

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 Hymn: #92

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs 1,4,5,6)

Sacrament of Baptism

Stevie Kay Jones

The Story For All Ages

Nancy Poelker & Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Karen Pallas

Message: “Growing as God’s Children”

Rev Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: “Grow As We Go”

Savannah Jones, Vocal Solo; Josh Jones Guitar

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Commissioning of Zimbabwe Mission Team

Offering

Doxology:#2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”(2x)

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song: #2051 “I Was There to
Hear Your Borning Cry”

Blessing/Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus for July - World Central Kitchen

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

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.

Mobile Food Pantry-Will be here Wednesday, July 15. Set-up is at 2:30, the truck arrives around 3:15 and we begin serving the community at 4:00pm Please Consider coming out to help with this important mission for our community.

Serving in Worship Sunday, July 12

Allyson Rigler, Pianist

Karen Pallas, Lector

Rachel Wade & Monique Yoder, Ushers

Diane Koebel, Greeter

Brody Nelson, Acolyte

Don Rescoe, Congregational Safety

PASTOR'S NOTE

What God Alone Can See

The beloved "Hymn of Promise" poetically reminds us of the many simple things in our lives that hold far more beauty and potential than what our eyes can see. *In the bulb, there is a flower. In the seed, an apple tree. In cocoons, a hidden promise – butterflies will soon be free!* This week, we continue our "Storytime" series with another classic children's book: Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar. As this ravenous little insect eats and eats and eats, there is far more happening than what we can see on the surface. This little caterpillar's big appetite is preparing him to become who he's made to be: a beautiful butterfly.

We, too, hunger for many things. We, too, are made to grow, change, and be transformed. And like that little caterpillar, God is up to far more than what we can comprehend. Join us this week as we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, as we commission our Zimbabwe Mission Team, and as we celebrate that God is up to far more than what our own eyes can see.

With hope and joy,
Pastor Elise

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 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 William's mom Donna.
- Prayers of healing from a leg wound for Dave Evens.
- Prayers of safety, recovery and endurance for those affected by the storms in NW Indiana.
- 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 of peace for our world.


PRAYER JOYS:

- Prayer joys for Bob & Gloria Hopkins 56th Wedding Anniversary on July 4th.




 **Faith Formation-JULY**

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.



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!

CARING MINISTRY

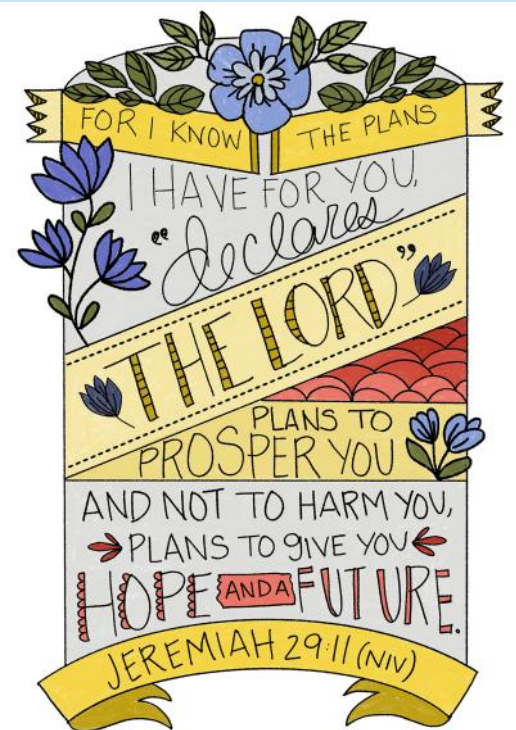
"For I Know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29.11

Did you know that 2026 is half over? July 1st marked the transition into the second half of the year. Maybe we could consider it a Half Happy New Year! A time to refresh our goals and to reset our plans for the rest of the year. Whatever you decide to do or change, remember that God is always with you.

Sharon Foxworthy, Caring Ministry

Where do sheep go on vacation?
The BAA-Hamas!

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





WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

JULY 13-19

Monday, July 13

1:00pm SPRC-L

Tuesday, July 14

10:00am Card Ministry

4:00pm Card Ministry

6:30 PEO Group

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, July 15

10:00am Staff Mtg

4:00pm Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, July 16

11:30am Covenant Journaling

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

Sunday, July 19

10:00am Worship

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!

CARD MINISTRY

create cards for our church family

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



**BLOOD
PRESSURE
SCREEN**

With Sandy Hayes
Sunday, July 12
after worship
in Faith Hall

Summer Choir is Back!

Sunday, July 26

Come join us in the choir loft at 9:00am to rehearse
an 'easy' song that we will share during the service
that morning. Hope to see our 'regulars' along with
some new faces!





BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

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



FAIR BOOTH DONATIONS

We are kicking off the month of July with an expanded list of items you can donate for the fair. We are almost at our total for Brookie ingredients. Thank you. You may also 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 need 9 more Brownie Mixes



We need 2 More Cookie Mixes



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Mission of the Month for July-World Central Kitchen



Under the leadership of founder, Jose Andres, World Central Kitchen (WCK) has created a new model for disaster relief helping devastated communities recover.

World Central Kitchen is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Applying their model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, WCK has served hundreds of millions of nourishing meals around the world. When disaster strikes, WCK's Relief Team mobilizes with the urgency of now to start cooking and serving meals to people in need efficiently and with dignity. By partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of local restaurants, food trucks, or emergency kitchens, WCK serves comforting meals to survivors of disasters quickly and effectively. To support regional economies, WCK prioritizes purchasing local ingredients to cook with or distribute directly to families in need. **We know that good food provides not only nourishment, but also comfort and hope, especially in times of crisis.**

During the month of July, members of SUMC will have the opportunity to support this global mission by donating to World Central Kitchen. See the Mission bulletin board