

Stevensville United Methodist Church

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Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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Next Newsletter Deadline: Friday, August 11

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A SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE TO PASS ON

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. - Hebrews 11:8-10 (NRSV)

Like the beginning of most churches, ours mostly likely started in a home. Over coffee and pie, perhaps. The conversation may then have rotated among a few homes as it was nourished with prayer and the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In time a Methodist Class Meeting grew and became a fledgling church.

These early roots of the Methodist Church in Stevensville were grounded in the work of the members, or "laity." It wasn't a "clergy driven" model. That's as it should have been. Methodism in the U.S. in particular, was born as a lay movement. It started in Stevensville 150 years ago. And none of those who helped to start it likely could have imagined where the church would be 150 years on. They simply entrusted the ministry to God, and to those mostly lay and clergy persons who would take up the work long after the originators were called home to eternal life.

If a generation is approximately 25 years, Stevensville UMC has come to the close of it's 6th generation of ministry in the community. The page is turning as we enter a 7th generation. Fortunately, that shift doesn't mean a whole host of members and leaders are suddenly going to disappear from sight. No "mini-rapture" is going to be happening. Nevertheless, "the times they are (always) a changin'."

New generations tend to reinvent things. Even within historic institutions like the church. Not always radically, and not always easily. Sometimes the Church goes along and finds a way to adapt and expand ministry in changing times. At other times the Church resists and decline begins as the world moves on and leaves the church behind. The issue is rarely, if ever, about "the Message of the Gospel." More often it's about the means by which the message is conveyed, or how the church chooses to organize itself, or how it understands the authority of scripture in the face of ever new scientific information.

In the view of 2,000 years of Christian history, it's only been about 25% of that time since the Church gave up belief in a flat earth, around which the sun revolved, at the center of the universe. That may seem a small thing these days. It was a huge issue around the time of the Protestant Reformation. In 1517, exactly 500 years ago, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenburg Church, launching a long struggle that would last 130+ years. Over 5 generations. In some ways it still lingers on....

We may or may not face such deeply divisive challenges in our own day, but we do face challenges to the "status quo" of "how we've always done things." Just think how different things might be if the congregation hadn't stepped out boldly 50 years ago to buy land and build a new facility. If that hadn't happened, we'd still be worshipping "downtown" at the corner of St. Joseph and Lawrence! If we still existed at all.

The world seems to change at an increasing pace with each passing year. We all may sense we have less control over our days and lives. This can leave us wanting some place(s) where the "old ways" still remain constant, on a "firm foundation." Churches can do that if they so choose. But only if they are unconcerned about leaving a spiritual inheritance for future generations.

Those that wish to see Christ's ministry continue must ultimately adapt to a changing world. They must also keep in mind that from the perspective of the Bible, the church has never been "ours" to build. It's "architect and builder is God" just as Abraham knew. That means we must listen, pray, discern what God is calling us to do and be in ministry not for ourselves, but for the next generations.

There's a saying I both like and dislike: "There is no success without a successor." Our faithfulness is not simply a measure of what we inherited and kept going. It's far more about what we did with it, and what we left for those who followed.

- Pastor David



HEALTH CONCERNS:

Dean Amelung
 Jo Baugher
 Hannah Baugher-Penrod
 Charles Bross
 Erna Crawford
 Janet Crawford
 Timmy Dibble
 Donna Dorgelo
 Jack Hardy
 Char Hocking
 Janet Kilgore
 Jean Kuschel
 Mike Melcher
 Richard Ray
 Cleo Ruppel
 Barb Sanford

Gene Stemm
 Pat Tungett
 Judy VanDerAue
 Tamara Williams

SHUT-INS:

Patricia Day
 Shirley Ehman
 Irene Feller
 Jessie Leiser
 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 for Harper Moersch who is having testing at Mayo Clinic.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for Rhonda Rennhack and family on the death of Rhonda's Uncle Dallas.
- ◆ Prayers for the Pries's dear friends Glenn & Linda who are struggling with a return of Linda's cancer.
- ◆ Prayers of healing and relief for the Hardy's sister-in-law in Florida who has shingles.
- ◆ Prayers of recovery for Kim Strode who was released from the hospital but continues to recuperate.
- ◆ Prayers for Joyce Hudak who is having dental problems.
- ◆ Prayers for Dave Topping's brother Bob who has pneumonia and is in the ICU in Ohio.
- ◆ Prayers for Jane Hild as she chaperones the Rotary High School group Interact for a service project in the Dominican Republic.
- ◆ Prayers for Jean Kuschel who has had to have another surgery and is back in the hospital.
- ◆ Prayers for Lynn Johnston and her family on the sudden death of her brother-in-law Tim.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for Logan Boyle who injured his knee and will have an MRI to determine if surgery is needed.
- ◆ Continued prayers of healing for Lois Parent at Caretel and Jessie Anderson who is also at Caretel.
- ◆ Prayers for Virginia Bedunah's great niece Sarah, 24 year old mother of 2 who is losing her eye sight. Prayers that surgery will help and they can find away to afford it without insurance.

JOYS:

- ◆ Happy 63rd Anniversary to Jack and Marge Hardy.
- ◆ Happy 13th Anniversary to Jessica and Brian Lewis on June 26.
- ◆ Happy 50th Anniversary to Rich & Lynn Carter.
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Milt Zoschke.
- ◆ Prayers of blessings for the Logan's new grandson David Jr., born 7/15/17!

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.

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!



SUMC is excited to welcome Sara Lawrick as our new book keeper. She may be a familiar face to some, as her family attended SUMC for several years back in the early 2000's. Sara and her husband David, (who grew up in this church), have been married for 21 years. They have two sons - Daniel who is 16, and James who is 14. Sara previously served in a finance role at St. Joseph First UMC, where she helped establish the Power Church software system that we also use. In her free time, she enjoys quilting and is involved in our monthly quilting group. Sara is excited about joining our staff because she said it kind of feels like coming home. Please join us in welcoming Sara!

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 July 1:

Year to Date Budgeted Needs: \$371,100 Gifts & Other Income: \$ 339,992

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

PLAYGROUND UPDATE Our playground remodeling project is well underway. Drive by and see all the progress being made on the south side of the playground. The children are excited each morning to see what has been added to that side of the playground.

DAYCARE OPENINGS We currently have openings in our 2 1/2 and 3 year old Jungle Room Daycare and in our 4 and 5 year old Zoo Room Daycare. Please contact Lynn Johnston, director at 429-1069 for more information.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT The Children's Center will be hosting a Family Fun Night on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 6:00pm in Faith Hall. The children will be providing the entertainment for the evening and also helping to prepare the meal. A freewill donation will be taken. Plan now to attend. Everyone is invited!



Thank You

Have You Heard -

On June 30th our Staff Parish Relations Committee accepted the resignation of Darci Borlin from the position of book keeper for SUMC.

Darci has held this role for over 8 years, and was an integral part of the Generosity Team. Throughout the years, Darci saw many changes within the requirements of her role, always keeping the needs of our church at the forefront. She was instrumental in initiating the process of electronic pledges which helps reduce costs for both the church and the giver.

When you see Darci, be sure and thank her for her many years of service and congratulate her on her new career path as a realtor!

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!



Thank you!

VBS was a great success this year. We had almost 90 children attend! None of this would have been possible without all of you!

We had about 45 people donate snacks and more than 20 people volunteer their time during the week of VBS to lead groups, plan activities, play games, sing songs, and teach children about God's Love. I'm already looking forward to next year!! God's blessings to you all and Thank you so much!



Ashlei Horn

Summer Youth Events

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

Cedar Point Trip

Two nights camping and a full day at the park.

Contact Jesse Robbins if you are interested in attending.

Saves6363@gmail.com

Pool Parties

11:00 - 1:00pm

3810 Blenheim Road Saint Joseph, MI

Kickoff Party

9/3 6:00pm

3342 Washington Ave. Saint Joseph, MI

MISSIONS FOR AUGUST

(NEW MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST 27)

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

AUGUST 6 - FORGOTTEN MAN MINISTRIES



This is a Jail House Ministry that is active right here in Berrien County Michigan.

AUGUST 13 - WESLEY FOUNDATION OF WMU

This is a Methodist campus ministry for college students. We support the Western Michigan Chapter.



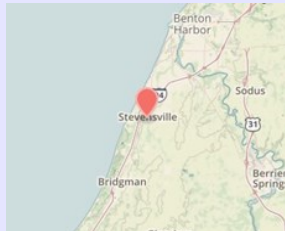
AUGUST - 20 RURAL LIFE SUNDAY



This is a designated Sunday of the Methodist Church highlighting and celebrating our rural heritage, meant to affirm those who work with and on the land and also recognizing the crisis occurring in rural areas around the world.

AUGUST 27 - HOMETOWN STEVENSVILLE AND BEYOND

Please meet a new mission focus! Hometown Stevensville is an intentional and deliberate focus on the needs of OUR local area, right here in Stevensville and the surrounding communities. The needs here are many and great. We have friends, neighbors and even family members who may need assistance.



We have set aside several Hometown Stevensville Sundays for mission giving without having a total picture about what needs to be accomplished or what the needs are. We step out in FAITH believing we are ALL being called to minister locally. Please give as you are able. Together we can do great things for those we meet in our Community everyday. You who live, work and worship in this Community know where the needs are. Tell us YOUR ideas and dreams for our community. Your mission team includes: Lona Vogie, Virginia Bedunah, Shirley Cole, Kathy Sankey, Rhonda Rennhack, David Hills, and there's room for YOU too!!

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 Nancy Wilson, Jean Graber, Kellie Meyer and Jane Raymond for serving on the July 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 AUGUST Events:

NO KNITTING CIRCLE
NO LYDIA CIRCLE

Aug 1 7:00pm UMW Board Meeting-Lounge
AUG 14-19 SIF Work @ Berrien Co. Fair Booth

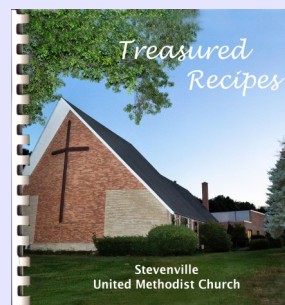
UMW SERVICE PROJECTS

Supplies for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center and sewn kimonos for our "Kalamazoo District Challenge" are being collected into September. Please place in the designated bins on the UMW Service Projects table. Thank you!

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.





August Birthdays



Aug 2
Nancy Cole

Aug 3
Richard Ray

Aug 6
Gilbert Ruttenberg

Aug 9
Ron Birmingham
Jane Hild

Aug 10
Ayana Harris

Aug 11
Kelly Agens
Alley Brown

Aug 12
Janet Crawford

Aug 13
Shirley Harris
Lona Vogie

Aug 15
Ronald Sonneman

Aug 16
Sarah Sonnenberg

Aug 17
Jo Baugher

Aug 18
Michele Hoge
Mark Johnson
Nancy Mead

Aug 19
Joni Dubbert
Barry Tuller

Aug 20
Chip Avery

Aug 21
Kathy Archey
Alaina Rigler

Aug 22
Konner Boyle

Aug 24
Brian Barclay

Aug 26
Dan Lydic

Aug 28
Hunter Hendley

Aug 29
Samantha Randall



Thank you to the UMW for the Mission Recognition Award. It is very fulfilling to reach out to people in need and see them smile. Thanks you so much and God Bless.

Pat Seifert



Say It With
Flowers

We are in need of filling slots for Chancel Flowers. The following dates are available: Sept 10, 17 and 24, Oct 8, Nov 5 and Dec 10. The clip board is available to sign up on the opportunities table. The flowers are done by H&J Florist and they will bill you directly. THANK YOU!

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



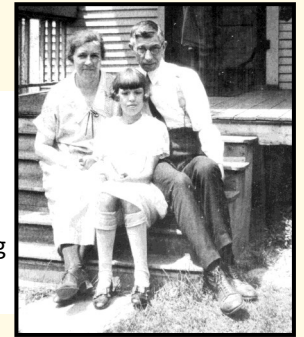
c. Summer of 1878
Original
Stevensville United
Methodist Church
on St. Joseph Ave,
Stevensville, MI



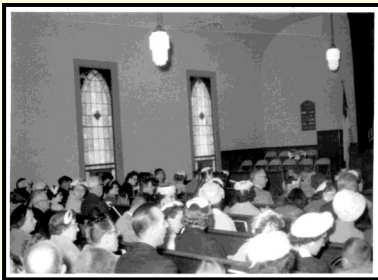
c. 1907
Rev. R. E. Showerman
"a humble but strong servant"



c. picture date unknown
Rev. Herbert J. Root was appointed as a student pastor in 1908. This was his first church. He preached each Sunday afternoon at Bridgman with alternate Sunday mornings and evenings at Hollywood and Stevensville. Before his death, Dr. Root was President of Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas



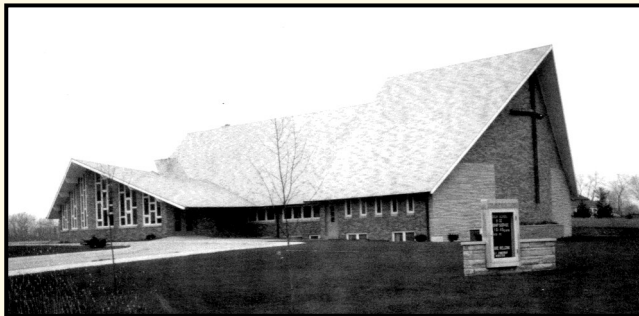
c.1926
Rev. Wilfred Eley was appointed to the charge which he served 1923 – 1926. Installing of electric lights in the parsonage was one of the early improvements made. Mrs. Eley suffered a fatal auto accident during the period her husband was serving this charge.



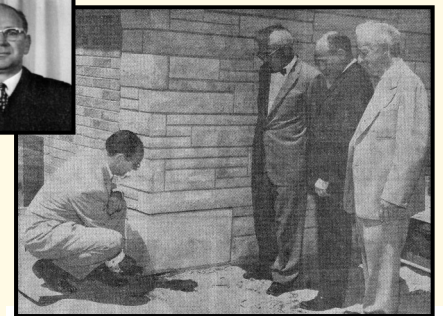
c. Easter Sunday, 3-29-1959
"Anyone who has attended church knows that there is simply no room in our church. We have received 45 new members since June 1, 1958. Our membership is now at 160, and the community is growing. We must plan for the future."



c. 1959
Building site for future home of Stevensville United Methodist Church on Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI
Rev. Strohl was pastor at this time.



c. 1963
Stevensville United
Methodist Church
Ridge Road
Stevensville, MI



c. 1963
Rev. Marvin F. Zimmerman came to the church from 1963 – 1967. Here on August 4, 1963 he trowels mortar around the cornerstone of the new church on Ridge Road as lay leaders look on.

c. 1968-1969
Rev. Arthur R. Davis



2017 FAIR SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN HALLWAY



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

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!

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. 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 AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AUG 6</u>	<u>Aug 13</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Aug 27</u>
<u>LECTORS</u>				
8:30	Sarah Witt	Ed Trollinger	Lona Vogie	Rachel Wade
10:00	Pam Lukey	Barb Pries	Mick Pries	Bette Mallen
<u>ACOLYTES</u>				
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 Boyle
<u>USHERS</u>				
8:30	Sally M./Dick S.	Darl & Marcia W.	Don & Sharon Alsbro	Denny & Sherry Kniola
10:00	Bob & Barb Clark	Logan Family	Rosenthal Family	Dubbert Family
<u>GREETERS</u>				
8:30	Carol Svorec	Myra Thompson	Ed & Mary Ellen T.	Darl & Marcia W.
10:00	Lyndon Holmes	Pam Lukey	Eric & Bette Mallen	Char Marko
<u>NURSERY</u>				
8:30	8:30 & 10:00 Nursery Schedule is Being Covered By Michel Hoge and Monique Belizaire			
10:00				
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>				
	Gene & Shirley H.	()	()	()
<u>COMMUNION</u>				
8:30	Jackie & Sarah W./Jan B.	Jack & Karen P./Robin L.	Al & Lucinda O./Lona V.	Rachel W./Sandy H./Sharon A.
10:00	Bette M./Jesse & Jen R.			
<u>SOUND</u>				
8:30	Bruce Nitz	Charlie Vegter	Bob Hendley	Aaron Rennhack
10:00	Aaron Rennhack	Dick Lukey	Lona Vogie	Doug Weingart
<u>VISUALS</u>				
8:30	Barb Pries	Melissa Vegter	Lou & Bob Hendley	Dick Lukey
10:00	Natalie Rush	Riley Logan	Max Logan	Nancy Mead
<u>PRAYER PARTNER</u>				
	Paget Clark	Sandy Hayes	Lona Vogie	Rachel Wade
<u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u>				
	Bruce & Leanne Nitz In Celebration of Their 42nd Anniversary.	Michael & Mindi Logan Happy 18th Anniversary!	The Rigler Family In Honor of Alaina's Birthday.	Robin Lydic In Honor of Dan's Birthday.

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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!

ATTENDANCE ON June 4, 2017	
Worship Total.	195
8:00 Service.	66
10:00 Service.	129
ATTENDANCE ON June 11, 2017	
Worship Total.	172
8:30 Service.	64
10:00 Service.	108
ATTENDANCE ON June 18, 2017	
Worship Total.	138
8:30p Service.	80
10:00p Service.	138
ATTENDANCE ON June 25, 2017	
Worship Total.	161
8:30 Service.	61
10:00 Service.	100