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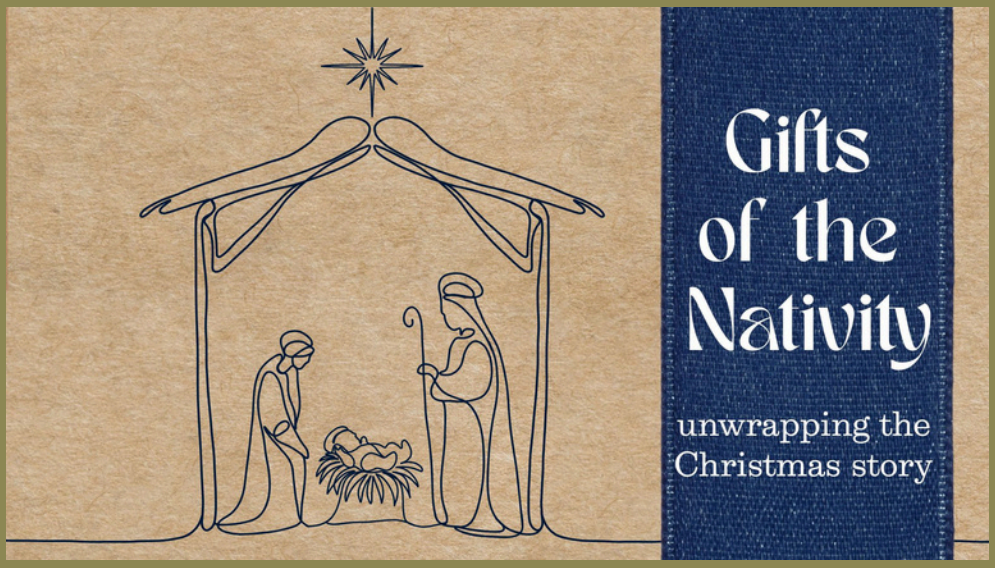



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SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE
9:55AM ON THE SUMC FACEBOOK PAGE
or click on the link on our website:
www.stevensville-umc.org

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "An Advent Alleluia"
Senior Choir
(take these moments to quiet your mind & heart as worship begins)

**Opening Hymn: #236 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (vs 1-4)*

Lighting the Candle of Hope
"Light the Advent Candle Song"

The Story For All Ages
Pastor Elise

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-18
Lona Vogie

Message: "Shepherds and Sheep"
Rev Elise Low Edwardson

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Offering
"Hope of Ages"
Senior Choir
Doxology: #204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Prayer of Dedication

**Closing Song: #211*
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1 & 2)

Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mission Focus for November
The OutCenter

Cantata Bell Rehearsal-Sunday, November 29 at 11:14am.
Cantata Instrumental Rehearsal- Sunday, November 29 at 1:00pm.

Action Sunday-After worship Sunday, November 29.. You can meet up with Elaine Graves in the gathering space to go **sing at Caretel:** Wanda Barclay back in faith hall to **count and bundle bags for Riverside and our Mobile Food Pantry:** Allyson Rigler in the Sanctuary to help decorate the church for the Advent season.

Poinsettia Order Form-You can find an order form in your bulletin or there are extras on the table in the hallway.
Dedline December 1st

Thanksgiving Offering-This year's offering will be split between Missions who will be purchasing men's and women's socks to distribute at the Soup Kitchen on December 21, and Caring Ministries, who help care for our college students, prepare meals, care packages and send cards to our church family.

Serving in Worship Sunday,
November 29
Kellie Meyer, Pianist
Lona Vogie, Lector
Jan Bickers & Dianna Hartman, Ushers
Leanne Nitz, Greeter
Brody Nelson, Acolyte
Kathy Sankey, Congregational Safety

Altar Flowers Given By Dick Lukey
In Memory of Pam Lukey

THIS WEEK AT SUMC

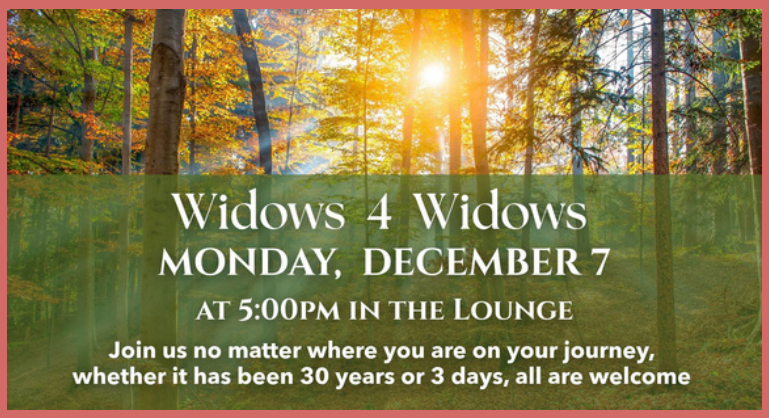
Monday, November 30
6:00pm Scouts-FH
6:00pm Ad-Council
6:30pm Ringing In the Spirit

Tuesday, December 1st
7:00pm Pub Theology
6:00pm Cookie Baking

Wednesday, December 2
1:00pm Advent Study
6:00pm Cookie Baking
5:30pm BASIC Rehearsal
7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal
8:00pm Senior Choir

Thursday, December 3
11:30am Covenant Journaling
3:00pm Lancer Lunches
4:00pm Worship Mtg

Sunday, December 6
9:00am Men's Group-Advent Study
10:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Grace Notes
1:00pm Cantata Instrumental Rehearsal
1:30pm Cantata Bells Rehearssal









Be Empowered to Serve...

Congregational Safety Team Volunteers Needed

The Congregational Safety Team is looking for individuals to help ensure safety and emergency preparedness. Members of the Safety Team help keep the building secure by locking and monitoring all the doors after worship begins, and by being ready to respond to safety issues that arise. The team also helps respond to medical emergencies that occur during worship or other church events. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Congregational Safety Team, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.



Hospitality Ministry

Please consider signing up to help set-up, clean up or make cookies for our Sunday morning hospitality time. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Hayes or Lona Vogie. Sign-ups are at the Hospitality table. Thank you!



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are silk arrangements done by Robin Weingart. Cost is $30.00 and goes towards missions. Sign-up on the clipboard 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!



Kitchen Up-Date

This is just a reminder that if you have not completed the Kitchen Lead Up-date training, you need to do that prior to using the range or convection oven. I am happy to meet with you at a time that is convenient for you, so please just reach out to me and we can make this happen.

Sandy Hayes
Shayes1314@juno.com
269-449-3953

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

Tuesdays 2:00pm in the Lounge

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
Facilitator: Pastor Elise (reveliselowedwardson@gmail.com)
Ever wish you had more time to reflect on Sunday's message before it's preached? Join Pastor Elise as she gently unpacks the week's scripture, offering context, insight, and space for conversation. It's a chance to engage with the Word ahead of time, so it can settle in your heart before it's proclaimed from the pulpit.

Tuesdays 7:00pm at Watermark

PUB THEOLOGY:
Facilitator: Everett Harpole (everett.harpole@gmail.com)
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.

Wednesdays 1:00pm in Gathering Space

WESLEY PRAYER CHALLENGE: Four-week Study Starts October 21
Facilitators: Dick Lukey & Lona Vogie (jlvogie@sbcglobal.net)
In The Wesley Prayer Challenge, author Chris Folmsbee invites readers to consider words from the Wesley Covenant Prayer each day, while reflecting on their meaning. Each day's reading will include scripture, prayer, and a challenge for daily life.

Sundays 9:00am in Room 1

MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP
Facilitator: Bob Clark (bandbclark2@gmail.com)
Each Sunday we gather for fellowship and discussion on a relevent book or DVD series. All men of the church are welcome!

Thursdays 11:30am in the Lounge

COVENANT JOURNALING
Facilitator: Patti Harpole (patti.harpole@gmail.com)
Enter a sacred space of quiet reflection. With 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. Everyone is welcome!



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-Wednesday's at 1:00pm in the Gathering Area
Facilitator, KathySankey (kathy.sankey2@gmail.com)

A four-week Advent Study begins on Wednesday November 18th.



The Men's group will be starting an advent study "Advent Can Still Change the World" presented by Josh Scott. Here is the summary of the study. All men are welcome to join us Sundays from 9-10 in room one.





Coming this Advent – Gifts of the Nativity!
Believe it or not, Advent is almost here! This Advent season, we'll be exploring the characters of the Christmas story through our series "Gifts of the Nativity." To help the story come alive, we're putting together a collection of nativities to display in the Gathering Space! If you have a nativity you'd like to share during the season of Advent, bring it to church starting Sunday, December 6th. Cards will be available for you to share any stories or significance behind your nativity scene. We're looking forward to exploring the Christmas story together!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 9
Bruce Barclay
Casey Tubman
NOVEMBER 10
Kenneth Foyder
NOVEMBER 15
Ryan Arnt
NOVEMBER 17
Susan Ferry
Patricia Seifert
NOVEMBER 19
Jan Tylor

NOVEMBER 22
Elizabeth Carlson
Mike Melcher
NOVEMBER 23
Nicole Birmingham-Moersch
NOVEMBER 24
Linda Willadsen
NOVEMBER 29
Hugh Black
NOVEMBER 30
Charlie Archey









This year's Thanksgiving offering will be divided between Missions and Caring Ministries. Missions will be purchasing men's and women's socks to distribute at the Soup Kitchen on Dec 21. The Caring Ministry team helps to care for our college students, prepare meals, carepackages, and send cards to our church families.

Middle School Dances!

2026-27

at Stevensville United Methodist Church
with DJ Dan Hansen!

Friday, OCTOBER 16

Friday, NOVEMBER 20

Friday, DECEMBER 18

Friday, JANUARY 15

Friday, FEBRUARY 19

Friday, MARCH 19

Friday, APRIL 16

Friday, MAY 21

7pm - 9pm

School ID's required - $10 per person
concessions available

STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5506 RIDGE RD, STEVENSVILLE



SOCK DRIVE



Help SUMC Missions pass out

150 black and white socks

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at our next **SoupKitchen** Monday on Dec. 21











Sunday, Nov 29:

Give to the Thanksgiving Special Offering (write “sock drive” in the memo)



Nov 29 – Dec 20

Purchase anddonate NEW packs of quality men’s and women’s crew-style athletic or light merino wool socks – all sizes – from Costco, Kohl’s, Meijer, or other stores



Dec 20

Stay after church to help pack pairs of socks into individual paper bags

Drop off sock donations in the Home Depot Box under the Missions bulletin board at the church

CHRISTMAS

50 DOZEN SUGAR COOKIES!

BAKING PARTY



3 NIGHTS

DEC 1-3 6:15 PM

COOKIES WILL BE PASSED OUT DEC. 5 AT CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE, STEVENSVILLE

BRING YOUR ROLLING PIN, ARM STRENGTH, AND GOOD CHEER!

SUMC FAITH HALL KITHCEN

SIGN UP

https://tinyurl.com/yc2brevk

or call Monique Yoder
(269) 769-6284





Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns:

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Tammy Green and family on the loss of her father, Jay Fischer.
- Prayers of healing for Abigail Vehslage who is recovering from ACL reconstruction surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Elaine Graves' friend Karen who is in her final stages of lung cancer.
- Prayers for Gloria Pollack who is recovering from shoulder surgery on Wednesday, Oct. 28.
- Prayers for Louise Boelcke who is recovering from Knee replacement surgery on Oct. 28
- Prayers for Gloria Hopkins who has been diagosed with Neuropathy in both legs and Parkinsons.
- Prayers of healing for the Rescoe's cousin who is recovering from wound care treatments.
- Prayers of healing for Myra's niece Faye who is recovering from back surgery and is in a lot of pain.
- Prayers for those going through seasonal ailments for relief and being able to return back to worship.
- Prayers for Kathy Sankey's friend who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Prayers of comfort for her and wisdom for the health care team.
- Prayers of wisdom and recovery for Lisa Williams' mom Donna. Also, prayers for her Mother-in-law Frida going through cancer treatments and her Uncle Norman who is going through cancer treatments.
- 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 peace for our world.

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bruce Barclay
Gordie Barry
Maggie Behrens
Christi Blunt
Adam Burnett
Missy Carroll
Dianne Collins
Sue Dock
Jack & Margie Hardy
Kathy Harris
Chelsea Hunt
Jason Kik
Ken Foyder
Shirley Hetfield
Dick Lukey
Sebastian Kurup
Mike Melcher
Gary & Lee Nelson
Schaeffor Ott
Bonnie & Tom Parrish
Gloria Pollack
Amy Schaub
Fred Seifert
Chris Stolk
Amber Stolk
Jan Taylor
J.T. Thompson
Kathy Trejo
Brooke Trux
David Sundblad Jr.
Judy Vanderaue
Chris Weber
Dan Whitt

Home-Bound:

Grace Park
Sally Streick
Carol Svorec

Missionaries in the Field:

Caleb Dormah-Liberia

In Active Service:

Taylor Allgood-Illinios
Lydia Sankey-Orsillo-USS Bulkeley DDG84-Rota Spain

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
-Philippians 4:6



DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS

Located in the heart of Hartford, MI, you can find Semilla Central United Methodist Church. The story of Semilla Central is just beginning but has already been making a difference in the lives of many people in the greater Hartford community. Under the leadership and vision of Pastors Cesar Garcia- Rodriguez and Miriam Peralta De García, Semilla Central is a new church established for Hispanic/Latinix people living in Van Buren County. Van Buren County has rich farmland for growing corn, beans, grapes, apples, blueberries, and other fruits. The population swells each summer and fall, with many seasonal labor camps for harvesting grapes and other fruits. Semilla Central helps to build relationships with this vulnerable, overlooked community, and to bring hope to every heart and purpose to every life.

In addition to Sunday worship service and Friday prayer service, Bible studies and classes are offered. English as a second language (ESL) classes and a learn to sew program are held weekly. In both programs, Semilla Central is able to provide a space for children to come and learn alongside their parents. The children learn about Jesus while their parents learn and practice English, and mothers learn new skills while their children also learn new things. One highlight was helping the children learn the Lord's Prayer.

How can you help support this important mission? Consider bringing a meal for those attending weeknight classes, volunteering to help teach sewing, assisting with the children or contributing financially so these programs can continue. Contact Pastor Miriam at (402)669-8414 or mperalta@semillacentro.org if you would like to volunteer.

Semilla Central is our December Mission Focus. Your contributions can help Semilla Central continues to be a place where people can find purpose and hope can fill every heart!