

# Stevensville United Methodist Church CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY

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Next Newsletter Deadline: Friday, October 13

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CELEBRATING
150 Years
Opening Hearts,
Minds, & Doors

### **Children of the Day**

Monday's child is fair of face, Tuesday's child is full of grace
Wednesday's child is full of woe, Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving, Saturday's child works hard for a living,
Sunday's child is happy and wise.

The poem above may be far more familiar to our elders these days. I can recall my mother often repeating it, and being a Sunday Child I liked it. I wonder if mom would have told it, and if I would have liked it, if I'd been born on a Wednesday. As it turns out, with a little online research I learned the original line for Sunday read: "And that child is born on the Sabbath day is bonnie and blithe, and good and gay." I don't think I'd have liked that one as a child. What 6 year old would understand "bonnie and blithe"?

Titled "Monday's Child," the poem was first published in A.E. Brays book "Traditions of Devonshire." Whether or not people took to heart it's foretelling the fortunes of children based on the day of the week they were, the tradition of doing so goes back much further than the poem. We are likely see it as superstitious nonsense, because it is.

In my office is a small framed picture that simply reads "intrinsic worth." I obtained it from Rev. Chris Momany, son of Carol and Ron, and graduate of Adrian College which I also attended. Chris is the Campus Chaplain at Adrian, and in that position has been lifting up the history of the college which is rooted in the abolitionist movement. Adrian's first president, Asa Mahan, was an ordained minister and noted abolitionist who got in trouble a number of times due to his strong views. Chris wrote in an article a few years back:

"I was always drawn to [Mahan's] combination of spiritual depth and social justice. He wasn't someone who was either/or. He was both/and. The part of me that connects with God likes that, and so does the part of me that connects with social justice. Mahan's theme, which shows up in his writings, was "intrinsic worth," that human beings have intrinsic worth that's God-given and part of one's identity, not based on things like wealth or social class."

For Asa Mahan every child born upon this good earth has intrinsic worth, and no one can think themselves "better" due to some social or economic status. All are made in the image of God. And all means ALL. Yet our fallen world clearly demonstrates that humanity hasn't fully accepted this fact. The statistics on child poverty in our nation alone show that, while we might nod in agreement with the sentiment of intrinsic worth, when it comes social policies it's another matter. Morality too often ends where our pockets start to be impacted. We're far from the bottom of the list of nations, but we are a good way from the top as well.

All this is why I am a supporter of "The Children's Sabbath" which we will be celebrating on Sunday, October 22nd. Worship that day will focus on the joy children bring into our lives and world, and will also challenge us to be more accepting, loving, caring toward the many children who may not be "our own" but nevertheless need our love. Christ said as much: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." On the day of the Children's Sabbath, we will also be trying out "Grace Space," (See pg. 7 for more detail) to show that all children have a place among us, even in worship. For every child has intrinsic worth not only in our world but in the Church, which is an outpost of the Kingdom of God.

No matter what day we were born on, no matter how the world may see us and others, let all of us seek to be "God's Child" gathered together in the one family to which Jesus invites ALL.

Blessings & Much Peace, Pastor David



The fall rummage sale will be held Friday, October 20 and Saturday October 21. We are in need of fall/winter clothing and any and all household items. Clothing can be brought in on hangers. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the opportunities table. We will accept your donations on Sunday, October 15 from noon to 2:00pm and Monday, October 16 from 6-8:00pm. (enter through the back door). Place your donations in the alcove or Room 3. Donations will also be accepted on Tuesday, October 17 from 10am-2pm. (on this date you must enter through the kitchen door). Thank you for your donations. Donation letters will be available if you want/need one during these drop-off times. Should you have any questions please contact: Barb Levine 429-8646, Bette Mallen 429-8219 or Mary Sundblad 429-6329.

### **RUMMAGE SALE CHECK LIST**

- October 20 and 21 Rummage Sale dates
- We need fall and winter clothing and any household items, including furniture
- All donated items should be clean and in good working order
- Clothing may be left on hangers
- We will accept your donations on Sunday, October 15 from noon to 2pm and Monday October 16, 6-8pm (enter through back door). Place your donations in the alcove or Room 3. Donations will also be accepted on Tuesday, October 17 from 10am-2pm. (on this date you must enter through the kitchen door). All donations must be received by Wednesday, October 18 by 8am. Donation letters will be available during all drop off times. Thank you so much for all of your donations!

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the opportunities table
- We need many volunteers
- Set up is Wednesday, October 18 from 8am-noon and Thursday October 19 from 8am until done
- The actual sale is Friday October 20 from 8am-5pm and the \$4 bag sale is Saturday October 21 from 8am-noon.
- Clean-up starts at noon on Saturday October 21. Men are especially valued during this time.
- If you use social media, please share with your southwest Michigan Friends our church sale dates

We are looking forward to a huge, successful sale to generate resources for UMW's special projects. We thank you in advance for your donations and/or help at the sale. If you have questions, please contact either Barb Levine, Bette Mallen or Mary Sundblad at the phone numbers listed above. Thank you so much for your help in advance!

### Dear SUMC Friends

Thank you all for your prayers, well wishes, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor David for being at the hospital before my surgery and offering prayers and support for me and my family. The follow up visits and calls were most appreciated. I am also so thankful for the lending closet. Thank you to Wanda Barclay for helping get a few temporary supplies. I am feeling very blessed to be a part of this caring congregation.

Love to you all.
Nancy Mead

## ALL CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 9am-NOON

There will be an all church work day
on Saturday October 14 from 9am-noon. There
is work to be done inside and out.
Many hands make for light work. We hope you
can join us. Thank You from your Trustees!





SUMC will be joining with ST. Joe First UMC for a Harvest Festival at Five Pines on October 1. Please consider joining us for fellowship and fun on this day. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please contact Jesse Robbins for further questions.



# STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 35TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREASURES LUNCHEON, COOKIE WALK & CRAFTS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 9AM - 2PM Please join us for: "The Cookie Walk" "Our Luncheon Café!" Lunch served from 10:30am - 1:30pm \*CRAFTS\* The menu includes Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Veggies, Homemade Pies, Desserts, Beverages and MORE! WE NEED CRAFTS! We would love to have you join us. We need quality crafters to help fill out our show this year. Your 10"x7" space rental is only \$40.00. The church's proceeds from the day go for church projects and missions. Please call the church office: 429-5911 for more details.



# **Trunk or Treat!**

Sunday, October 22, 5:00-7:00

Join us for a fun outreach event where children from our church and the community can trick or treat in a fun safe environment. If you would like to volunteer to decorate your vehicle and pass out candy please sign up on the Education bulletin board! We need a lot of volunteers to make this a success. You can also support this event by donating candy.

Last year we had a great turnout of about 150 children but need to increase the number of cars passing out candy for the event to continue to grow! Thank You!





- At a Glance: Sundays, 9:15-10:45 Sunday School
- ♦ Sunday's 6pm 7:30pm, MS Youth Group
- Wednesday's 6:00pm 8:00pm HS Youth Group

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

10/4: Musical Influence 10/11: Musical Influence 10/18: Musical Influence 10/18: Musical Influence

10/25: TBD

10/28: Corn Maze

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

10/1: Identity 10/8: Generosity

10/13: Halloween Dance

10/15: Generosity 10/22: Trunk or Treat 10/28: Corn Maze 10/29: Generosity

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Both middle and high school students are invited to join us at Barbott Farms Corn Maze from 6-9pm on October 28. The cost for the Maze is \$9 with concession stand being extra.





### **October Birthdays**



Oct 3 John Calvetti Brad German

Colleen Moore Ronald Putt

Oct 5 Hannah Poziwilko

<u>Oct 7</u> Ken Green Jacob Margherone Gerald Weber Andreas Wilder

Oct 9 Jane Westerbeke

Oct 10 Rodger Bittner Carol Bond Ron Edwards

Octo 12 Tadiwanashe Rukunda

Oct 13 Lucinda Ottusch

Oct 15 Linda Sommers

Oct 16 David Kauffman

Oct 17 John McDowell

Oct 19 Heidi Fodo Oct 20

Don Baugher Mitchell Kauffman Ed Westerbeke

Oct 21 Ruth Edlefson **Emily Horvath** Kellié Moore

Oct 22 Karen Reynolds Alyssa Rosenthal Bécca Rosenthal Chelsea Rosenthal

Oct 23 Amanda Sleder

Oct 24 Blake Ivers

Oct 25 Meg Farrington

Oct 26 Scott Glenn Dennis Rennhack Christine Weber

Oct 27 Hilary Bell

Oct 29 Dawn Hetfield

**Oct 30** Melanie Baugher

Oct 31 Allen Edlefson Shirley Ehman



### **WE NEED SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN PEW ATTENDANCE PADS**

Is this a ministry you can help with? This is an important part of keeping track of attendance in our church and keeping the pews stocked with filled pew pads/prayer request cards, sharpened pencils etc. Please contact the church office if you can help.

THANK YOU!



### **COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS!**

Could you help with this ministry? 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. Thank You!



### **CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY?**

We need 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.



**Flowers** 

December 10 is available to sign up for Chancel Flowers. Please see the clip board that is available on the opportunities table. The flowers are done by H&J Florist and they will bill you directly.

### **MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER**

The Stevensville United Methodist Church Missions Ministry organizes numerous special funds for mission work to continue. The following missions have been chosen by your Mission Ministry as beneficiaries of your mission giving for the month of October. Your generous giving helps people locally and all over the world! Collections for these missions will occur during the Sunday services or you are welcome to send in a donation to the church. Missions monies are divided unless you clearly note on your envelope for a specific mission.

### THE EMPHASIS MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER ARE:

<u>World Communion Sunday:</u> Funds are used for scholarships, ethnic scholarships and ethnic in-service training.

### New This Month, Foster Care Children of Berrien County:



Many times anything beyond the very basic needs are not able to be addressed for these children in transition. Our vision is to provide a few extras for children who go to school right here in Lakeshore.

### New Also This Month, Hats/Mittens/Gloves Drive:

We will be collecting these items here at the church. Items collected will be shared with our Lakeshore Public Schools. Home crafted are great too!! If shopping isn't your forte, we'll use your donated monies to fill out where the need is greatest.



Hometown Stevensville..and Beyond: We are

looking for your input about where in our area the needs are great and where we can put our efforts to greatest use. Please contact any member of your Missions team with yourideas.

### Michigan Methodist Children's Home:



The Methodist Children's Home Society helps hundreds of children each year by providing safe havens, creating forever families and raising responsible young men.

Next Month Thanksgiving Food Boxes: We will be collecting food and making food boxes. We will be collecting items for Thanksgiving dinners. A list will be posted on the bulletin board soon and in next month's newsletter. Do you have a small group that could put together a box of one complete meal? Your monetary donations will be used to help fill boxes. We are also seeking names of families who can use these boxes.

Thank you from your mission team: Pastor David, Lona Vogie, Shirley Cole, Kathy Sankey, Rhonda Rennhack and Virginia Bedunah. <u>There's room for YOU too!!</u>

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 Janie Hild, Pat Seifert, Angie DeHaven, and Bette Mallen for serving on the September committee of the month. Your help is 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 OCTOBER EVENTS**

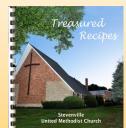
Knitting circle every Thursday @ 2:00 in the lounge

Oct 3	7:00pm	UMW Board Meeting-Lounge
Oct 6	9:30am	CWU Board Meeting/Saron Lutheran
Oct 9	7:00pm	SIF Decorating Cookies for Bazaar
Oct 19	8:00am	Rummage Sale Set Up/Faith Hall
Oct 19	7:00pm	Lydia Circle/Carolyn Yoder/Faith Hall
Oct 20	9a-4pm	Rummage Sale
Oct 21	8a-1pm	Rummage Sale \$4 Bag Sale
Oct 21		District UMW Annual Conference at
		Mt. Pleasant UMC
Oct 22	12:15pm	Golden Agers Luncheon/Faith Hall

### **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.

### 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.

### 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. <a href="mailto:education@stevensvilleumc.org">education@stevensvilleumc.org</a> or 269-364-8545



### "Grace Space"

The picture and quote above appeared on Facebook a few weeks ago. It's funny. There's also an edge to it. The church should be a space where all can experience the grace of God, including children. Some parents want their children in worship even when there are options like Children's Church or a Nursery.

"Grace Space" is an emerging practice in some churches where extra padding covers a small section of the sanctuary floor, with soft/quiet toys to play with and chairs for parents to sit inaround the edges. We are going to try this starting with The Children's Sabbath on Sunday October 22nd. At this time we are not sure "where" we will put the Grace Space, but it will be near the back. We hope all will extend grace as we see if some parents find that they and their children find it helpful. If there is a bit of noise—rejoice! It's the sound of new life in our midst. If you turn to look, please wear a gracious smile.



### **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"

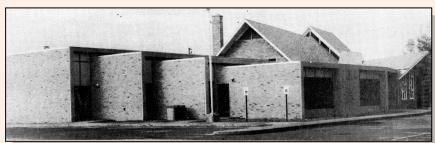
For the July 1—June 30 Fiscal Year, our ministries need support of \$29,477 per month in gifts from our Members, Friends, and Other sources. As of Sept. 1:

Year to Date Budgeted Needs: \$58,954 Gifts & Other Income: \$55,066

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!

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



On May 20, 1979, the new addition of Stevensville United Methodist Church was consecrated during the 11 a.m. worship service.

1979 1st Addition of Stevensville United Methodist Church

Rev. Dean Bailey came to our church in the middle of 1979 until 1987. In summer of 1979, a successful summer youth ministry was lead by Youth Minister, David Hills. Steve Emery was our Summer Youth Minister during the summer of 1980. Through the work of the Youth Minister Task Force the District Superintendent was notified that we could raise the funds to hire an Associate Pastor. Steve Emery was appointed as our Associate Pastor in June of 1981.

Pastor Bailey had received phone calls asking if the church was planning any involvement with the resettlement of the boat people. We had the opportunity and it was decided to sponsor a Laotian Refugee family, Chanthaboury's, in 1980. They stayed in the area until March of 1981 when they moved to Dorchester, MA.

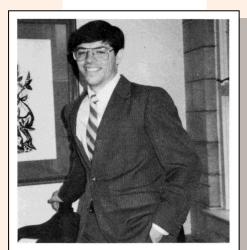
Rev. Dean Bailey 1979 - 1987

In December of 1984 the opportunity to purchase 3.76 acres from the Israelites House of David was approved.

Purchasing of the land would be for:

- 1. Future expansion of facilities (Faith Hall)
- 2. Insure the opportunity for future growth at the church's desired rate and provide its mission to the community
- 3. Meet parking expansion needs (It was decided at the annual church conference, December 11, 1984, that the church could not grow without adequate parking facilities.)

In October of 1985, a Building Needs Committee was created to analyze the needs of the church & community for future expansion. In October of 1986 a Building Committee was organized. A survey from the congregation compiled December of 1986 looked at not only present con-



Rev. Steven Emery 1981-1987

ditions of the church but towards future growth. In September of 1987, a contract was signed with an architect for a proposed schematic of the future addition. However, due to lack of funds, this expansion was halted until a building fundraiser was organized to help raise funds for this new addition.

HEALTH CONCERNS: David Rhodes MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD:

Dean Amelung Cleo Ruppel Caleb Dormah—in Liberia

June Avery Barb Sanford Delbert & Sandy Groves—in Zambia

Jo Baugher Gene Stemm Monique Yoder—Lithuania

Hannah Baugher-Penrod Pat Tungett

Charles Bross Judy VanDerAue Erna Crawford Tamara Williams

Timmy Dibble SHUT-INS: Donna Dorgelo Patricia Day Jack Hardy Shirley Ehman Dianna Hartman Irene Feller Char Hocking Jessie Leiser Janet Kilgore Walt Phillips Jean Kuschel Norma Ray Mike Melcher **Linda Sommers** Grace Park Dan & Sally Streick Helen Wiessner Richard Ray

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **CONCERNS:**

- Monique Yoder asks for prayers of comfort for the family of Greg Lawton who lost his sister Marjorie to cancer.
- Jan Taylor asks for prayers for her family and friends living in the Texas Gulf Coast.
- Jan & Tom Taylor ask for prayers for their daughter Kelly who lives in Ft. Myers Florida.
- Prayers for Larry Cole's friend Don who was taken to the ER with chest pain and breathing problems.
- Prayers for the Pries' friend Linda that she can be included n an experimental cancer treatment program.
- Prayers for Shirley and Gene Harris's son-in-law who lost his arm in an accident.
- Prayers of comfort for the Svorec Family on the loss of Warren Svorec, Carol's brother-in-law.
- Prayers for Pastor David's nephew Daniel as he struggles with Ataxia-telangiectasia and as decisions are made regarding his care. Prayers of strength for Daniel and his family.
- Prayers for Joyoce Hudak who is preparing for knee surgery on 9/28.
- Prayers for Mary Sundblad who is recovering from bilateral total knee surgery.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for all of the people affected by the hurricanes.
- Prayers for Sherry and Jerry Hunt's niece Alexis who has been battling an inoperable brain tumor and now has cysts.
- Prayers of healing for Don Alsbro who is down with a cough and congestion.
- Prayers of hope and healing for Lona's brother in-law David Kik who is being tested for lymphoma.

### JOYS:

- Prayers of joy to Carol Svorec on the birth of her 4th great grandson Caspian.
- Prayers of joy for Aiden Boyle's 4th birthday on Tuesday September 26.

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

SERVICE	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Kathy Sankey	Sharon Alsbro	Rachel Wade	Children's Sabbath Children's Sabbath	Al Ottusch BASIC
ACOLYTE 8:30 11:00	<u>s</u> ( )	Lauren Vegter	Owen & Shawn V	V. Owen W./Carson  Jacob Krieg	R. ( )
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Denny & Sherry K Bob & Barb C.	. Darl & Marcia Mike & Mindi	•		
GREETER 8:30 11:00	<u>S</u> Dianna Hartman Jess & Jen R.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Denny & Sherry K. Ralph & Marilyn S.	Bruce & Leanne N. Carolyn Yoder.	Karen Pallas Willard Bailey
NURSERY HOSPITA	8:30 and 11:00 LITY Gene & Shirley H.		is Being Covered B	y Michelle Hoge a	nd Monique Beliaire
8:30 11:00	NION  Kathy S./Myra T./Sharon A.  Bette M./Mick P./Carolyn Y.	Jack & Karen P./Lona V	/. Sandy H./Allyson R./Rach	nel W. Children's Sabbatl	n Al & Lucinda O./Carolyn Y.
SOUND 8:30 11:00	Charlie Vegter Doug Weingart	Charlie Vegter Dick Lukey	Bob Hendley Lona Vogie	Aaron Rennhack Bruce Nitz	Scott Meyer Aaron Rennhack
<u>VISUALS</u> 8:30 11:00	Barb Pries Nancy Farrington	Melissa Vegter Need to Fill	·	ou Hendley Jancy Mead	Need to Fill Need to Fill
<u>PRAYER I</u>	PARTNER Sandy Hayes	Paget Clark	Rachel Wade	Children's Sabb	ath Lona Vogie
CHANCE	Sundblad Family in Loving Memory of Eddie & Gladys Sandera	Harold & Pam Rescoe In Honor of Their 49th Anniversary	Ron & Carol Momai In Memory of Kim Momany	ny Vicky Harms In Honor of Don & Janet Kemp's Anniversary	Shirley Ehman In Honor of Her Birthday Oct 31.

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### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Leave all articles on the secretary's desk.

If you would like to receive this newsletter 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!

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