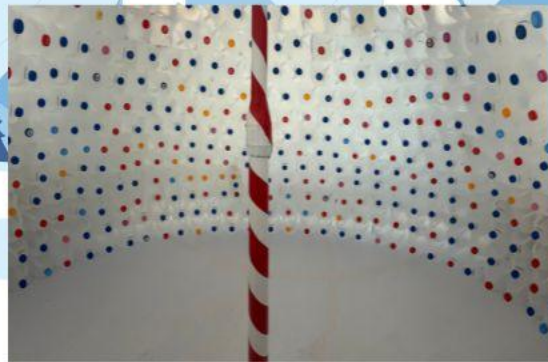
You have to see it to believe it! The igloo for our VBS next week is finished. The men's group knocked it out of the park!! They will be pulling it out of the alcove this weekend to prepare for VBS next week. Be sure to come and take a look at it. Heartfelt and generous Thanks to our Men's group for their time and devotion to this project. Here are some fun facts for you:

- 781 Gallon Jugs Used
- 150 Hot Glue Sticks
- 8 Tubes of E6000 Commercial Glue
- 28 Trips Picking Up Jugs at Area Business Providers
- 25 Hours cleaning jugs
- 75 Hours Building the Igloo

Businesses Providing Jugs

Bridgman Bigby's
Rising Kites, Bridgman
Starbucks, St. Joseph
Caribou Coffee, Stevensville
Café Tosi, St. Joseph
All of Our Wonderful SUMC Members

A BIG Thank you to all who helped worked on the project: Mark Moore, Larry Buhler, Bob Clark, Barb Clark, James Thompson, Ken Green, Dick Stauffer and Bob Hendley. Our Snowball Mountain VBS is sure to be a fun filled week with the best looking igloo at the center of all the activity and fun. Thank you again to our men's group for all of your time and dedication and to our SUMC Family for always being there ready to support our projects at SUMC.





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

Trustees



The Keypad on Door #4 has been replaced. The existing access codes should work. If you have a problem, contact Ken Green to have the code reprogrammed. The key fobs must be individually reprogrammed. Contact Ken Green to arrange to have the fobs added.

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



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!

I SCREAM
YOU SCREAM

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!!

ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAES

WHEN: June 28th after Worship Service.

Take time to relax, visit and celebrate after our week of VBS enjoy yummy toppings!

MARK YOU CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!



LAWN MOWING SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE HALLWAY ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AND MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE!

THE TRUSTEE TEAM



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!





We're Back!

Believe it or not, we are just a little more than two months away from this year's version of our SUMC Berrien County Youth Fair Food Booth. This year's fair will run from August 17-22.

Last year was our most successful fair ever in terms of participation; 100% of the volunteer slots were filled by great SUMC supporters like you.

Sales of all the breakfast sandwiches, bacon, sausage, pancakes and muffins, as well as hot dogs, sloppy joes and our "exclusives": **SLOPPY DOGS and BROOKIES!** supported contributions of nearly **\$13,000** for the Feeding America food truck and new church HVAC units.

This year we'll again be supporting **Feeding America, The Samaritan Center** and maintenance and upkeep of the SUMC parking lot.

If you wish to let us know **what you like to do most** (e.g., count money, work the counter, fry bacon, flip pancakes, etc.), fill out this short survey: https://bit.ly/SUMC_FAIR_PREFS and we'll try to see your talents are put to best use.

This year we continue to improve booth operations with a simplified schedule, menu and pricing.

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR A SHIFT BY CLICKING THE LINK OR SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW.

<https://bit.ly/2026SUMCFairBooth>.

Contact the church office MWTF 9:00 am - Noon at 269-429-5911, or Dick Lukey any time at 269-470-8856 or email SUMCFairBooth@gmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to working together to make 2026 **the best fair booth ever.**

Blessings,
Joni Dubbert, Sandy Krieg, Dick Lukey and Rachel Wade
2026 SUMC Fair Booth Team



THESE ARE THE CURRENT ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR THE FAIR. PLEASE PLACE ITEMS OR MONATARY DONATIONS ON THE TABLE IN THE HALLWAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.





WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

JUNE 22-JUNE 28

Monday, June 22

9:00am VBS

Tuesday, June 23

9:00am VBS

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, June 24

9:00am VBS

Thursday, June 25

9:00am VBS

11:30am Covenant Journaling

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Friday, June 26

9:00am VBS

Sunday, June 28

10:00am Worship

11:15am Ice Cream Social Sundaes

SNOW STORMS COMING!
VBS needs snacks, supplies and \$money\$ To SURVIVE!
Please help us by signing up or by monetary donatons to the “OLLIE IGLOO BANK” that is placed in the hallway. June 21, 2026 is our deadline
Thank You!!
Love From Ollie the Seal and the VBS team!!



**THURSDAY'S IN JUNE ON
THE 4TH, 18TH, AND 25TH
IN FAITH HALL AT 6:15PM**

Dear Stevensville Church Family,
There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all you have done to help and support us during this tremendously difficult journey. Your PRAYERS, cards, caring thoughts, and gifts comforted and carried us through this time. What a church family!!
Thank you so much. We Love You All!
Susan & Gordie Barry

thank you

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.