

Stevensville United Methodist Church

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Worship Schedule

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

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Mulching & Resiliency

I've never been the gardener type. More brown thumbs than green with me. So as work assignments were being taken for the property around our condominium I volunteered to do mulch. What can go wrong with mulch!? Well something did, though the problem was not with the mulch or how I spread it. As the sun settled on the horizon in a glory of colors, having spent several hours working on one side of the building I stopped for the night. All was well. Until I woke the next morning.

I woke the next day to feel an open and hostile act of rebellion going on in my hips and thighs. Muscles were shouting in collective displeasure! WHAT? How could this be possible given I run 4-6 miles several times a week and use Nautilus weight equipment to boot? But as the fog of sleep quickly cleared the answer was obvious. Despite regular exercise, I'd spent 3 or so hours squatting, bending, lifting, and moving in ways I typically don't using muscles rarely bothered by running or weights. Extra lbuprofen please!

After a reprieve of a few days, I ventured back out to tackle more of the mulching, doing nothing to modify the way I went about the work. (Yeah, I'm slow at times.) The next morning, interestingly enough, only a whimper of complaints from those previously screaming muscles. There are still bags to go, and we need more to complete the project. But somehow I know that as I continue the work, those cranky muscles will eventually go silent. At least until next year.

One of the "buzz" words I'm hearing in both culture and ministry these days is "resilience" or "resiliency." Resilience is defined as *"the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties or change."* It also indicates a form of physical and/or mental toughness. I'd say "spiritual" toughness could be added as well.

What might it mean to be "spiritually resilient" amidst the rip currents and chaos of life that come our way? More importantly, how does one become spiritually resilient? I suppose the answer to that second question is as varied as human experience. Prayer, Bible Study, Worship, Small Groups of people facing similar struggles, counseling, long walks or bike rides... the list goes on. I don't believe there is "one way" people can deepen their spiritual lives, nor "one way" to develop the kind of resilience of spirit that gets one through life's great storms.

Though there might be an umbrella word to cover all of the above and more. Wesley called it *"attending on the ordinances of God."* In his book "Three Simple Rules," Bishop Reuben Job re-phrased it *"Stay in love with God."* What I want to tease out of that is that staying in love with God is not just about our loving God. It's also about our experiencing the love of God that envelops and holds us. So, how do you experience the deep love and abiding presence of God in your life? If you know what those things are, how often do you put yourself in those places? To develop spiritual resiliency, first determine what practices or disciplines draw you closer to God. Then assess whether you are putting yourself in those places regularly enough to form resiliency on the spiritual side of your life.

Life knocks all of us down at one point or another. We have little control over when it happens. But we can be spiritually prepared so that the recovery comes more quickly. Surely God meets us anywhere we are when we seek Him. But if we seek Him regularly in good times, I firmly believe that when bad times come, we'll find that having cultivated spiritual resiliency we will experience less pain and faster recovery. That doesn't mean we won't have some scars. But a scar is a reminder of something we've been through and survived. (I have more than a few!)

We spread mulch in the gardens *"to help control weeds, conserve moisture, and increase tilth as it composts and adds nutrients to the soil."* So the question is: as a church and as individual followers of Jesus, are we covering our lives with the "spiritual mulch" of prayer, worship, devotion, song, stillness, silence, service, and any number of things that make for resilient hearts, minds, and souls? A dozen hours this spring aren't going to keep the muscles I used spreading mulch ready to go next year. I'd have to work them more regularly. Equally so with those God experiences that strengthen the spirit within each of us. As you go about gardening or lawn care this season, don't forget to tend to your soul as well.

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 healing for Lona's nephew Jason Kik who has been diagnosed with Crohn's disease and has complications.
- ◆ Prayers for a speedy recovery for Jillian Harris's mom who had surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Jean Kuschel who is recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Bob Schmidt's friend Rob Garcia who has stage 4 cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for Justin Weber who is interning in Accra (Ghana, Africa) this summer with a Judge.
- ◆ Prayers for a co-worker of Bob Clark's who is having surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Robin Lydic on the loss of her brother.
- ◆ Prayers for June Avery's niece Donita Smith whose husband Dick passed away last month.
- ◆ Prayers for our grandson Lucas and his family struggling with emotional and physical challenges.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for Janet Crawford's sister Meline who fell down a flight of stairs and broke a shoulder bone and 3 ribs.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for Kim Strode, friend of the Lukey's who is hospitalized for severe asthma.

JOYS:

- ◆ Prayers of joy for Heidi and Joe Fodo on the birth of their grandson Evan Hauer, son of Jaclyn and Dan.
- ◆ Prayers of joy for all of the 2017 High School graduates.
- ◆ Prayers of joy for Virginia Bedunah's granddaughter Brigette who will be graduating.
- ◆ Prayers of joy for Eric & Rob Clark's 28th birthday.
- ◆ Thanks be to God for the Reverends Bob & Ruth Lacker.
- ◆ Happy 13th Birthday to Madison Hoge.
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Mindi Logan.
- ◆ Prayers of blessings for the marriage of Tom & Bonnie Parrish's granddaughter.

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:

We would like to have updated contact information for those that are serving so we can send them encouraging messages. If you have any information please let Ashlei Horn know. Thank you. education@stevensvilleumc.org or 269-364-8545

WALK TO BETHLEHEM

WHO?

Everyone is invited to participate!

WHAT?

We will be logging our miles to see if we can symbolically walk to Bethlehem by Christmas. We need to log 3,858 miles to make it in time.

WHEN?

You can count the steps you take throughout your day and/or come to one of our four group walking times offered this summer at the church beginning June 26.

Monday @ 9:00am Tuesday @ 5:30pm

Thursday @ 9:00am Sunday @ 11:10am

WHY?

We are walking for health, fellowship, and as a reminder of the significance of the birth of Jesus.

HOW?

Log sheets can be filled out and returned to the envelope hanging on the bulletin board. Progress will be tracked both on the Member Care board and on the announcements screen before church services.

SEE ASHLEI FOR QUESTIONS!



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 June 1:

Year to Date Budgeted Needs: \$340,175 Gifts & Other Income: \$ 314,396

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

The Children's Center Summer Program was off to a great start in the month of June, participating in special activities at the center and taking field trips to see the Disney movie, "Cars 3" at Celebration Cinema, and visiting the Fernwood Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve. Field trips to Grand Mere State Park, Sarett Nature Center and Curious Kids Museum/Discovery Zone are being planned for July.

Playground Remodeling: We started remodeling the south side of the playground in June. Keep your eyes on that area as the remodeling should be completed sometime in the month of July. We are very excited about this project.

Preschool Openings: We currently have openings in the three and four year old program. The cost is \$75.00 per month. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45am-11:45am. A \$50.00 yearly registration fee per child is charged. Please contact Children's Center Director, Lynn Johnston at 429-1069 for more information or a tour of the facility.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!!



WE NEED COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS!

Could you help with this ministry?
Starting in August we need someone to make communion bread every other month. It is not difficult and we will provide you with the recipe.
Please see Pastor David if you are able to help and Thank You!



New offering envelopes are available
In the hallway. Please remember to
pick them up! THANK YOU!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are in need for someone to be in charge of scheduling those that serve in worship. This is a job that can easily be done from home. You are provided with the names and the areas that need to be scheduled. This is done once every three months. If you are interested or can help with this ministry please contact Sandy Hayes at 429-5328.

Thank you!

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

**Please see the education
bulletin board for volunteer
and craft supply/snack
donation opportunities.**

Summer Youth Events

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

MISSIONS FOR JULY

The following missions have been chosen by your Mission Ministry as beneficiaries of your mission giving for the month of July. Your generous giving helps people locally and all over the world!

JULY 2... MISSIONARY SALARY SUPPORT



Our church helps support the salaries of Delbert and Sandy Groves who minister in Zambia Africa. Their work includes running the New Life Center there. New Life Center builds the adult size Personal Energy Transportation Cart for the Mobility challenged. They also have a publishing house and church. This was moved from June to allow for the Bishop's Appeal Collection.

JULY 9...FLINT WATER CRISIS

The Flint Water Crisis is all but forgotten for those not still dealing with it. The United Methodist Church led by the Crossroads District has one of the most active responses still going. They provide free water filtration systems, replacement filters, zero-water filtration pitchers and educational materials to the community. They are also providing water testing kits issued by the city of Flint to promote residential water testing.



JULY 16...SAFE SHELTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The shelter is "run" by child and family services of Berrien County. The funding is dependent on donations from corporations and individuals like YOU. The shelter offers a safe, violence free environment for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Survivors are offered a protective, safe place to stay along with counseling services, advocacy and support.

JULY 23...HAITI HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Through a long-standing covenant with the Methodist Church of Haiti, the Michigan area Haiti Task Force has fed up to 20,000 children a day in Methodist schools in the Republic of Haiti. For many of the children, this is their only meal of the day. This program ensures access to nutritional meals, cooked on-site, to provide energy to learn throughout the day.



JULY 30...UMCOR



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe.

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 Judy VanderAue, Shirley Cole, Dianna Hartman, Jessie Leiser and Sharon Alsboro for serving on the June 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 July Events:

NO UMW BOARD MEETING
NO KNITTING CIRCLE
NO LYDIA CIRCLE

July 10 TBT SIF Picnic
July 13-15 District UMW Mission @ Albion College

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of our church, the United Methodist Women (UMW) is launching a Cookbook Blog. Please drop off your favorite recipe (and your mother's) in the bin marked "Recipe Drop-Off" at the UMW Service Projects table in the hallway. A story or a picture along with your recipe would be great!

Do you have a favorite Bible verse of the day or devotion? Drop that in there too! This cookbook is about you, our members of Stevensville United Methodist Church.





July Birthdays



July 1
John Kauffman III
Michelle Tuller
Debra Weber

July 2
Dean Amelung
Paul Nielsen
Nancy Wilson

July 3
Sophia Mendus

July 6
Thomas Andert
Zachary Marsh
Jami Rosenthal
Hailey Welch

July 7
Sarah McCall
Kayle Narregan
Daniel Putt

July 8
Barbara Bailey

July 9
Mary Ellen Trollinger
Julie Yoder Elmore

July 10
Amber Topp
Milt Zoschke

July 11
Bonnie Craig
Gerrit Marshall

July 12
Jennifer Weingart

July 13
Adrienne Hull
Brandon Weber

July 14
Chris Borlin
Steven Rigler
Betty Roth

July 15
Aubree Reitz
Ryan Rush

July 16
Willard Bailey

July 17
Bret Wamhoff

July 18
Savannah Lents
Nathan Thompson

July 20
Kendra Schuette

July 22
Connie Meachum
Kent Miller

July 24
Eric Mallen
Laura Vegter

July 25
Diane Koebel

July 28
Missey Traylor
Karessa Warner

July 31
Cherie Sonnenberg
Caroline Tubman



Dear SUMC,

Thank you to all who provided the meal after Janet's service. It was very much appreciated.

Don Kemp & Family



Mark your calendars! We will be having a picnic on July 10. Watch for the visuals announcements at church and bulletin for the time and place and more details!

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

According to our records, Rev. Arthur R. Davis was our minister beginning June, 1967. In the *Report of Pastor* for year 1967, Rev. Davis wrote the following account of the future of our church:

“Looking at the next five years in the life of this church one thing stands out in my mind. I think it is time for organizing a sizeable committee to meet frequently dealing with the future of this church. This group should acquaint themselves with the growth projections of this area and to think ahead regarding the needs of this congregation in the following areas: Education space, paid music personnel, increased music program, hiring of part-time educational assistant to run Church School, multiple worship services, providing for concerts by nationally known artists, lectures, community forums, chancel drama, the arts, increased secretarial service, small groups around various interest areas, day-nursery school, ecumenical involvements on the state level and any other areas that may be down the road but ought to be talked about now. This church has a larger responsibility and image than it has ever had. The entire Stevensville-Lakeshore area to say nothing of the Twin-Cities is the focus of our interest and ministry. Each Sunday people from all kinds of denominational and no-church backgrounds assemble for worship. We are in practice, if not in spirit, a community and ecumenical church. Diverse interest and a variety of backgrounds constitute the life of those who make up this congregation as members or constituents. We are a pluralistic group ranging from people with a Holiness background to Unitarian and it is a challenge for us to find our common ground in Christ. Our tolerance level is going to be pushed more and more. We either open-up and learn acceptance on a wider scale or retreat into ourselves shutting off many golden opportunities to share in the lives of others. Growth brings new problems and blessings, challenging old traditions and methods. Change and assimilations are never easy.

This congregation sits upon many thrilling possibilities for ministry and growth. But we have not really begun to grasp a large enough vision and to pursue this area with meaning. Our program is too limited and is in need of imagination and sensitivity to the needs and aspirations of persons.”

Rev. Davis left us in 1968 and Rev. Gerald Welsh came for a short time. In 1969, Rev. Lloyds Phillips joined our church and stayed until 1979.

Compiled by:

Sandy Andert and Renee Putt



Arthur R. Davis — Minister

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

COMING IN JULY

2017 FAIR SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HALLWAY

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

Please take the time to look over the lists and consider volunteering for a job or shift that fits within your schedule.

**In 2016 approximate 120 workers
staffed the Fair Booth for 640 working hours.**

Those numbers do not include volunteers for preparation of food, daily prep, help with moving in/out or clean up.

We need all the help of our church members and your friends to make this successful.

Maybe a Committee or Ministry would want to work together as a group.

Please consider working more than one shift or as daily prep or on the clean-up crew.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES!

Monday, July 31st, 8:00 AM - Browning ground beef for sloppy joes at church.

Sunday, August 6th – move equipment to the fairgrounds.

Sunday, August 20rd – move equipment back to the church.

Note from Carolyn – General Chairman:

If you wish to donate money toward food & supply costs to the fair, please mark your envelope for this. We are starting to buy supplies now. Because of health rules, we must buy & brown ground beef ourselves at the church. Thanks for your help.

So, what is the Fair Booth?

We talk about this a lot and ask for your help, but some may not know what we are referring to. We, Stevensville United Methodist Church, have been leasing a Fair Booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs during Fair Week for over 50 years. This was started when the Church was still located in downtown Stevensville, and began as a fundraiser to support the building fund for a new church. We have had several different locations at the Fair Grounds over the years, but we are currently located in a nice building near the Grandstand.

There are many things to be done to run this Fair Booth. We start early with getting the building and grounds ready for fair week, preparing what food we can ahead of time, moving in returning equipment, and scheduling volunteers to work the booth and serve customers. We offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner and there are four shifts to cover. These are all jobs that require help and support from members of our church. The profit we receive from this ministry is divided equally, with half being distributed to a chosen mission project and other half to the church general fund. Although the profits will vary from year to year, last year we were able to divide up over \$6,000, making the Berrien County Youth Fair booth one of our churches most significant fundraisers that impact all members of our church.

SERVING IN WORSHIP JULY SCHEDULE

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
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LECTORS

8:30	Ed Trollinger	Sarah Witt	Robin Lydic	Rachel Wade	Al Ottusch
10:00	Holly Hetfield	Barb Pries	Lona Vogie	Bette Mallen	Heather Boyle

ACOLYTES

8:30	()	Lauren Vegter	Owen & Shawn W.	Owen W./Carson R.	()
10:00	()	Madison H./Anna F.	Michael C./Jeremiah H.	Konner & Logan B.	()

USHERS

8:30	Gordon & Nancy W.	Sally M./Dick S.	Denny & Sherry K.	Bruce & Leanne N.	Tom & Bonnie P.
10:00	Bob & Barb C.	Mike & Mindi L.	Tubman Family	Dubbert Family	Wanda & Bruce B.

GREETERS

8:30	Bruce & Leanne N.	Karen Pallas	Tom & Bonnie P.	()	()
10:00	Joe & Heidi F.	Scott Glenn	Jack & Margie H.	Dianna Hartman	Bob Hendley

NURSERY

8:30 8:30 & 10:00 Nursery Schedule is Being Covered By Michel Hoge and Monique Belizaire

10:00

HOSPITALITY

Gene & Shirley H.	()	()	()	()
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COMMUNION

8:30	Jack & Karen P./Robin L.	Jackie & Sara W./Jan B.	Al & Lucinda O./Carolyn	Rachel W./Sandy H./Allyson R.	Jack & Karen P./Lona
10:00	Kathy H./Bette M./Mick P.				

SOUND

8:30	Bruce Nitz	Charlie Vegter	Bob Hendley	Aaron Rennhack	Dick Lukey
10:00	Aaron Rennhack	Dick Lukey	Aaron Rennhack	(Need to Fill)	(Need to Fill)

VISUALS

8:30	Dick Lukey	Barb Pries	Melissa Vegter	Lou & Bob Hendley	Melissa Vegter
10:00	Natalie Rush	Riley Logan	Max Logan	Nancy Mead	Nancy Farrington

PRAYER PARTNER

Kathy Culbertson	Paget Clark	Lona Vogie	Rachel Wade	Magda Zoschke
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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Dick Stauffer In Honor of My Daughter Amy Neibauer	Nancy Polker In Honor of Garrett & Savannah's Birthdays	Sharon Foxworthy In Honor of the Summer Birthdays of Jack & Jace Foxworthy	Pat & Fred Seifert In Honor of Their 46th Anniversary	Jeanne Koebel In Loving Memory of My Husband Ben
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ATTENDANCE ON May 7, 2017	
Worship Total.....	205
8:00 Service.....	83
11:00 Service.....	124
ATTENDANCE ON May 14, 2017	
Worship Total.....	233
8:30 Service.....	92
11:00 Service.....	141
ATTENDANCE ON May 21, 2017	
Worship Total.....	198
8:30p Service.....	78
11:00p Service.....	120
ATTENDANCE ON May 28, 2017	
Worship Total.....	161
8:30 Service.....	61
11:00 Service.....	100