



# Stevensville United Methodist Church

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**June 2012**

## Worship Schedule

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

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

**Next Deadline: July 20, 2012 Noon**

### Pastor:

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Rev. Glenn Chapman

(Samaritan Counseling Center)

## *Some thoughts from my desk...*

At one point at our Annual Conference last week, someone addressed their concern of how smaller churches could succeed in these tough economic times. They proposed that the Annual Conference form a study task force to look at all the different models there are in being the church. After this discussion, one of our District Superintendents spoke to us that the power does not lie within any superintendent, the bishop or some conference committee, the power lies within the local churches. The call went out for us, the local church, to take our authority and spread the Good News in our areas.

As I heard this call and commission, I thought about our SUMC summer plans. I am learning how to "let go" and let you take the lead and use your gifts God has given you to *be the church* this summer in a wonderful way. A few of those adding to SUMC worship and commitment this summer are:

1. Sharon Alsbro, Mike Farrington, Gordon Kilgore, Bob Hendley, Lona Vogie, Ron Putt and Nick Lesch will be the worship leaders.
2. Kim Forsey, Bette Mallen, our Youth, Rachel Wade, Allyson Rigler and Betsy Glenn are taking care of the Children's Time.
3. Rev. Lisa Gorman and Rev. Wade Panse are on call for emergency needs.
4. Sarah McCall, the Membership Care Team and Hospital Visitation Team will take care of hospital and other pastoral "care" needs.
5. Kim Forsey, Rev. Wayne Babcock, Rev. Glenn Chapman, The Mission Teams, and Personal Faith Sharing will be the message.

There are many of the people coming forward to make this a special summer for our church "being the church" and taking care of one another and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God for the church of Jesus Christ!

Blessings and prayers while we are gone, *Gordie*

## July Worship Services

<b>July 1</b>	"Spiritual Definition of Freedom"	Gordie will be leading the services Celebration of Holy Communion at both services
<b>July 8</b>	Wayne Babcock is speaking	Gordon Kilgore will be leading the services
<b>July 15</b>	Kim Forsey is speaking	Bob Hendley and BASIC are leading the services
<b>July 22</b>	Rev. Glenn Chapman is preaching	Lona Vogie will be leading the services
<b>July 29</b>	BASIC is witnessing	Ron Putt will be leading the services

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Health concerns:**

Bob Bender  
Erna Crawford  
Patricia Day  
Tom Denton  
Bill Friend  
Marion Gathright  
Ben Koebel  
Marilyn Lauer  
Mike Melcher  
Dale Morse  
Wendy Nielson  
Becca Niemi  
Ed Nurnberg  
Mark Patterson  
Norma Ray

Bob Sommer  
David Sundblad, Sr.  
Judy VanderAue  
Nancy Wilson  
Jackie Witt

### **Elderly/Shut-ins:**

Dean Amelung  
Frank Cupp  
Don Eppley  
Ernie & Ruth Grimm  
Norm & Bonnie Payne  
Sue VanderMolen  
Lucille Vyzral  
Helen Wiessner

### **General Concern:**

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

### **Friends Living Out of Our Area:**

Daisy Brannick  
Merlin Feigley  
Vanda Fisher  
Dottie Strohl



### **Concerns:**

- † Prayers of healing for Ron Tungett who was beaten while at work and is recovering from serious injuries.
- † Prayers of healing for Tammy Green's friend, Mary Ann Kurke, diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- † Prayers for safe travel for the adult mission team as they go to the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota June 16-29.
- † Prayers of healing for Marilyn Lauer recovering from heart surgery.
- † Prayers of healing for Scott & Betsy Glenn's brother, John Keeler, who has been battling cancer. It has now spread to his stomach, lung and hip.
- † Prayers of healing for June Avery's granddaughter, Maggie Hildebrand, who is in St. Louis having a third surgery on a vein in her arm.
- † Prayers of healing for Nancy Hinkle who is scheduled for an aortic valve replacement on June 22nd.

### **Joys:**

- † Prayers of joy for the 30 children and their families upon graduation from SUM Children's Center Preschool Class on May 24th.
- † Prayers of joy, praise and thanks for parents, spouses, children and graduates!
- † Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for family and good health.
- † Prayers of joy upon the engagement of Randy Hardy and Patricia Morrison.

### **Comfort:**

- † Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Joe Weems (age 25) who died in a motorcycle accident.
- † Prayers of comfort for a colleague of Christy Schuette who lost his wife after a 3 year battle with leukemia.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Genny Corwin who died on May 22nd.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Ruby Fell who died on June 12th.
- † Prayers of comfort for Robbie Stewart and family upon the death of her brother, George. Also, prayers for safe travel for family and friends going to Maine to celebrate his life.

### **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	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.***

## 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:

### **JUNE 24...UMCOR**

The United Methodist Committee On Relief sends supplies and volunteers to disaster areas in our country and the world.

### **JULY 1...FAIRPLAIN COMMUNITY FOOD**

**BANK** SUMC and other churches contribute non-perishable food supplies and money donations... we are asking for money donations at this time.

### **JULY 8...BERRIEN COUNTY FAIR**

**DONATIONS** (Fair dates August 13 – 18)

Due to Michigan State Food Laws, we are unable to ask for hot dog or hamburger donations. We need to buy the meat and prepare the sloppy joes in our commercial kitchen. Watch for the sign up sheets to be posted in July to help on shifts at the fair from 6:00 am – 8:00 pm, as well as volunteers to clean the booth nightly and prep food every morning in the church basement kitchen. All members and friends working at the SUMC Fair restaurant receive a free Fair pass.

### **JULY 15...NOME ALASKA COMMUNITY CENTER (REV. JULIE AND DAVID ELMORE)**

The Community Center offer classes to native Alaskans and those with high risk behaviors, individual counseling, vocational training, family support, and substance abuse prevention.

### **JULY 22...UMCOR**

The United Methodist Committee On Relief provides volunteers and supplies to victims during emergencies.

### **JULY 29...EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES**

FBI statistics state that one American woman is abused every 15 seconds and this adds up to 240 women every hour. Domestic violence can affect women of every ethnic or economic group. This service provides temporary shelter and meals for women and children until permanent homes can be found.

*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

### **UMW Committee of the Month**

United Methodist Women would like to thank Connie Meacham, Joan Gobert, Jean Graber and Bonnie Parrish for volunteering to serve on the July Committee of the Month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **Book Circle**

We will be meeting on Monday, July 23rd , at 2:00 pm at the Whitcomb.

Book: *Sold*

By: Patricia McCormick

### **UMW July Events:**

*Knitting circle every Thursday @ 1:00 pm in the church lounge.*

### ***NO UMW BOARD MEETING IN JULY***

July

12 to 15 W Mich Conf School of Mission  
@ Central Michigan U.

23 Drive in Day, Albion College

### **UMW Update**

In May the UMW contributed to the following organizations:

Church Women United	\$115
Berrien County Association of Churches	\$50
BH Street Ministries	\$150
UM Community House	\$150
MJ Clark Memorial Home	\$150
Lakeshore Ecumenical Council	\$75
UMW District Missions	\$350
Adult Mission trip	\$200

### **Kalamazoo District UMW Mission Event at SUMC on June 28**

We will be donating pop tabs, box tops, and Campbell Labels. Please bring these items to the church before June 28th.



## July Birthdays



July 1  
John Kauffman III

July 9  
Mary Ellen Trollinger

July 16  
Willard Bailey

July 28  
Karessa Warner

July 2  
Dean Amelung  
Myiah Kapp  
Paul Nielsen  
Nancy Wilson

July 10  
Amber Topp  
Milt Zoschke

July 18  
Savannah Lents

July 31  
Cherie Sonnenberg  
Caroline Tubman

July 3  
Sophia Mendus

July 11  
Bonnie Craig  
Gerrit Marshall

July 20  
Kendra Schuette

July 22  
Connie Meacham  
Kent Miller

July 6  
Thomas Andert  
Jeff Cole  
Jami Rosenthal  
Hailey Welch  
Grant Wilson

July 12  
Jennifer Weingart

July 23  
Roger Dohm  
Avalon Dohm

July 7  
Sarah McCall  
Daniel Putt

July 13  
Adrienne Hull  
Brandon Weber

July 24  
Eric Mallen  
Lauren Vegter

July 8  
Barbara Bailey

July 14  
Chris Borlin  
Steven Rigler  
Betty Roth  
Noah Sommer

July 25  
Diane Koebel

July 15  
Ryan Rush

July 26  
Ben Koebel



### **Berrien County Youth Fair August 13-18, 2012**

We are looking for co-chairs for our church booth.  
Please contact Carolyn Yoder at  
269-429-3030 if you are  
willing to help!

### **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 you communion.  
From Your Membership Care Team!!

### **Family Camp—August 10-12th**

Campers: Remember to put the Family Camping Weekend on your calendar!

We will be camping at Lake Michigan United Methodist Camp

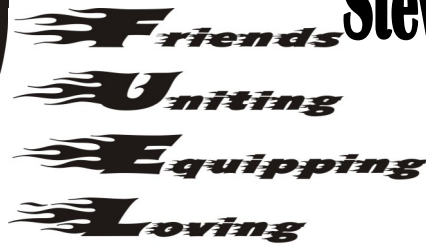
Open to all types of camping equipment or rent one of their tents at this

fabulous private campground right on Lake Michigan

near Pentwater and Silver Lake

Questions ? Contact Marcia Williams 269-369-3793





# Stevensville UMC Youth Activities

## Scripture Verse for July

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

## Middle School f.u.e.l.

Jul 1	Sun.	6:00pm-8:00pm	Mini-golf and Go Carts at Hidden Point	SUMC	\$6-golf \$6-carts
Jul 8	Sun.	2:00pm-6:00pm	Pool Party – Bring your own towel	Black's	Free
Jul 13	Fri.	2:00pm-4:00pm	Youth Group Fundraiser/Service Event for Taylor Rental	SUMC	Free
Jul 15	Sun.	12:00pm-2:00pm	Youth Group Fundraiser/Service Event for Taylor Rental	SUMC	Free
Jul 21-29 <sup>th</sup>			Youth Mission Trip to Owego, New York		

## High School f.u.e.l.

Jul 11	Wed.	6:00pm-8:30pm	Mini-golf and Go Carts at Hidden Point	SUMC	\$6-golf \$6-carts
Jul 13	Fri.	2:00pm-4:00pm	Youth Group Fundraiser/Service Event for Taylor Rental	SUMC	Free
Jul 15	Sun.	12:00pm-2:00pm	Youth Group Fundraiser/Service Event for Taylor Rental	SUMC	Free
Jul 18	Wed.	6:30pm-8:00pm	Dinner & Devotions	Nick's	Free
Jul 21-29 <sup>th</sup>			Youth Mission Trip to Owego, New York		

\* All fees are entrance per person and if snacks or drinks are desired, please bring extra money!

### Thanks...

- ⇒ To all who helped chaperone the May Middle School Dance.
- ⇒ To Penny Blackburn and all the youth that helped with the Girls on the Run 5K event at the Berrien Springs Youth Fairgrounds.
- ⇒ To Kerry Burger for helping with Beach night and Devotions.
- ⇒ To all who helped with the Carhop and Drive-in mission fundraiser.
- ⇒ To Lou Hendley for pulling together the Graduation Sunday Video and slide show.

## Buy Stock in the Youth Mission Trip to Owego, New York!

SUMC Youth will be selling "stock certificates" before and after both worship services in Faith Hall. EVERYONE is invited to participate by buying "shares" in the mission! Share price points are suggested at \$1 per share. There will be tiered levels of "stock" shareholder benefits:

**Share Level 1:** You will receive a stock certificate that can be placed on the refrigerator to keep the team in your prayers as they prepare and the complete the mission trip. **Price point suggestion: up to \$25**

**Share Level 2:** In addition the Level 1 item, they will receive a hand written note from a mission team member during the mission trip. **Price point suggestion: \$25.01 to \$50**

**Share Level 3:** In addition to the Level 2 items, the purchaser will receive an invitation to a Mission Trip presentation and dessert after the team returns. This presentation will include a slideshow of pictures from the trip and testimonials from the team as a show of appreciation to the investment that was made. **Price point suggestion: \$50.01 and above**

Questions can be directed to Sarah Melcher at 269-428-5006 or Nick Lesch at 269-429-4882

Youth Mission Team Members:

Carrington Tubman	Sydney Schaub
Drew Bell	Sarah McCall
Perry Melcher	Nick Lesch
Kylee Burger	Matt Strouse
Katy McCall	Riley Logan
Natalie Rush	Aaron Rennhack
Tatenda Rukunda	Celeste Zoschke
Taurai Rukunda	Rachel Shirley
Rachel Reynolds	

## Secret Saint Program—Calling all College Students!

It may seem like the last semester just ended, but it won't be long and it will be time to head off to school...

College is a four-year-long series of opportunities, crises, and adventures. New people, places, and things; choosing a major, funding your studies, facing that first exam; living in a dorm, off campus on your own, or commuting from at home with your parents. The list is very long, but no task is as important as this:

Choose your friends wisely. Pray and ask God to send people who will be good friends; people who will live and act wisely and in ways that bring glory to God, themselves and their families. Do all that you can to surround yourself with people who are actively growing in Christ.

The Secret Saint program at SUMC will help keep our college students connected to their church family while away at school. Through cards, letters and care packages, your Secret Saint will remind you that you are not only loved and supported, but being held in someone's thoughts and daily prayers. We encourage all of our first year college students to participate, but all college students are welcome to be a part of the program.

Fill out the application form (found at the Opportunities Desk) and turn it in to the church office ASAP - or fill it out on the church website at <http://www.stevensvilleumc.org/youth/secret-saint-program.html> so a Saint can be assigned to you by the start of the school year.

The next four years will be full of a lot of adventures. Have a great time. Study hard, survive calculus, support your college sports teams, and don't forget to call home once in a while--just to check in!

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Lesch at 429-4882 or e-mail [youth@stevensvilleumc.org](mailto:youth@stevensvilleumc.org)

## HELP and ITEMS NEEDED

**The Lighthouse Ministries**, former H.U.M.M. (Harbor Harvest Urban Ministries) is in need of lunch type foods, hygiene items, tutors, and financial assistance. If you can assist in any or all of these areas, please call Lisa Gorman @ 269 8618749, or Marcia Williams @269-369-3793 or see notice on the Outreach board in the Concourse.

Thank you, *The Outreach Committee*

## ***SUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE:***

Eleven (11) months into the fiscal year which began on July 1st, things continue to go well.

**General Operations** – Income is right at the budgeted level (0.5% over the 11-month budget). Expenses are 2.6% below the 11-month budget. This leaves a very small surplus of \$3,835.

**Sanctuary Renovation** – Sanctuary renovation pledges received during this 11-month period have allowed us to make scheduled mortgage payments. The total amount owed at the end of May was \$125,990 which is one month into the final year of the initial 3-year pledges.

**BUDGET UPDATE:** Completion of the budget for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 has been put on hold until a better estimate of income can be made.

**Gifts** – Pledges have been received from 72 out of 270 households. In order to contact the households who have not responded, an e-mail will be sent to those with an e-mail address on file at the church and letters will be sent to the others. Responses are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Your Finance Team**



**July 2012-June 2013**  
**Offering Envelopes are now available!**  
**They are in the church hallway in**  
**alphabetical sequence.**

If you need envelopes, please contact the church office! If you have not made a contribution pledge, please do. It is difficult to complete the church budget without an estimate of income.

## Serving in Worship

Service Provided	July 1, 2012		July 8, 2012		July 15, 2012	
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Rachel Wade	Melissa Rescoe	Holly Hetfield	Hugh Black	Kathy Sankey	BASIC
Acolytes	Alaina Rigler	Matthew & Marshall Rescoe	Derek Borlin	Frankie Melcher, Chase Bell	Sarah Witt	Kyle DeForest
Ushers	Shirley Ehman Carolyn Yoder	Mike & Mindy Logan	Bruce & Leanne Nitz	Willard Bailey, Lona Vogie Larry Cole	Tom & Bonnie Parrish	Chelsea Rosenthal Bob & Barb Clark Heidi & Joe Fodo
Greeters	Gordon & Nancy Wilson	Willard Bailey	Jackie Witt	Eric & Hilary Bell	Carolyn Yoder	Hugh & Nanette Black
Nursery Workers	Jillian Harris	Rhonda Rennhack			Sydney Schaub/Jessica Nelson	
Communion Helper	Holly Hetfield	Becca Niemi	Jackie Witt		Virginia Bedunah	
Hospitality	Andy Harris	<i>Help needed!</i>			Borlin Family	
Sound	Bruce Nitz	Doug Weingart	Charlie Vegter	Chip Krieg	Mike Farrington	Lona Vogie
Visuals	Lou Hendley	Bob Hendley	Melissa Vegter	Lou Hendley	Terry Hendrix	Chris Kapp
Flowers Provided By	Jan Bickers	C. Manley Nye in memory of Joan Nye				Cassandra Geary in memory of John & Barbara Geary & Gary Handy



## Serving in Worship

Service Provided	July 22, 2012		July 29, 2012	
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	Donna Godush	Janet Crawford	Bob Hendley	BASIC
Acolytes	Sarah Witt	Alyssa & Becca Rosenthal		Meg Farrington
Ushers	Joan Gobert	Larry Cole	Jan Bickers	Carolyn Yoder, Lona Vogie
	Magda Zoschke	Randy Hardy	Jackie Witt	David & Peggy Topping
		Marge & Jack Hardy		
Greeters	Betty Zoschke	Heather Boyle	Don Alsbro	Bob & Barb Clark
Nursery Workers		Pat Seifert		Jillian Harris
Communion Helper	Jan Bickers & Magda Zoschke			
Hospitality				
Sound	Aaron Rennhack	Chip Krieg		
Visuals		Bob Hendley	Lou Hendley	Melanie Kapp
Flowers Provided By	Gordie & Susan Barry's 35th wedding anniversary		Bruce & Leanne Nitz in honor of their wedding anniversary	

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**Submit website information at any time.**  
**Newsletter articles containing information for**  
**the following month should be submitted by**  
**Noon on the 3rd Friday of each month.**  
**Leave all articles on the secretary's desk or**  
**submit via e-mail to:**  
**[sumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sumcoffice@sbcglobal.net)**

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**via e-mail, please contact the church office at**  
**[sumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sumcoffice@sbcglobal.net).**  
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**(269) 429-5911. Thank You!**

<b>ATTENDANCE ON MAY 27TH</b>	
Worship Total . . . . .	168
8:30 Service . . . . .	90
10:00 Service . . . . .	78
<b>ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 3RD</b>	
Worship Total . . . . .	273
8:30 Service . . . . .	126
10:00 Service . . . . .	147
<b>ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 10TH</b>	
Worship Total . . . . .	209
8:30 Service . . . . .	94
10:00 Service . . . . .	115
<b>ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 17TH</b>	
Worship Total . . . . .	141
8:30 Service . . . . .	76
10:00 Service . . . . .	65