

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: #437 "This is My Song"

The Story For All Ages
Jake Krieg & Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37
Kathy Harris

Message: "How Loving Our Neighbors Changes Everything"

Rev Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "Our Story"

Larry Buehler, Vocal Solo

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology:#2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"(2x)

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

#628 "Eat This Bread" (3x)

#620 "One Bread, One Body"

*Closing Song: #2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus for July - World Central Kitchen

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.

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 5 of today's update.

Serving in Worship Sunday, July 5

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Kathy Harris, Lector

Nancy Malinkowski & Doug Weingart, Ushers

Sharon Foxworthy, Greeters

Lorna & Jamesy Thompson, Acolytes

Sharon Foxworthy, Holly Hetfield, Myra Thompson,

Doug Weingart, Communion Helpers

James Thompson, Congregational Safety

***Altar Flowers Given by Tom & Judy VanDerAue
In Memory of Our Parents***

PASTOR'S NOTE

Storytime

As a parent of young children, I am in the blessed stage of life where my house is overrun with children's books. We have books about colors, shapes, letters, and numbers. We have books about dinosaurs, books filled with rhymes, and books full of silly nonsense. We have picture books, chapter books, and books that I read as a child that I now get to share with my own children. And sometimes, when one of my children is trying to wrap their mind around something new, a book is just what they need. Sharing a book about going to the dentist with my kids is invaluable preparation before they experience the real thing for themselves. Stories help us navigate the world.

As human beings, we are wired for stories. Stories connect us to one another and help us understand truths that are far more expansive than a mere list of facts. It's no surprise, then, that Jesus loved to tell good and important stories. For the next couple of weeks, we will experience children's stories alongside the stories of Jesus, and discover how we are indeed part of God's great story. "Storytime," a series on finding holy truths in childhood favorites, kicks off this week!

With hope and joy,
Pastor Elise

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 the people of Venezuela and from the high magnitude earthquake.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Melissa Rescoe who is having hamstring surgery on July 6.
- 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 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' 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:

- Happy 22nd birthday to Michael Crawford on June 29.
- Prayers of joy for Tommie Weber's daughter who was finally diagnosed and is now on the correct meds.

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Hello friends from SUMC ... Elaine Graves here to share a poem written by my Mom Sarah Shaw. Here's her stats- One year of college; WWII bride; Wife to a farmer; Mother to 3; G-ma to many. Her other joys were music and poetry. This poem works well for a summertime reminder of ALL the gifts that GOD has given to us. Please read it with Gratitude as we enjoy the summer season and....

Celebrate the 250th BIRTHDAY of the USA

Elaine A. Graves

The delicate sunrise in *the* morning;.....
At night, bright *lights*

BEAUTY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

All across this world our God has sprinkled beauty everywhere.
It's up to us to find it; to be aware that it is there.

For all the beauty that surrounds us, is a message from above.
God is telling, with these tokens, of HIS everlasting love.

The delicate sunrise in morning; and the brilliant sunset at night.
Fleecy clouds floating across blue skies, or a flock of geese in flight.

Daisies blooming in the field, red roses climb up an arbor.
A towering lighthouse guiding a sailboat into its harbor.

The majestic beauty of a mountain peak, all covered with white snow.
Cascading waterfalls rushing down into the valley far below.

Gazing at a crescent moon, flanked by bright stars in the skies.
From a pine tree, a bird sings and a flash of blue as it flies.

From a hilltop looking down at the panorama of the city.
At night, bright lights are spread out, as far as the eye can see.


View the peaceful serenity of pastures and rural scenes.
Horses, cattle, and sheep are grazing in a meadow, oh so green.

Each day just look about you... you can find beauty everywhere.
Through the loveliness you behold, God tells you that HE TRULY CARES!


by Sarah Shaw






 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.





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!

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

JULY 6-12

Monday, July 6

11:00am Brunch Bunch

5:00pm Widows Group

Tuesday, July 7

6:30pm Ad-Council Mtg

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, July 8

10:00am Staff Mtg

Thursday, July 9

11:30am Covenant Journaling

5:45pm Berrien County Quilters

Sunday, July 12

10:00am Worship

11:15am Blood Pressure Check



**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**

CARD MINISTRY
create cards for our church family

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



BRUNCH BUNCH

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

**JOIN US FOR
GREAT FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP!**





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 13 more Brownie Mixes and 5 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