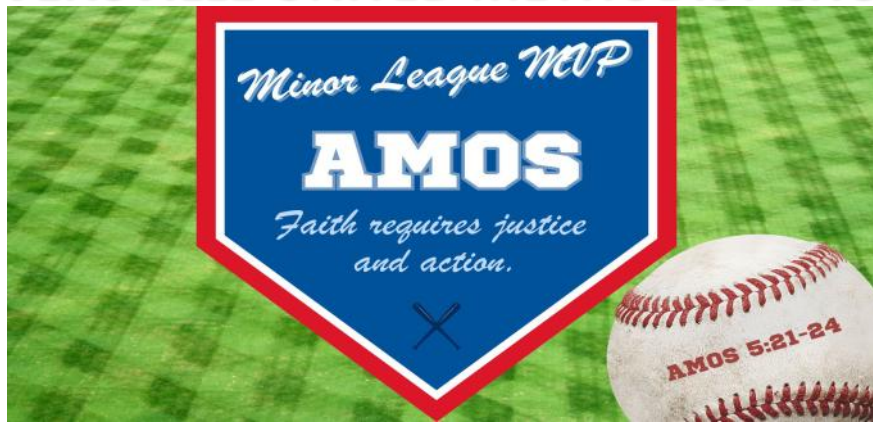


STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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: "God May Your Justice Roll Down"

The Story For All Ages

Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:21-24

Sandy Hayes

Message: "Faith Requires Justice and Action"

Rev Elise Low Edwardson

Musical Praise: "An Irish Blessing"

Holly Hetfield, Flute Solo; Nancy Farrington, Piano

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology: "Rule of Life"

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song: #2186 Song of Hope (2x)

Blessing/Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Focus for August - UMCOR International

Berrien County Youth Fair Sign-Up

AUGUST 17 IS ALMOST HERE!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to work a shift. We are at 83% and need 25 more slots filled. How exciting it would be to have all the slots filled by Friday the 14th. You are amazing SUMC family and we could not do this without you!



Friday, August 7, 5-7pm-Thank you to those who have signed up to help move equipment out to the fair during this time. We could still use some help, women and men to help make this go smoothly. THANK YOU!

Blood Pressure Check-Sunday, August 9, after worship with Judy Grimmitt.

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

Serving in Worship Sunday, August 9

Kellie Meyer, Pianist

Sandy Hayes, Lector

Sally McWhirter & Dick Stauffer, Ushers

Tom & Bonnie Parrish, Greeters

Juliet & Ben Vehslage, Acolytes

Mike Logan, Congregational Safety

***Altar Flowers Given by Jeff & Kathy Sankey
In Honor of Our 41st Wedding Anniversary***



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT SUMC

AUGUST 10-AUGUST 16

Monday, August 10

4:30pm Faith Formation

6:00pm Trustees Mtg

Tuesday, August 11

10:00am Card Ministry Class

4:00pm Card Ministry Class

7:00pm Pub Theology

Wednesday, August 12

10:00am Staff Mtg

5:30pm First Impressions Mtg

5:30pm SUMCC Board Mtg

Thursday, August 13

11:30am Covenant Journaling

3:00pm Worship Mtg

Sunday, August 16

10:00am Worship



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!



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!



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-Osillo-USS
Bulkeley DDG 84-Rota Spain

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- 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 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-Osillo 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

CARING MINISTRY

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances...1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Life is valuable and important, but not always perfect. Whether we are having a good or bad day, we can connect to God and rejoice in him. We shouldn't doubt his love no matter our situation. He's always there for us. Just talk to him.

Sharon Foxworthy, Caring Ministry

What animal did Noah say was the most dangerous?

—Termites!

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



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.





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.