

# Stevensville United Methodist Church

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## Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours 9 A.M. to Noon Mon - Fri

**Next Newsletter Deadline: Friday, June 9**

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## A Lasting Legacy

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. 1 Peter 1:3-4*

As we celebrate 150 years of ministry at Stevensville United Methodist Church this year it seems appropriate to share some thoughts around words like legacy and inheritance. Christians living today didn't "discover" this life giving faith. We inherited it from generations of faithful disciples who came before us and passed it on.

Parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth and choir directors, and numbers of other people nurtured us in the faith. They did so hoping that just as we inherited this faith, we would also pass it on to the next generations of believers.

Speaker and writer Michael Josephson writes: *"When you die, your possessions will be distributed according to a will in which you allocate your property to specific people. Objects left in a will are called a legacy. But "legacy" also has a much deeper meaning. In Jewish tradition, people write "ethical will" in which they pass on to the next generation, especially their children, the gift of wisdom and good wishes. This legacy is far more profound and permanent than bequests of property."*

The inheritance of which 1 Peter speaks could be called an "ethical will." It could also be called a "spiritual will" which passes on to each successive generation of Christians the gift of salvation, wisdom, tradition, and teachings that help us to know who we are, why we are here, what we stand for, and how we should live. These precious gifts are indeed a priceless treasure that convey to us the amazing love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace of God that has been freely given to us in Christ.

Yet, no matter how wonderful this good news may be to receive, the challenge to each one of us as disciples is to determine how we will pass this legacy on to future generations. If we look at our own lives and think about what matters most, what would we write into our own ethical or "spiritual will"?

Much as this may be an individual challenge, it is also a corporate one for our church. 150 years ago a small group formed a Class Meeting in Stevensville. Over 150 years the class meeting grew into a Church, which has had at least two multiple buildings and additions. But more important is the "spiritual will" that has passed generation to generation.

When we move on from this place where we have worshiped, celebrated the sacraments, shared mission work and fellowship, what will we leave behind? Yes, there will be a piece of property and a great facility. But what will be the ethical or "spiritual will" we leave behind as a congregation? In other words, how do we, as a church, want to be remembered? What wisdom do we want to ensure those who follow us inherit?

According to Socrates, the touchstone of wisdom is to first know thyself. As the Administrative Council of SUMC begins to reflect on who and where we are, and what the community around us looks like, for what do we want to be known? Another way to frame it is this: What is our vision for not only living this life of faith, but passing it on to the next generations?

May God give us all the wisdom to leave behind not just a piece of land and some buildings, but a life giving gift that conveys the good news of which 1 Peter 1 speaks: *"new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."*

Thanks be to God for that great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us! Thanks to each of you still among us who seek to pass on our great inheritance in the Risen Christ!

- Pastor David



**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Dean Amelung  
 Jo Baugher  
 Hannah Baugher-Penrod  
 Charles Bross  
 Liz Childs  
 Erna Crawford  
 Janet Crawford  
 Timmy Dibble  
 Donna Dorgelo  
 Jack Hardy  
 Char Hocking  
 Janet Kilgore  
 Jean Kuschel  
 Mike Melcher  
 Grace Park  
 Richard Ray

Cleo Ruppel  
 Gene Stemm  
 Pat Tungett  
 Judy VanDerAue  
 Tamara Williams

**SHUT-INS:**

Patricia Day  
 Shirley Ehman  
 Irene Feller  
 Ernie Grimm  
 Jessie Leiser  
 Bonnie Payne  
 Walt Phillips  
 Norma Ray  
 Linda Sommers  
 Dan & Sally Streick  
 Helen Wiessner

**MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD:**

Caleb Dormah—in Liberia  
 Delbert & Sandy Groves—in Zambia  
 Monique Yoder—Lithuania

**PRAYER REQUESTS****CONCERNS:**

- ◆ Prayers of comfort for the Ghareeb family from Lakeshore. The mom died leaving behind her husband and 5 children.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for Jennifer Brueck and family on the sudden death of her husband Steve.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for Mary Sundblad and family on the death of Mary's husband David.
- ◆ Prayers for Harper Moersch who had some type of seizure and is awaiting referral to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.
- ◆ Prayers for Sandy Hayes' friend Gloria who is having extensive back surgery in Chicago.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for the family of Janet Kemp who passed away.
- ◆ Prayers for Barb Sanford as she begins cancer treatments.

**JOYS:**

- ◆ Prayers of joy for Bob & Lou Hendley's daughter Sarah for graduating from Grand Valley State University.
- ◆ Prayers of joy for Diane Koebel's youngest grandson Beau who turned 17.
- ◆ Happy 4th Birthday to Charley Mae Hoge on May 5.
- ◆ Prayers of joy for Leah who had a good diagnosis at her medical appointment.
- ◆ Prayers of gratitude & joy for Lauren Vegter on receiving a scholarship from LEF to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer to study dance.

**A Quick Reminder From Your Membership Care Team:**

If you or someone you know is ill, in the hospital or nursing home, please call Ashlei Horn at the church office. If you wish a visit, please let us know. We can also bring communion to you.

From Your Membership Care Team!!

***Please remember to pray for those in service for our country:***

Scott McClellen

Brian Holloway

Andy McDougall

Jesse Houston

Jake Sefton

Josh Gardner

Paul Nelson

Alex Von Koenig

Kohl Zehr

***Please take a few minutes to look over this list of those who are serving. We would like to have updated contact information for these folks so we can send them encouraging messages. If you have any information, additions, or corrections please let Ashlei Horn know. Thank you. [education@stevensvilleumc.org](mailto:education@stevensvilleumc.org) or 269-364-8545***

The family of David Sundblad is sending out thanks from the bottom of our hearts to our church family. Thank you for your prayers, love, cards, and hugs (keep those hugs coming). We appreciated all of the wonderful food and all of the workers who helped at the luncheon following the service. A heartfelt thanks to Pastor David for the very meaningful, comforting celebration of life service for our family and friends.

God is good....all the time!

The Sundblad Family



**GENEROSITY UPDATE**

Stevensville United Methodist Church is a generous and loving church made up of very generous and loving people, all sharing their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, & Witness so that together we might:  
*"BE AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S LOVE"*

For the July 1—June 30 Fiscal Year, our ministries need support of \$30,925 per month in gifts from our Members, Friends, and Other sources. As of May 1:

Year to Date Budgeted Needs: \$309,250      Gifts & Other Income: \$ 289,792

So that everyone is aware how we are doing in supporting our shared ministries, regular updates will appear in the Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Newsletters. Detailed reports are posted on the Finance Bulletin Board.

**Thank You For All You Do To Help Us Live Out Our Shared Mission!**

## CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

**WELCOME:** We welcome Mrs. Lauren Brautigam to the Children's Center Staff. Lauren is a recent graduate of Lake Michigan College. She is the new lead teacher in our four and five year old Zoo Room. Lauren is married and has an infant daughter. Welcome Miss Lauren!

**MUFFINS WITH MOMS:** We celebrated Mother's Day with Muffins with Mom on Friday, May 12, 2017. We treated lots of Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and other special ladies to muffins, fruit, juice and coffee that morning. Everyone had a good time. Donuts with Dads will be held Thursday, June 15, 2017 to celebrate Father's Day.

**PRESCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM:** We celebrated the end of our preschool year with a Graduation/promotion ceremony on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The children shared highlights of the things that they enjoyed doing during the past year.

**THANK YOU!** A BIG Thank You to Fred Seifet, Jesse Robbins and the youth group for helping set up for our special activities and tearing down after they were over. Also a big Thank You to Bruce Barclay for being our sound man for the preschool graduation/promotion ceremony. Thank you also to Bette Mallen for helping with the cake and punch reception after the graduation/promotion ceremony. We couldn't have done any of this without all of you!



Need a night out while your children are having fun? SUMCC will sponsor the next Parent's Night Out on Saturday, June 24 from 5-9pm for children ages 2 1/2 to 11 years old. The cost is \$20.00 for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child. Please contact Lynn Johnston at 429 -1069 for any questions and to reserve your spot.

On June 12 we will gather at the church at 5:00 to carpool to Bridgman. We will eat at Lake Street Eats. After dinner at 7:00 we will cross the street to The Sandpiper for a demonstration by Suzy Barnes of her new yarn facility. She will show or tell us about the steps in the yarn process...wool from the sheep, fleece, washing the wool, picking, carding, roving, spinning, winding and or skeining. A menu for Lake Street Eats will be posted by the sign up sheet beginning May 21. If you should have any questions please call Kathy Harris @ 269-313-3000.



# Education Ministry News

**Gear up for  
Vacation Bible School  
At Stevensville United  
Methodist Church!**



**July 17-21**

**9am-noon**

**Register today at:**

**[vbspro.events/p/stevensvilleumc](https://vbspro.events/p/stevensvilleumc)**

**There are many opportunities for  
volunteers to help with snack, video,  
craft, games, and Bible story stations!**

## Summer Youth Events

6/4 - Graduation Sunday

6/7 - Last High School Youth Group

6/18 - 24: High School Mission Trip

6/28 - All Youth BBQ

7/12 - Pool Party

7/16 -19: Middle School Mission Trip

7/26 - Pool Party

8/9 - Pool Party

8/16 - Pool Party

8/20 - 8/22: Cedar Point

8/23 - Pool Party

8/30 - Pool Party

## At a Glance

### All Youth BBQ

**6:00 - 8:00pm**

**3342 Washington Ave.**

**Saint Joseph MI**

### Pool Parties

**11:00 - 1:00pm**

**3810 Blenheim Road Saint**

**Joseph MI**

## Mission News

**Join the Missions Ministry! If you think you already signed up for this OR if you want to be a part of planning mission strategies, please contact Lona Vogie (428-1765 ) or Pastor David (429-5911). Meetings are about 5 times a year so the time commitment is limited. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vital ministry of our church.**

### JUNE 4 YOUTH MISSION

Support the youth from our church and locally as they do hands on and experience mission work.



### JUNE 11 PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY



Together we spearhead the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the US and globally. We pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of ever individual made in God's image.

### JUNE 18 NEW LIFE CENTER ZAMBIA

New Life Center among many things builds and distributes hundreds of PET vehicles each year, sponsors sister church development, runs a computer lab and global learning center, provides tutoring for those with no resources, runs a community health education and evangelism center and the New Life Press.



### JUNE 25 UMCOR



United Methodist Committee on Relief are among the first to respond to natural and

man made disasters. They Provide everything from blankets and food to survivors of hurricanes to cleaning supplies and shelter for flood victims. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of your donation is used directly to aid these people.**

The Stevensville United Methodist Church Missions Ministry

organizes numerous special funds for

mission work to continue. The above collections will

occur during the Sunday services.

**Thank you for supporting the Missions Ministry of SUMC**

## United Methodist Women in Mission

### UMW Committee of the Month

United Methodist Women would like to thank Renee Putt, Mary Sundblad, Janie Hild and Mary Shaffer for serving on the May Committee of the month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

At Stevensville United Methodist Church many events are supported by the United Methodist Women (UMW). Each month a group of women volunteer for "Committee of the Month" where they help with funeral luncheons and various meals held at church. This is a vital service to our church family and is greatly appreciated. If you would like to be included on the "Committee of the Month" calendar, please contact Myra Thompson @ 428-0201 or email her @ tntdetailing@gmail.com

### UMW June Events:

June 2	9:30a	CWU Board Meeting @ Union Memorial AME
June 6	7:00p	UMW Board Meeting in Lounge
June 12	7:00p	SIF Visiting the newest Knit Shop in Bridgman. Hostess Nancy Brown
June 21		District UMW Evening of Mission @ Hartford UMC
June 29	6:30p	Lydia Picnic @ Virginia Bedunah's

### KNITTING CIRCLE THURSDAY @ 2:00 IN LOUNGE

The United Methodist Women are currently accepting Pop Can Tabs and Box Tops & Labels for Education:



Pop Can Tabs are a recyclable item that are collected and combined with the collections of other United Methodist Women units in our District. The money received is used for the support of programs and supplies for our United Methodist Women owned Community House in Grand Rapids. Box Tops & Labels for Education collected will be given to our area schools to help earn points to purchase large items and supplies for the schools and teachers' classrooms.

You can place these items on or in the cabinet near the UMW Bulletin Board. The Lions Club also has a box for donations of used eyeglasses and cases.

***We no longer will be accepting Spartan Labels, empty Pill Boxes, or used Cell Phones.***



## June Birthdays



### June 4

Abigail Klinke

### June 5

Patricia Neiman

### June 6

Bonnie Payne

### June 7

Christine Margherone

### June 8

Betsy Glenn

### June 9

Lindsay Archey  
Norma Ray

### June 10

Andrew Rutherford  
Kathy Sankey

### June 11

Ronnie Hunt  
Jim Seagren

### June 14

June Avery  
Melanie Green  
Sarah Hendley

### June 15

Janet Carroll

### June 16

Dianna Hartman  
Sarah Tate

### June 17

Dana McDowell

### June 18

Melinda Logan

### June 19

Patricia Steenbergh

### June 21

Katie Coeling

### June 22

Dennis Kniola

### June 23

Wanda Barclay  
Chris McCall  
Joan Shadle

### June 24

Sarah Dubbert

### June 25

Jonathan Rennhack

### June 27

Sharon Alsbro

### June 28

Ann Kauffman  
Charles Roth

### June 29

Cassandra Geary



Thank You!



For All  
Your  
Hard Work!

We had a good turnout and accomplished much on the May 13 Church Work Day. Windows were washed, the flower beds and landscaping was weeded and cleaned, a drain was added to eliminate the water problem in the pole-barn and other general cleanup. A special Thank You to the boy scouts also. A number of scouts came out and worked very hard to help us. Thanks so much to each and everyone of you.

The Trustees

## One Hundred Fifty Years of Stevensville United Methodist Church (continued)

*Around 1931 Mrs. Clara Meyers was pianist and names on the books were Stuart, Davis, Cupp, Cahlgard, and Griffendorf. From 1932 to 1941, we had five ministers. (In 1932, Rev. W. H. Watkins was appointed pastor. Rev. Paul Wilcox served as pastor in 1934; Rev. Orlo W. Carr in 1935 and Rev. F. E. Chamberlain in 1939. Rev. Henry Beatty, a young bachelor, was pastor in 1940 and 1941.) Rev. Emerson Minor came in June of 1941 and stayed for nine years. He was the longest resident pastor in history at that time.*

*In 1945, the minister wrote there were 76 members and only 38 could be relied upon. In 1947 a new concept was proposed at the Fourth Quarterly Conference on March 16. It was proposed that each member should make a pledge, assuming his financial responsibility of the church and that we look into the Envelope System of giving. That motion carried and the church started using this system in June of 1947 and is still in use.*

*In 1951, an energetic young man, Rev. H. H. Patterson came as our new pastor and remained for five years.*

*The church was growing in numbers with church membership totaling 103. Farm lands in the surrounding area began falling to the sub-division mania, which started the community toward its development into the suburban type of living. More houses being built at a staggering rate meant that more people needed spiritual homes. Far-sighted members appealed to the District Superintendent for guidance toward building a new church, but were told that a building program was impossible. The church did not feel that it was impossible, and in November of 1955, a general building fund account was set up.*

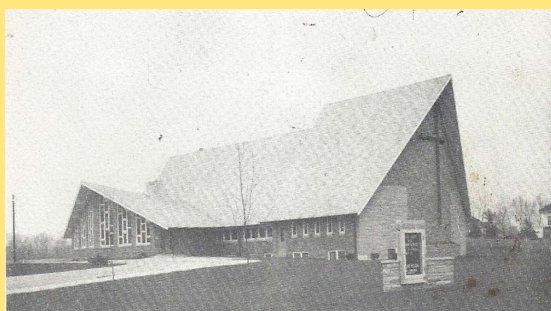
*Rev. Donald Strohl, his wife Dottie and two sons joined us in 1956. Growth in the area continued at a rapid pace, and talk about a new building became more frequent and more urgent.*

*In 1957, a building site of 3.3 acres was purchased on Ridge Road and in 1959 a building fund program was launched. Our church had been affiliated with other Methodist churches and shared pastors. We asked and were granted our own full time minister in June of 1960.*

*The fundraising was a success and the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new church was held on September 16, 1962. In March of 1963, Rev. Strohl left and Rev. Wm. Pohly consented to be our interim pastor until June. Rev. Marvin Zimmerman came to our church in 1963. In 1965, the parsonage on Ponderosa Drive was purchased for more livable quarters for the pastor and his family. Mrs. Kenneth Warner organized a Youth Choir and Mrs. Michael Miles was the pianist.*

*When we moved into the church in 1963, our records indicated we had a membership of 292 members. In the year of 1967, the records showed membership as 424 members.*

Please watch upcoming newsletters for more church history and information regarding the observance of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are seeking volunteers to be part of a team to help plan a celebration in the fall.





## SERVING IN WORSHIP JUNE SCHEDULE

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>				
8:30	Rachel Wade	Al Ottusch	Ed Trollinger	Lona Vogie
10:00	Holly Hetfield	BASIC	Jessica Lewis	(need to fill)
<b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b>				
8:30	( )	Lauren Vegter	Owen & Shawn Wade	Owen W./Carson R.
10:00	Jacob Krieg	Madison H./Anna F.	Michael C./Jeremiah B.	Konner & Logan B.
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>				
8:30	Sally M./Dick S.	Dennis & Sherry Kniola	Tom & Sue Russell	Bruce & Leanne Nitz
10:00				
<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>				
8:30	Bob Hendley	Jerry Hunt	Denny & Sherry Kniola	Pam Lukey
10:00	Bob & Barb Clark	Janet Crawford	Dave & Nancy Brown	Stan Dubbert
<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>				
8:30	8:30 & 11:00 Nursery Schedule Is Being Covered By Michel Hoge and Monique Belizaire			
10:00				
<b><u>HOSPITALITY</u></b>				
	Gene & Shirley Harris	( )	( )	( )
<b><u>COMMUNION</u></b>				
8:30	No Communion	Jack & Karen P./Robin L.	Al & Lucinda O./Lona V.	Sandy H./Allyson R./Rachel W.
10:00	No Communion			
<b><u>SOUND</u></b>				
8:30	Bruce Nitz	Charlie Vegter	Bob Hendley	( )
10:00	Doug Weingart	Dick Lukey	Aaron Rennhack	( )
<b><u>VISUALS</u></b>				
8:30	Barb Pries	Melissa Vegter	Lou Hendley/Bob Hendley	Dick Lukey
10:00	Natalie rush	Riley Logan	Nancy Mead	Max Logan
<b><u>PRAYER PARTNER</u></b>				
	Sandy Hayes	Lona Vogie	Rachel Wade	Magda Zoschke
<b><u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u></b>				
	Bob & Barb Clark In Honor of Eric's and Rob's 28th Birthday.	Tom & Sue Russell In celebration of our 43rd Anniversary!	Lona Vogie in Joyful celebration of our 36th Anniversary	Dan & Robin Lydic in celebration of our 43rd Anniversary

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**Leave all articles on the secretary's desk.**  
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**via e-mail, please contact the church office at**  
**stevensvillechurch@gmail.com**

**If you wish to no longer receive this newsletter,**  
**please contact the church office via e-mail or call**  
**(269) 429-5911. Thank You!**

<b>ATTENDANCE ON April 2, 2017</b>	
Worship Total. ....	156
8:00 Service. ....	68
11:00 Service. ....	.88
<b>ATTENDANCE ON April 9, 2017</b>	
Worship Total. ....	.263
8:30 Service. ....	121
11:00 Service. ....	142
<b>ATTENDANCE ON April 16, 2017</b>	
Worship Total. ....	.375
8:30p Service. ....	167
11:00p Service. ....	.208
<b>ATTENDANCE ON April 23, 2017</b>	
Worship Total. ....	222
8:30 Service. ....	95
11:00 Service. ....	.127
<b>ATTENDANCE ON April 30, 2017</b>	
Worship Total. ....	180
8:30 Service. ....	62
11:00 Service. ....	118