

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: *Soundings*

Harmony Ringers

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: # 2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

The Story For All Ages

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-2:3

Sandy Hayes

Message: "Rest By Design"

Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "Old Time Religion Medley"

Senior Choir

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Harmony Ringers

Doxology #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Holy Communion

Hymn #140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn #617 "I Come With Joy"

*Closing Hymn: #383 "This is the Day of New Beginnings"

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.

Retirement Reception for Nancy Farrington-

Join us this Sunday, June 7 after worship service for a reception as we celebrate Nancy's Retirement.

Card Making Classes for the Month of June are cancelled.

Parking Lot Repairs-Will be taking place the week of June 8.

Serving in Worship Sunday, June 7

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Sandy Hayes, Lector

Stan & Joni Dubbert, Ushers

Tom & Bonnie Parrish, Greeters

Lorna Thompson, Acolyte

Rachel Wade, Sandy Hayes, Patti Harpole,

Allyson Rigler, Communion Helpers

***Altar Flowers Given Are Given by the
Congregation with Love and Blessings in Honor
of Nancy Farrington for her Many Years of
Service to our Music Ministry***

Pastor's Note

Unforced Rhythms of Grace

School's out for summer! That's the anthem that's been in my head as my first grader eagerly has eagerly anticipated summer vacation. There's a lot of excitement in my house about upcoming beach days, visits with grandparents, s'mores over the fire, Vacation Bible School, adventures at camp, and so much more. My children – at least at the moment – have nothing but excitement for the upcoming summer break. I also share their excitement and look forward to the adventures and family time that summer brings. I am also aware that a change in routine, no matter how desired and highly-anticipated, can be challenging to settle into.

That's why this week is a great week to begin our series called **"Rest: Learning the Unforced Rhythms of Grace."** As summer begins, this is a chance for each of us to consider the rhythms of our lives, and the rhythms of grace God is inviting into. It will also be a special time for us to **celebrate Nancy Farrington's ministry among us as a music director for over 30 years.** Join us for a special celebration of music, ministry, and rhythms that draw us closer to the heart of God.

With hope and joy,
Pastor Elise



Join us **Sunday, June 7th**
as we celebrate
Nancy Farrington's
many years of music ministry at
Stevensville
United Methodist Church!
Worship at 10 am
Reception to follow

HEALTH CONCERNS:

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



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- 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 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-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:

Prayers of joy for Jan & Wayne Koebel as they celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on May 31.
Prayers of joy for Mick and Barb Pries’ son Matt who has found a job!

CARING MINISTRY

I found a snakeskin in my woods this week (don't worry – I didn't share the photo) and not only is that a very interesting thing to look at, it also made me think.

As part of our individual faith journeys, there may be some things we need to shed & leave behind. This time of year always reminds me to do some spring cleaning in my home, and in my life. It's time to get rid of old regrets, hurts, misguided thoughts, and put on a new attitude of faith & forgiveness.

In Hebrews 12:1 we read

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And in Ephesians 4: 20-24

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the ways nature shows us things we may forget. Help us to shed what hinders us or is unhelpful, and put on what brings us closer to you.

Please be with us as we continue our study and learning your Word for our lives. Help us to be more like you.

In Jesus name,

Amen

Karen Pallas – Caring Ministries

**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**



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!

WHILE THE PASTOR'S AWAY...



Pastor Elise will be out of the office on vacation June 8-16. While she is away, Pastor Patti will be available for pastoral emergencies. 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.



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!


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!

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.




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 8-JUNE 14

Monday, June 8

6:00pm Sisters In Faith Picnic

6:00pm Trustees Mtg

Parking Lot Repairs

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm Pub Theology

7:00pm & 7:30pm Scouts

Parking Lot Repairs

Wednesday, June 10

10:00am Staff Mtg

Parking Lot Repairs

Thursday, June 11

11:30am Covenant Journaling

5:30pm SUMCC Board Mtg

5:45pm Berrien Quilters

Parking Lot Repairs

Saturday, June 13

MSP Bike Rodeo Event

Sunday, June 14

10:00am Worship

11:15am Blood Pressure Check



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.

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 Check with Kathy Sankey Sunday, June 14 after worship service.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

BIKE RODEO

When: Saturday, June 1 3th Events Included:
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Stevensville United Methodist Church
5506 Ridge Road
Stevensville, MI 49127

- Bike course
- challenges
- Slow speed race
- Race a trooper
- Helmet check
- Bike fit
- Safety rules

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!



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.