

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 : "Cantique De Jean Racine"

Flute Quartet

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: #2172 "We Are Called"

The Story For All Ages

Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Hugh Black

Message: "God Does Great Things Through Imperfect People"

Rev. Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Mary Davidson and Lona Vogie, Trumpet Duet

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology: "Rule of Life"

Holy Communion

Hymn #640 "Take Our Bread"

Hymn #641 "Fill My Cup, Lord" (2x)

Hymn #393 "Spirit of the Living God" (2x)

*Closing Hymn: #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Blessing/Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus for August - UMCOR International

Berrien County Youth Fair Sign-Up-Please check your summer calendars and sign-up to work a shift or 2 at the fair. We need your help. It is a great time of fun and fellowship with our church family and our community. Never worked at the fair, that's ok. It's easy, and you get a free meal when you work a shift. Did you know you can share the link with family and friends? Thank you SUMC for all that you do and your continued support.

Brunch Bunch-Monday August 3, 11:00am at Dino's In St. Joe Sign-up in the hallway.

Widow's Group-Monday, August 3, 5:00pm.

Card Ministry-Tuesday, August 11, 10:00am & 4:00pm.

Serving in Worship Sunday, August 2

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Hugh Black, Lector

Bob & Barb Clark, Ushers

Leanne Nitz, Greeter

Lorna & Jamesy Thompson, Acolytes

Larry Buehler, Sandy Hayes, Lona Vogie,

Allyson Rigler, Communion Helpers

Mindi Logan, Congregational Safety

Altar Flowers Given by Bruce & Leanne Nitz In Celebration of Their Anniversary-51 Years

Also Given by Don Rescoe In Honor of Don & Melissa's 30th Anniversary on August 3



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

AUGUST 3-AUGUST 9

Monday, August 3

11:00am Brunch Bunch

5:00pm Widows Group

6:00pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 4

7:00pm Pub Theology

Thursday, August 6

11:30am Covenant Journaling

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Friday, August 7

3:30 Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 8

2:30pm Wedding

Sunday, August 9

10:00am Worship

11:15am Blood Pressure Check



SAFE GATHERINGS

Required training for all who plan to
work with children, youth, or
vulnerable adults at SUMC

EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO FIND OUT MORE!




BRUNCH BUNCH
Monday August 3
11:00am at
DINO's RESTAURANT
JOIN US FOR
GREAT FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP!



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREEN

Sunday, Aug 9
after worship
in Faith Hall
With Judy Grimmert

Faith Formation-AUGUST

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.

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
Amber Stolk
Jan Taylor
J.T. Thompson
William 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 for the family of Paul Striet who passed away.
- Prayers of healing for Hugh Black who is dealing with bronchitis.
- Prayers for Nancy Farrington who has a foot fracture and will be in a boot for 4-6 weeks.
- Prayers for Elaine's cousin Karen who is recovering from surgery to remove a growth on her brain.
- Prayers for Chris Weber who is recovering from back surgery.
- Prayers for Vicky McDonald's granddaughter Katie who will be leaving for medical school in Arkansas.
- Prayers for the people of Venezuela and from the high magnitude earthquake.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Melissa Rescoe who is recovering from hamstring surgery.
- Prayers for Linda Sprague's friend Ingrid who is hospitalized with an aneurysm.
- Prayers for Utah and all those displaced by the fires including the firefighters.
- Prayers of wisdom and recovery for Lisa Williams' mom Donna.
- Prayers for Barb Pries's sister Joanne who is struggling with recovery from a fall.
- 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 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 peace for our world.



BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1

Elnora Holmes

AUGUST 2

Nancy Cole

AUGUST 9

Jane Hild

Kimberly Thompson

AUGUST 13

Shirley Harris

Lona Vogie

AUGUST 17

Mike Farrington

Tendi Rrudunda

AUGUST 18

Mark Johnson

Nancy Mead

AUGUST 19

Joni Dubbert

Barry Tuller

AUGUST 21

Kathy Archey

Alania Rigler

AUGUST 30

Kristina Stolk



CARD MINISTRY

create cards for our church family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
AT 10:00AM & 4:00PM



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

Widows 4 Widows
MONDAY, AUGUST 3
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



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!

CARING MINISTRY



August 2026

Harvest season has begun! I've picked/processed strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries recently and we just finished canning a whole lug of pickles today. All of these things are a lot of work, but the fun of picking fruit with family, the feeling of accomplishment and freezers full of fruit & jam, plus shelves of jars full of produce make me happy. We are so very fortunate to live where all of these fruits & vegetables are grown.

As we enjoy the fruits of our environment, it's a good reminder for us to practice the fruits of the Spirit. I find this is generally much more difficult than working with actual fruit.

We read in Galatians 5: 22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Sharing produce with our friends and families is often a whole lot easier than practicing love, kindness, and self-control when we are hurt, misunderstood, or just having a bad day. It's much easier to lash out instead of remembering God's Word. God will help us to be patient with others when we ask.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the fruit our area provides. What a blessing it is to live here. Please help us to practice the fruits of the Spirit as we have been guided to do in your Word. Please be with us as we continue our study and learning your Word for our lives, and help us to be more like Jesus.

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



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.

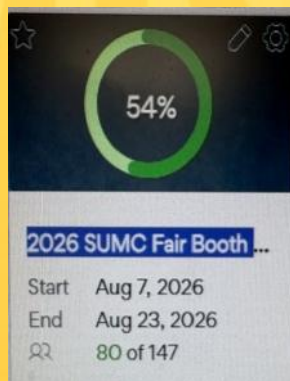
If you wish to let us know **what you like to do most** (e.g., count money, work the counter, fry bacon, flip pancakes, etc.), fill out this short survey: https://bit.ly/SUMC_FAIR_PREFS and we'll try to see your talents are put to best use.

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

FAIR BOOTH DONATIONS

We are kicking off the month of July with an expanded list of items you can donate for the fair. You may start bringing in any of the following items:

20 oz Bottles of Blue, Orange or Red
Gatorade



Cases of Ice Mountain Water



Cases of Coke, Diet Coke,
Mountain Dew, Sprite



We also need 6" round paper plates. (Microwaveable please)

BROOKIE INGRIDENTS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Mission Focus for August - UMCOR International

100% of UMCOR Donations Go to the Cause.

The mission focus for the month of August is the international version of “The United Methodist Committee on Relief” better known as “UMCOR”. **UMCOR** is often first on site at national and international disasters. Yes, they often beat the Red Cross and other well-known organizations.

The international relief UMCOR responds to natural disasters like the earthquake in Venezuela, Venezuela experienced two major earthquakes on June 24, 2026. The pair of earthquakes were the worst to hit the country in nearly six decades. UMCOR is responding through support to our humanitarian and ecumenical partners in Venezuela and Latin America. They also responded to the cyclones in Southeastern Asia. In the response, UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to Yakkum Emergency Unit in North Sumatra, Indonesia and AMCOR in Sri Lanka. These grants will support our partners as they provide immediate relief to those in need of shelter, food, medical supplies and more as they provide aid and relief to the millions of affected residents.

These are just 2 examples of recent international responses. They also have been in Ukraine since the beginning of the war.

Your donations would deliver essential supplies like food and water, support the removal of debris and provide temporary shelter for the displaced.

The really COOL thing about UMCOR is that when you donate to UMCOR, **100%, yes that's right 100%** of your donation is used for these responses. Not one penny of your money goes to administrative costs for UMCOR or Methodist Global Ministries. (The funds for that are raised on a special miracle Sunday once a year).

So, if you/we as a church raise \$1000.00, every single penny will get to the victims of natural and manmade disasters. I saw these kinds of monies in action in Haiti back in 2011. We made a huge difference in the lives of families who had been left homeless with just the clothes on their backs. It was humbling to see how little these folks were so thankful for. I ask that you consider adding to this very worthy cause. You can really make a difference in this world.