



Stevensville United Methodist Church

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April 2013

Worship Schedule

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

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

Next Deadline: April 19, 2013 Noon

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(Samaritan Counseling Center)

From the Pastor's desk...

We talk about Lent being one of those times of the year when we take an honest look at ourselves, see where we are and where we can be and where God calls us to be. I have been taking one of those hard looks during this Lent and need to confess. Some time I see only what I want to see. Ever been there?

I am thinking about this knowing we start our annual commitment campaign on April 14th. My "Lenten" confession to you is that I have not have been clear enough in telling you of my need and our church's need for your help and partnership doing the ministries of SUMC without an associate pastor. I know a number of colleagues who are serving churches our size and larger, and they are working with a lot of help.

Taking one of those "Lenten" looks at our church, I see wonderful ministry happening, and at the same time, there are places needing you. For example, we have been saying for the past few years how good it would be to truly care for our church family. One of our dreams is to have the network of people who would be in touch with all our members whether they are in the hospital, recovering at home, or unable to get here. This is an "inward" dream.

We also have an "outward" dream, which is based on why we exist at all. We are a churches of Jesus Christ, meaning we exist to tell, celebrate and spread the Good News of God in Jesus Christ! Are we getting into the community? How are we in our reaching "out"? Have you invited a friend who has no church?

The 2013/2014 commitments you and I will be done because we believe in Jesus and his message, and because we are his followers. During these coming weeks, make take time to think about the commitment of your prayers, your presence in worship, your giving of the tithe and offering and your service. It is going to be an exciting spring as we celebrate and respond to our Risen Lord!! *Gordie*

April Worship Services

April 7	Dr. Mick Pries, Samaritan Center Counselor who works out of the satellite office in our church.	
April 14	"Why We Make Commitments" Kick off our commitment campaign	Matthew 25:31-46
April 21	"Why We Serve" and Choir Cantata	John 13:4-15
April 28	"Why We Give"	Luke 12:22-34
May 5	"We Celebrate Our Commitments!" We will have one service together at 11:00 and lunch to follow!!!	Acts 2:43-47

The United Methodist Women invite all Women
to a Luncheon & Program entitled:

**Call to Prayer and Self-Denial:
Christian Financial Responsibility**

**Sunday, April 14, 2013
12:15 pm in Faith Hall**



Please sign up at the Opportunities Table

A free will offering will be taken

Call to Prayer & Self Denial is another opportunity of the United Methodist Women to support women and children nationally and internationally. This year's special offering will support programs to train women, children and youth to master needed financial skills.

All Women of *Stevensville United Methodist Church*
are members of *United Methodist Women*
SO PLEASE JOIN US

Soup Kitchen and Feeding America Ketchup:

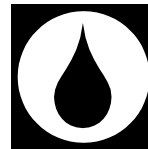
Thank you to all that have been helping in any way with the Soup Kitchen Mission. Last year we served 2083 people. The teams that provide food items are a vital part of this Mission. Each team provides food items 3 times a year. While they provide most of the supplies needed each month, it is still necessary to purchase some additional supplies.

A few years ago I found out we were able to by food from Feeding America, a Non Profit organization that provides food for people in need. We are able to use the food for the Soup Kitchen, and the Christmas Families. We are able to purchase most items for \$0.16 a pound. Last year we spent \$400.43 with Feeding America. That food would have cost \$1,788.08 in the stores. It can only be used by people in need.

We cannot use it for fund raisers.

Donations made to Feeding America will be credited to our church account. These donations are tax deductible. The donation can be sent to: *Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank, 864 West River Center Dr., Comstock Park, Mi. 49321-8955. Include our Agency number 40242.*

Feeding America is now requiring us to have locks where we store the items purchased through them. A lock has already been installed on the Soup Kitchen cabinet. The "Soup Kitchen Freezer" will also have a locking system on it. So, **SOON SOUP KITCHEN TEAMS WILL HAVE TO PUT FROZEN ITEMS IN THE BIG COMMERCIAL FREEZER.**



Blood Drive

Monday, April 29th

1:00-5:30 pm

Anyone 17 or older weighing at least 110 pounds may register to donate. It may take 45 minutes to an hour for the process, including registration, screening, donating, and after-donation canteen. Sign-up sheets will be available starting Sunday, April 7th.

Human Rights Celebration

April 5 at 11:00 AM

Union Memorial AME
911 S. Crystal Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI

Soup & Salad Luncheon

Following the program

Church Women United



Prayer Requests

Health concerns:

Bob Bender	Norm & Bonnie Payne
Erna Crawford	Norma Ray
Patricia Day	Bob Sommer
Bill Friend	David Sundblad, Sr.
Arnie Graber	Ron Tungett
Dianna Hartman	Judy VanderAue
Nancy Hinkle	Jackie Witt
Laverne Howard	Betty Zoschke
Brad Johnston	Elderly/Shut-ins:
Ben Koebel	Frank Cupp
Barb McClellan	Ernie Grimm
Mike Melcher	Norm & Bonnie Payne
Wendy Nielsen	Sue VanderMolen
Bill & Becca Niemi	Lucille Vyzral
Ed Nurnberg	Helen Wiessner

General Concern:

Caleb Dormah—in Liberia
Delbert & Sandy Groves—missionaries in Zambia

Friends Living Out of Our Area:

Merlin Feigley
Vanda Fisher
Daisy Brannick
Ruthe Bomberger



Concerns:

- † Prayers of healing for Linda Sommers who is suffering from bursitis of the hip.
- † Continued prayers of healing for Owen Wade's friend, Tara, who will soon begin radiation treatments for brain cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Helen Weissner who has a muscle and ligament problem cannot walk and is in a lot of pain.
- † Prayers of healing for Diane Cole, scheduled for breast cancer surgery on March 22nd.
- † Prayers of healing for a friend of the Geary family, Michelle, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for aggressive lung cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Heather Boyle's cousin's 6 year old son, Oliver, who is in his 2nd year of cancer treatments. Prayers for peace as they discuss quality of life and possible experimental chemo treatments.
- † Prayers for Kathy Archey's father having a PET scan on his left lung on March 18th.
- † Continued healing for Betty Zoschke as she continues radiation treatments.
- † Continued healing for Gordon Kilgore after surgery on his hip.
- † Prayers for peace and healing for a friend of Betty Iver's who is battling severe anxiety and depression.
- † Prayers of healing for Jan Johnson's father, Don Schimnoski, who was recently hospitalized.
- † Prayers of healing for Kathy Donaldson in Scottsdale, AZ.
- † Prayers of healing for Lt. Doug Bell, a firefighter, who is being treated for serious burns at Bronson.
- † Prayers for our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ and the newly elected Pope Francis.

Joys:

- † Prayers of joy upon Ron & Pat Tungett's 50th wedding anniversary on February 23rd.
- † Prayers of joy upon the birth of two healthy girls to Rachel Wade's sister-in-law on February 23rd.
- † Prayers of joy upon the long-desired birth of twins to Carol Bond's niece.
- † Prayers of joy upon Frank & Jo Cupp's 70th wedding anniversary on March 20th.

Prayer Requests (continued)

Comfort:

- † Prayers of comfort for Tom Andert and family upon the death of his mother, Cyrilla Andert, on March 4th.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Don Eppley who died on March 14th.
- † Prayers of comfort for Konner Boyle upon the death of his grandparents' dog.

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

Scott McClellan	Brian Holloway	Andy McDougall	Josh Gardner
Jesse Houston	Damon Ewen	Jake Sefton	Alex Ottusch
Paul Nelson	Josef Ottusch	Alex Von Koenig	Kohl Zehr
Monique Yoder—teaching in the Middle East			

If you have any information or updates of those in service, please contact the church office.

Prayer is the next best thing to being there.

Trustee News

The Trustees have scheduled a **work day for May 4, 2013 from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM.** We hope to have good weather so that we are able to work outside. There are many inside jobs that need to be done as well. Your participation in this event is desired. Many hands make the work go more quickly and more easily. Please bring cleaning supplies and yard work tools. Thank you. *The Trustees*

The locks for the Children Center doors have been purchased and installed making our children safer. The Trustees and the Day Care wish to thank those people who made contributions for these new locks.

News from Liberia

Pastor Caleb sends greetings and hugs from Liberia. He is doing well and working on Youth Worship in Monrovia. This has potential of reaching up to 60,000 youth!

Please keep Pastor Caleb Dormah and this vital ministry in your prayers.

Transforming Minds

Elevating Lives

Making a Difference



"A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love to the Children and Families of our Community"

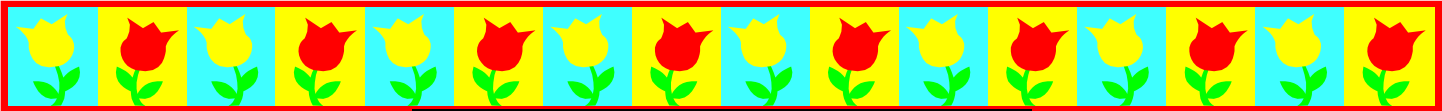
Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Lighthouse Ministries of Benton Harbor is asking you to support our April Showers brings May Flowers event by gathering and donating your commercial kitchen supplies. The supplies gathered during April can be brought to Lighthouse Ministries during our Open House that has been scheduled for May 5, 2013 at 4:00pm.

In 2012 with your help, we were able to raise the necessary \$25,000 to meet our \$25,000 matching grant. We'd like to mirror the success in 2013 by asking 500 families and friends to support us (again) with a \$50 donation. Together we can do it!!!

We look forward the amazing fellowship and years to come. Thank you for all of your prayers, support and most importantly, thank you for your love.

Sincerely, *Minister Lisa D. Gorman*



Education News

Class Gold Medalist Feature

Toddler and Pre-K class

The Toddler and Pre-K class have a variety of ways that they earn their medals. They receive medals based on attendance, being good listeners and answering questions. Most recently have combined with the lower El class and are able to receive medals for participating and cooperating with others. Way to go Toddlers and Pre-k class!

Junior Worship

The Junior Worship children are also being featured this month. They earn their medals for attendance, participation, cooperative play. They are working hard on learning the Lord's Prayer. Each week we have someone to help look up the Bible verse in the Bible and someone to Light the alter candles. The children love having the responsibilities of bringing the Light of Christ into our worship space and finding God's word in the Bible. Way to Go Jr. Worship!

Notice to all Jr. Worship Parents
NO JR. Worship on Easter Sunday!
You are encouraged to Celebrate our Risen Lord with your family during one of our three worship services, Easter morning!

Confirmation News



Mark your Calendars!
VBS 2013
June 25-28, 2013
9:00am to 12:00

Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Morning 9:45 am
Front Lawn (rain location Faith Hall)
We are still accepting donations for the Easter Egg hunt . Please have them to the Education office by Sunday, **March 24, 2013**
Items looking for include but not limited to:
*Candy *Change * Stickers * Inexpensive small toys *Crosses

Pastor Gordie and I will be sending out letters to those who are eligible for Confirmation this year. To be eligible for confirmation you must be in 8th grade or higher and a desire to learn about being United Methodist.
If you feel you meet the requirements but have not heard from either Gordie or myself by April 7th please come and see us.



Sarah McCall
Christian Education Director

Stevensville UMC Youth Activities



Sunday, March 24, 3:00—5:00 (Special Time!)

MS Rollerskating at Lakeshore Rollerworld
HS Laser Tag @ Slackers

Easter Sunday, March 31, 7:00am at SUMC - MS and HS youth Sunrise Service

No Youth Group Activities on April 7

Spring Break!

Saturday, April 13 at 8:00pm—High School Youth

Cosmic Bowling @ Kelly's Bowl—Bring \$12 for lanes & shoes!



Sunday, April 14 at 6:00-7:30

Middle School Youth Room 1 of Faith Hall

We will be discussing "God Sightings!"

Sunday, April 21 at 6:00-7:30

Middle School & High School Youth will perform service projects for church members

Sunday, April 28 at 6:00-7:30

Middle School Hunger Games in Faith Hall

High School Youth—Painting at Lighthouse Ministries



The W.A.Y. (West Michigan Area Youth) Events—See Facebook for Details

April 27, 2013 The W.A.Y. returns to base camp! Crystal Springs Campground. Come for a night of music, games, food and fellowship. NO COST!

May 18, 2013 Five Star Ranch in Sturgis, MI. 12-5 p.m. Enjoy a day exploring leadership principles at the Five Star Life Youth Ranch. Through activities including high ropes course, fishing/archery, horse back riding and rock climbing you will explore leadership qualities and characteristics.

June 2013 End of Year Beach Party @ Warren Dunes...date and times TBD.

Mission News

The Stevensville United Methodist Church Missions Team organizes numerous special funds for mission work to continue. The following collections will occur during the Sunday services:

March 24.....UMCOR

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR transforms and strengthens people and communities. UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

March 31..... Easter Envelope Offering

50% of this offering will fund camper scholarships and 50% will be directed toward Jacqueline Putt's mission service project in Haiti.

April 7..... Benton Harbor Street Ministry

This ministry is part of the Berrien County Association of Churches. Programs include GED classes, tutorial programs, food pantry, supplying household items, counseling help and weekly prayer.

April 14.... Native American Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

April 21.... Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing ministry. Habitat welcomes all people—regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or any other difference—to build and repair simple, decent, affordable houses with those who lack adequate shelter.

April 28.... UMCOR

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR transforms and strengthens people and communities. UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

Please note that you can donate to any mission at any time. Please place your donation in any offering envelope with instructions written on the "other" line. Thank you!



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women in Mission

The UMW is a faith-based women's organization within the United Methodist Church with 800,000 members worldwide who are committed to growing as disciples of Christ in community with other women and building the lives of people forced into the margins of society. United Methodist Women have been in mission with women, children and youth for over 140 years. At SUMC, all women of the church are considered members of the UMW with its programs, meetings or activities open to any woman who wants to attend. See you in April!

UMW Committee of the Month

United Methodist Women would like to thank Caren Hillberg, Lona Vogie, Susan Barry, and Sharon Foxworthy for volunteering to serve on the March Committee of the Month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Book Circle

We will be meeting on Monday, April 15, at 2:00 pm at the Whitcomb.

Book: *Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Daily Choices* by Julie Clawson

UMW April Events:

Knitting circle every Thursday @ 2:00 pm in the church lounge.

- 2 7:00p.m. UMW Board in lounge
- 5 11to2p.m. Human Rights Celebration (CWU Bd. before)
Meeting at Union Memorial AME (potluck)
- 8 6:00p.m. SIF Dinner & Games at Jan Koebel's home
- 9 11to3p.m. Retired School Personnel Luncheon
- 15 2:00p.m. Reading Circle @ Whitcomb
Everyday Justice by Julie Clawson
- 18 7:00p.m. Lydia Circle @ Laura Bross
- 24 8:00a.m. Rummage Sale Set Up
- 25 8to5 p.m. Rummage Sale
- 26] 8to12p.m. Bag Sale

Serving in Worship

Service Provided	April 7, 2013		April 14, 2013	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Robert Hendley	Bette Mallen	Joan Gobert	BASIC
Acolytes	Derek Borlin	Max Logan Konner Boyle	Sarah Witt	Frankie Melcher
Ushers	Jan Bickers Jackie Witt	Carolyn Yoder Larry Cole	Dennis & Sherry Kniola	Barb & Bob Clark Heidi & Joe Fodo
Greeters	Carol Svorec	John & Lisa McDowell	Myra Thompson	Richard & Norma Ray
Nursery Workers	Rhonda Rennhack Leigh Belmont		Scott Burnett Pat Seifert	
Lawn Mowing				
Hospitality		Gene & Shirley Harris		
Communion Helpers	Leanne Nitz	Heidi Fodo	Joan Gobert	
Sound	Bruce Nitz	Doug Weingart	Charlie Vegter	Chip Krieg
Visuals	Terry Hendrix	Bob Hendley	Melissa Vegter	Melanie Kapp
Junior Worship		Sarah McCall/Youth	Nancy Mead/Tammy Green	
Pastor Prayer Partner	Jan Bickers		Donna Godlush	
Flowers Provided By	Darl & Marcia Williams in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary		Ed & Mary Ellen Trollinger in honor of their wedding anniversary	

Serving in Worship

Service Provided	April 21, 2013		April 28, 2013	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00AM
Lector	Cantata	Cantata	Holly Hetfield	BASIC
Acolytes	Matthew & Marshall Rescoe	Meg Farrington	Sarah Witt	Max Logan
		Madison Hoge		Konner Boyle
Ushers	Nancy & Gordon Wilson	Eric & Hilary Bell	Joan Gobert	Mike & Mindi Logan
		Melanie Kapp	Ron Putt	Willard Bailey
		Randy Hardy		Lona Vogie
Greeters	Ed & Jane Westerbeke	Don & Melissa Rescoe	Gordon & Nancy Wilson	Carol Svorec
Nursery Workers				
Lawn Mowing				
Hospitality				Kathi Anserello
Communion Helpers	Holly Hetfield		Jackie Witt	
Sound	Mike Farrington	Lona Vogie	Aaron Rennhack	Chip Krieg
Visuals	Lou Hendley	Bob Hendley	Nancy Farrington	Bob Hendley
Junior Worship		Erik & Keri Haskins		Paget Mangold/Rachel Reynolds
Pastor Prayer Partner	Rachel Wade		Gordon Kilgore	
Flowers Provided By	Allen & Ruth Edlefson in honor of their wedding anniversary		Cassandra Geary in memory of Barbara Geary, John Geary and Gary Handy	



April Birthdays



April 1
Kelly Hahaj-Mendus
Rebecca Niemi

April 9
Kevin Green
Joyce Hudak-Allen
Breckin Moersch

April 17
Travis Floyd
Lou Hendley
David Reynolds

April 25
Cynthia Frohock

April 2
Luke Ivers

April 10
Jackie Witt

April 18
Carrington Tubman

April 26
Andrew Archey
Chelsey Pallas

April 3
Max Logan
Val Ruttenberg
Bailey Wiese

April 13
Zacary Calvetti
Robin Weingart

April 19
Chris Mendus

April 27
Reid Haskins
Taylor Hendrix
James Poziwilko

April 5
Harper Moersch

April 14
Mike Menke

April 21
Ian Sokol

April 28
Arden Paustian II
Ed Trollinger

April 6
Charles Bross

April 15
Robert Hendley

April 22
Richard Miller

April 29
Perry Melcher
Marissa Paruch
Aaron Rennhack
Sally Streick

April 8
Nicole Tubman
Betty Zoschke

April 16
Angela DeHaven

April 23
Elizabeth Cronkrite
Mary Sundblad

April 24
Darci Borlin



A Quick Reminder From Your Membership Care Team:

If you or someone you know is ill, in the hospital or nursing home and would like a visit, please call the church office. We can also bring communion to you.

From Your Membership Care Team!!

SENIOR CHOIR SPRING CANTATA! APRIL 21—BOTH SERVICES



“FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND”

THIS MUSICAL INCORPORATES NEW SONGS AND
WELL-KNOWN HYMN TUNES TO TRACE THE STEPS
OF THE SAVIOR FROM GALILEE TO EMMAUS

Open Part-Time Position

Effective April 1

****Church Office Administrator****

For more information,

Please contact Bob Hendley at

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bob-hendley@comcast.net

Gordie, Bruce and Church
Family,

Our wedding day was very
special to us and we are so
happy that we were at a
place we consider home.

We were blessed to have support from you. Thank
you for the extra time to help us out with setting up
the rooms for the guys and the girls, doing the sound
and visuals, cleaning up, counseling, guidance, letting
us in the church early and your love.

Katie & Geoff Coeling

Thank you to all who cared and did so much for me
last summer. I would not be here today without all of
you. I love each of you so much.

Shirley Ehman



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ATTENDANCE ON FEB. 24
Worship Total241
8:30 Service 84
11:00 Service 157
ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 3
Worship Total 247
8:30 Service 99
11:00 Service 148
ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 10
Worship Total 191
8:30 Service 68
11:00 Service 123
ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 17
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