

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: "Philippians 4:13"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8-13
Bette Mallen

Message: "All Things"

Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "Declaration of Faith"

Norah Zook & Kris Zook

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology: #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"
Prayer After Doxology

*Closing Song: #572 "Pass It On"

Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ice Cream Social-Sunday, June 28th after Worship.
Come enjoy Sundaes with all the toppings!

Brunch Bunch-Monday, July 6. Sign-up sheet
available in the hallway.

Widow's Group-Monday, July 6 at 5:00pm

Card Ministry-Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00am & 4:00pm.

Like to Mow the Lawn?-Please see the sign-up sheet
in the hallway to help mow the church lawn.

SUMCC Day Care & SUMC Office Closed Friday, July 3

Berrien County Youth Fair Sign-Up-Please check your
summer calendars and sign-up to work a shift or 2
at the fair. It is a great time of fun and fellowship
with our church family and our community. Thank
You!

South Bend Chicago Cubs Game-See page 2 of
today's update.

Serving in Worship Sunday, June 28

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Bette Mallen, Lector

Bob & Barb Clark, Ushers

Dave & Elizabeth Carlson, Greeters

Ben & Juliet Vehslage, Acolytes

Don Rescoe, Congregational Safety



All Things Through Christ

If you've been around the church any morning this week, chances are you've gotten a glimpse of Snowball Mountain Challenge – this year's Vacation Bible School. With 60 kids and 18 volunteers here this week, and countless more of you that contributed your time, talent, and resources in preparation, it's been a joyful week at SUMC. We've learned how Jesus gives us the strength to face whatever challenges may come our way. We've remembered that we can share our gifts and that we can be brave. We can give our all and we can pray. Because of Jesus, we can hope! Join us this Sunday as we celebrate an amazing week of ministry, and that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

With joy,
Pastor Elise

P.S.

Don't miss the Ice Cream Social after worship this week, brought to us by the Caring Ministries team!

SUMC Fun Day at the Ballpark -- August 9



SUMC is planning a fun trip to catch the South Bend Cubs take on the Cedar Rapids Kernals on August 9 at 2:05 pm.



Tickets are \$17 each and come with a free cap and program!

- FREE South Bend Cubs cap ♦ Free Game Program ♦ Scoreboard recognition
- ♦ Hot Dog, Chips & Soda Voucher available for \$7
- ♦ Fun Zone Wristband available for \$7
- ♦ Parking Voucher available for \$10



Visit <https://bit.ly/SBCUBS26> or scan the QR code to sign up.



For more info: Contact Dick Lukey at (269) 470-8856 or SUMCCubsGame@gmail.com

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-Orsillo-USS



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Prayers for Tommie Weber's daughter who was hospitalized and waiting for a diagnosis.
- Prayers of safe travel and calm for Rachel Wade as she heads up north to drive over the big Mac for the first time.
- 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-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 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.

PRAYER JOYS:

- Happy Wedding Anniversary to Larry and Shriley Cole who celebrated 56 years on June 19.

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM YOUR LAY SERVANT

Imagine for a moment, Faith Hall filled with laughter, singing, dancing, skits, science experiments, Bible stories, games, and delicious snacks. Now add 60 children plus people who are young at heart, an igloo, skis, sleds, snow covered pine trees, and snowflakes. What an amazing dream...right? But this wasn't just a dream. The Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School really happened this week at SUMC. Admittedly, it's been a long time, since I've attended VBS and the memories of attending VBS washed over me like a sweet balm. It was a privilege to volunteer for a few days this week. Throughout the week, we learned that God is the source of our strength.


Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" NKJV. Does this mean, I can climb Mount Everest, become a professional baseball player or passing a test without studying? Sadly, no. Paul wrote these words to remind us Christ gives us strength every day to endure the challenges in life while doing the work God has called each one of us to do. It means relying on Christ for strength to face the ups and downs of life, rather than relying on our own willpower. Sheer willpower and self-sufficiency doesn't get us very far. Joseph relied on God to help him interpret the pharaoh's dreams. Esther prayed and fasted for 3 days asking God for courage to devise a plan to save the Jewish people and herself when Haman wanted to kill them. Do you try to do things relying on your own willpower or do you rely on Christ for your inner strength? Maybe when life feels overwhelming, we invite Christ's power to help us face the situations life brings with grace and hope. Through Christ we are encouraged to remain faithful, joyful and unwavering in any circumstance life brings...in hardship or abundance. Where will you find your strength?

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". Isaiah 41:10


Your Lay Servant,
Kathy Sankey

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.

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



BRUNCH BUNCH

Monday July 6
11:00am at
DINO'S RESTAURANT

JOIN US FOR
GREAT FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP!

CARD MINISTRY

create cards for our church family

TUESDAY, JULY 14
AT 10:00AM & 4:00PM





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!

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!"



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. [WE NEED 9 MORE COOKIE PACKS & 19 MORE BROWNIE MIXES](#)





WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

JUNE 29 - JULY 5

Tuesday, June 30

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, July 1

10:00am Staff Mtg

Thursday, July 2

11:30am Covenant Journaling

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Friday, July 3

SUMCC Day Care Closed

SUMC Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

Happy 4th of July

Sunday, July 5

10:00am Worship



**Widows 4 Widows
MONDAY, JULY 6**

AT 5:00PM IN THE LOUNGE

Join us no matter where you are on your journey,
whether it has been 30 years or 3 days, all are welcome

CARDIO DRUMMING



Thursdays at 6:15
in Faith Hall

July 2, 16, 23 & 30



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



**BLOOD
PRESSURE
SCREEN**

Sunday, July 12
after worship
in Faith Hall



**Summer
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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

June 28 after Worship!



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.