

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: #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

The Story For All Ages
Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-17
Farai Rukunda

Message: "Snap Shots From Zimbabwe"
Zimbabwe Mission Team

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering
Doxology: "Rule of Life"

Holy Communion

*Closing Song: #2056 "God is So Good"

Blessing/Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus for August - UMCOR International

Berrien County Youth Fair-GO TIME!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to work a shift. As of today's update we have 11 slots left to fill. See page 8 of today's update. We are so thankful and grateful for our SUMC family. Without you, none of this would be possible. Let's go and have a fun-filled week of discipleship. Your fair passes will be available for pick-up on Sunday.

Mobile Food Pantry-Will be here this Wednesday, August 19. Please come out and help volunteer for this mission for our church. Set-up begins at 2:30.



Serving in Worship Sunday, August 16

Kellie Meyer, Pianist
Farai Rukunda, Lector
Dubbert Family, Ushers
Tommie Weber, Greeter
Brooklynn Stolk, Acolyte
Sandy Krieg, Myra Thompson, Monique Yoder,
Communion Helpers
Don Rescoe, Congregational Safety

***Altar Flowers Given by the Logan's
Happy Anniversary***

PASTOR'S NOTE



Celebrating Ministry with Arnoldine Mission

Our Zimbabwe Mission team arrived home just a little less than two weeks ago after an incredible adventure serving in Arnoldine United Methodist Mission. It was a time full of meaningful projects, problem-solving, relationship building, listening, and learning. It was a chance to connect with siblings in Christ around the world and worship and serve together. SUMC, you made so many incredible things possible, and this Sunday, we are excited to share our experience with you.

Join us for a worship service full of music, stories, and experiences from Arnoldine! Then, stick around for a **"taste of Zimbabwe" meal after worship!** as the team shares the traditional foods we enjoyed during our time in Zimbabwe.

With hope and gratitude,
Pastor Elise and the Zimbabwe Mission Team





WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

AUGUST 17-AUGUST 23

~~~FAIR WEEK!!~~~

**Tuesday, August 18**

10:00am Generosity Mtg

7:00pm Pub Theology

**Wednesday, August 19**

4:00pm Mobile Food Pantry

**Thursday, August 20**

6:15pm Cardio Drumming

**Sunday, August 23**

10:00am Worship

11:15am Bell Rehearsal

11:15 Help Move Equipment Back  
to the Church From the Fair



# 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!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL US!

- Kids Ministry includes 2 people.
- Serve once a month or less.
- Everything is prepared for you.
- Receive the plans 1 week before your time.
- If interested, let Sharon Foxworthy know by  
Friday, August 21.
- Thank you for considering.



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!

### 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  
Chris Weber  
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-

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Prayers from Linda Sprague for Ingrid Elsner who is having brain surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Kathy Harris who has fallen and broken a vertebrae in her back.
- 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 Vicky McDonald's granddaughter Katie who will be leaving for medical school in Arkansas.
- Prayers for the people of Venezuela, Colombia and Japan from the high magnitude earthquakes.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Melissa Rescoe who is recovering from hamstring surgery.
- 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.





**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**



## SUMC Music Ministry

### **Senior Choir - starts September 9**

Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm in the Sanctuary  
Adults of all ages are welcome

### **Grace Notes Instrumental Band - starts September 20**

Second and 4th Sundays after worship at 11:15am  
Open to instrumentalists 9th grade - adult

### **B.A.S.I.C. Praise Band - starts August 26**

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm in the Sanctuary  
Open to anyone 9th grade - adult who enjoy singing or  
playing guitar, bass, drums, keyboard

### **Ringin' in the Spirit Ringers – starts September 14**

Mondays, 7:00- 8:00pm in the Sanctuary  
This Handbell choir welcomes all experience levels

### **Kids Music Ministry – starts September 20**

Kids in Sunday School will have the opportunity to learn and practice a musical offering for worship several times throughout the school year.

For more details or questions, please contact Kellie Meyer at  
[stevensvilleummusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stevensvilleummusicdirector@gmail.com) or 269-930-3540

## CARING MINISTRY

### James 1:17 (CEB)

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.

I love sunflowers. In the summer of 2020 my sister, niece and I went to visit my daughter in Ohio. One of the things we did together was visit a sunflower farm. You could walk among the many varieties of flowers, take pictures, enjoy the beauty. Everyone could pick one sunflower to take home.

This picture is the one my sister took in all its glory. I love this picture as she was just healing from a big surgery and this truly captured her strength.

There are many lessons to take from the sunflower.

**Fix your eyes on the light** – As sunflowers track the sun from east to west we can keep our eyes on Jesus the light of the world.

**Deep roots bring strength**- Sunflowers need deep roots to grow tall and strong; our faith must also be deeply rooted in God's Word to withstand life's storms.

**Look forward to tomorrow** – At night sunflowers turn back toward the east, patiently waiting for the sunrise. Dark times are temporary and hope is always coming.

Amen.

*Nancy Mead, 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***



### ACTION SUNDAY

#### AUGUST 30TH AFTER A SHORTENED WORSHIP SERVICE

- **CARD MAKING WITH SANDY HAYES:** (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- **PREPARING BAGS FOR THE FOOD TRUCK AND RIVERSIDE:** (Meet Wanda Barclay in Faith Hall)
- **PAINTING FIRE HYDRANTS ON RIDGE ROAD:** (Lead Person to be determined) Wear Painting Clothes







## It's GO TIME!

**THE TIME IS HERE!** We will begin serving Monday Morning. **WE ONLY HAVE 11 SLOTS TO FILL!! WAY TO GO SUMC. WE COULD OT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!**

Fair booth photos-As you are working your shift, please feel free to send photo's through out the week to-269-325-7874. It will be fun to share on a daily basis all the smiles and work that is happening to serve our community good and affordable food.

This year we'll again be supporting **Feeding America, The Samaritan Center** and maintenance and upkeep of the SUMC parking lot.

**PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR A SHIFT BY CLICKING THE LINK OR SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW.**

<https://bit.ly/2026SUMCFairBooth.>



Lastly, thank you so much to EVERYONE who have helped prepare for this by moving equipment out to the fair ground, help pick up supplies, signed up for shifts, and have supported us in all the ways it takes to prepare for our week at the Berrien County Youth Fair.

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



## **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.