



Stevensville United Methodist Church

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December 2012

Worship Schedule

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

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

Next Deadline: Dec. 14, 2012 Noon

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Some thoughts while looking out the window...

This year we have the joy of celebrating all of the Sundays of Advent in December. We don't have to think about Advent on Thanksgiving weekend. With this in mind, I thought how good it would be for us to take this Advent and Christmas journey together.

I offer some things for all of us to do:

#1. **Have a picture of the church or a faith symbol** (on your phone for example) to look at every day as you do your reading and devotions.

#2. You will notice many of our advent readings on Sunday will be from Luke. There are twenty-four chapters in the gospel of Luke.

Read and reflect on a chapter of Luke each day until Christmas Eve.

#3. **Our staff will be in prayer at 9 am every Tuesday morning**

For at least fifteen minutes to begin the day together. Come and join us or pray at home at that time.

#4. Begin devotional reading by asking yourself, "What am I /are we are preparing for?" and "What is it we are celebrating?"

This can be very busy time of the year, and a lot of people suffer the stress of the season.. Does it make sense to have stress when we are getting ready to celebrate the coming of God into this world in a way all of us can understand? This is truly the most wonderful time of the year as we think about this "action and work" of God.

May we take this Advent journey together and enjoy what this season is all about.

in Jesus' name. *Gordie*

December Worship Services

12/2	Senior Choir Cantata - "One Small Child"	12/9	Theme is "Hope", Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 3:1-6 BASIC Praise Band is leading the 11:00 worship service
12/16	Theme is "Peace", Luke 1:26-34	12/23	Theme is "Joy", Luke 1:39-45 BASIC Praise Band is leading the 11:00 worship service
12/24	We celebrate the Christmas Story of Luke 2:1-20 6:00 Family Worship with carols, celebration of Holy Communion and candles 8:30 Traditional Worship with carols, celebration of Holy Communion and candles 11:00 Contemporary Worship with carols, celebration of Holy Communion and candles		
12/30	Theme is "Christmas: So What?", Colossians 3:12-17 and Luke 2:41-52 We will sing more carols.		

Prayer Requests

Health concerns:

Norma Ray	Bob Sommer
Bob Bender	David Sundblad, Sr.
Erna Crawford	Judy VanderAue
Bonnie (Shadle) Craig	Dan Whittaker
Patricia Day	Nancy Wilson
Bill Friend	Jackie Witt
Marion Gathright	
Arnie Graber	
Nancy Hinkle	
Ben Koebel	
Mike Melcher	
Dale Morse	
Wendy Nielson	
Bill & Becca Niemi	
Ed Nurnberg	

Elderly/Shut-ins:

Frank Cupp
Don Eppley
Ernie 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 comfort and strength for the family and friends of Judy Companion who is in the last stages of Alzheimer's disease.
- † Prayers of healing for the parents of Julie DeForest. Her father suffers from ALS and mother is awaiting test results.
- † Continued prayers of healing and strength for Ray Viele as he struggles with the pain from cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Lona Vogie recovering from knee replacement.
- † Prayers for all of those affected by Hurricane Sandy.
- † Prayers of healing for Jerry & Sherry Hunt's niece's 13 year-old daughter who needs further testing to determine how to treat an inoperable brain tumor. Please pray for guidance for the doctors and strength for the family.
- † Prayers of healing for Dena Ward suffering from a painful back problem.
- † Prayers of healing for a wonderful teacher in Buchanan diagnosed with breast cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Kegan Hart and three other boys seriously injured in a car accident.
- † Prayers for a friend of Marcia Williams who lost their home to Hurricane Sandy and their son, Richard, had a heart attack and is on a ventilator.
- † Prayers of healing for Pam Rescoe suffering from a pinched nerve in her back.
- † Prayers of safety for hunters.
- † Prayers of healing for Myra Thompson's friend, Mike Ferris, who has been ill and is going to Ann Arbor for diagnosis.
- † Prayers of healing for Carol and John Svorec's daughter who has been ill.
- † Prayers of healing for Sarah McCall's mother, Julie, scheduled for abdominal surgery after Thanksgiving.
- † Prayers of healing for Baby James, and 18 month old diagnosed with leukemia. Prayers of love and support for his parents, Stephanie & Nick Strejc.
- † Prayers for strength and guidance for Jessica Vogt as she struggles with life decisions.
- † Prayers for healing, strength and patience for Kathi Anserello's mother, Mildred Vogt, recovering from surgery.
- † Prayers of healing for Sam Anserello who is fighting an infection.
- † Prayers of safe travel for all those traveling over Thanksgiving weekend.

Prayer Requests (continued)

Joys:

- † Prayers of joy upon the marriage of Katie (Cimala) and Geoffrey Coeling on October 27th at SUMC.
- † Prayers of joy and celebration for Lauren Vegter's first solo tap dance performance.
- † Prayers of joy upon Ben & Jeanne Koebel's 55th wedding anniversary on November 9th.
- † Prayers of joy upon the marriage of Jaclyn (Fodo) and Dan Hauer on November 17th.

Comfort:

- † Prayers of comfort for Ernie Grimm and family upon the death of Ruth Grimm on November 2nd.
- † Prayers of comfort for a colleague of Melissa Resco whose father died and mother is battling stage 3 cancer.
- † Prayers of comfort for Nancy Patterson and family upon the death of Mark Patterson, Sr. on Nov. 5th.

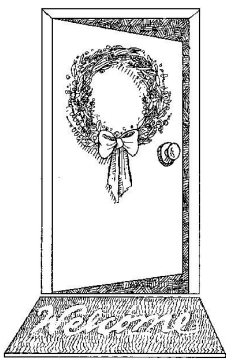
Please remember to pray for those in service for our country:

Scott McClellen	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.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE



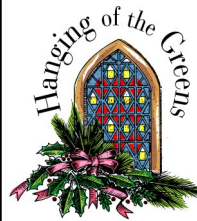
You are invited to the annual Christmas Open House at the parsonage.

Come and enjoy lots of good food shared around the Christmas tree or by the fire.

**OPEN HOUSE
at the
PARSONAGE**

**Sunday,
December 2nd
2:00-5:00 pm.**

5846 Ponderosa Dr., Stevensville



Hanging of the Greens!

We will be decorating SUMC for Advent and Christmas after the Wednesday Supper on November 28th at 6:30. So join us for supper and help us prepare for the season of miracles!

Trustee Announcements

We need more Trustees!

Anyone interested in serving on the Trustee Team, please contact Pastor Gordie.

Volunteers Needed!

The trustees need 2 volunteers to install insulation under the crawlspace of the Ponderosa Parsonage's family room.

Please contact Larry Klett at 269-429-3698, if you are willing to help.

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:

NOVEMBER 25...UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY

Scholarship loans help graduates and undergraduates earn degrees in United Methodist and other accredited schools, colleges and universities.

DECEMBER 2...HEIFER DONATIONS ALL MONTH

Donations to buy animals for the Heifer Project will be collected during December. Help families around the world by "buying" an animal or a share in an animal. The Heifer Project was started in the early 1900's to help needy families who used the animals for milk and cheese making and passed on any baby animals to other families.

DECEMBER 9...OUR BISHOP'S OFFERING FOR CHILDREN AND POVERTY

DECEMBER 16...METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The Methodist Children's Home has an 81 year history of providing quality care to children in a safe environment using experienced professionals. The programs are designed to help families resolve issues of abuse and neglect.

DECEMBER 23... CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE OFFERING

DECEMBER 30...HAITI HOT LUNCH

For many of the 16,000 students attending our United Methodist schools in Haiti, the hot lunch program of rice and beans is the only food they will receive that day. The churches of Michigan are working together to raise \$100,000 to provide the meals. Please remember the children of Haiti in your prayers.

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 Carol Svorec, Nancy Cole, Mary Sundblad, and Virginia Bedunah for volunteering to serve on the December Committee of the Month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Book Circle

We will be meeting on Monday, December 17, at 2:00 pm at the Whitcomb.

Book: *Crossing Bok Chitto: a Choctaw tale of friendship & freedom* by Tim Tingle and *Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory* by Tim Tingle

UMW December Events:

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

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| 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Christmas Tea-Faith Hall |
| 10 | 6:00 p.m. | SIF dinner out/ Nanette, Carol P. |
| 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Lydia Circle dinner out |
| 17 | 2:00 | Reading Circle |

UMW Report

In October and November the UMW donated:

- \$300 to Lighthouse Ministries
 - \$150 to UMCOR in memory of Genny Corwin, Barb Geary, Ruby Fell, Marilyn Lauer, Dorothy Murphy, and Kay Willobee
 - \$100 to the Michigan Children's Home Society
 - \$400 to UMW missions
 - \$200 to the youth mission project for t-shirts for the Zambezi orphans
 - \$1000 to the "Sandy hurricane relief fund
 - \$1000 to the UMC Lord's Mountain Orphanage-Zambezi in Zambia
 - \$1000 for fuel oil for the Community UMC in Nome, Alaska
- All of this was possible because of the wonderful help and response to the October Rummage Sale and the Bazaar.

Christmas Gifts for the "Person Who Has Everything"

Blankets+

You can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster, seeds and tools to struggling farmers, and water and health to impoverished communities by making a Blankets+ offering in honor of your "person who has everything". Blankets are \$5 each.



Heifer Project—buy an animal

Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one and help children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts that help them become self-reliant. There are many animals or shares of animals from which to choose with prices starting as low as \$20. See the Missions table for a list of animals.

Caleb's Kids - Ganta United Methodist School

Public education in America is a right of every child. In Liberia, education is available to those children that can pay for it. The Ganta United Methodist School in Liberia provides an opportunity for boys and girls. Pastor Caleb Dormah began Caleb's Kids to help more Liberian children be able to go to school. Yearly tuition for a child to attend elementary school is \$75 and \$100 for high school.

GED Tuition

The Benton Harbor Street Ministries provides counseling and testing for students to receive their degree. \$200 covers one student's tuition.

Grocery Grams—\$15 Bag of Groceries Help feed the hungry in Southwest Michigan!

\$15 supplies a bag of groceries to a needy family. Just complete the form and return it to the church office along with your check (or cash) for \$15 for each Grocery Gram. Your loved one will receive a personalized card telling them that a donation to the Fairplain Food Bank has been made in their name.



Order Form—To be Turned into the Church Office

Name of donor: _____

Name of Recipient: _____

If you wish to give the card yourself, please let the office know and we will print the card for you, otherwise they will be mailed directly to the recipient.

Recipient's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please enter amount:

Blanket \$ _____ **Heifer Project \$** _____ **Animal:** _____

Caleb's Kids \$ _____ **Grocery Gram:\$** _____ **GED \$** _____

Stevensville UMC Youth Activities

Youth Groups are now meeting Sundays from 6 to 8 pm, unless noted otherwise. During the search for a new youth director, parents and adults have volunteered to lead activities.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Since there is no break between Youth Praise practice on Sundays and Youth Activities, a meal or snack will be provided with each activity.

Middle School

Middle School Youth will meet in Room 1 of Faith Hall, unless noted otherwise.

- November 25 Volleyball in Faith Hall
- December 2 Discussion on Peer Pressure
- December 9 Adopt a Grandparent
- December 16 Dinner & Caroling

High School

High School Youth will meet in the Youth Center located in the church basement, unless noted otherwise.

- November 25 Snacks and a Scavenger Hunt
- December 1 *Saturday from 2 to 6 pm—Service Project/Mission Fundraiser—babysitting in Nursery & Faith Hall***
- December 2 No High School Youth Group
- December 9 Movie Night with a soup dinner
- December 16 Meet at church and go bowling—bring money to cover bowling and shoe rental

*****There will be no Middle School or High School Youth Groups During Christmas Break. Youth Group Activities will resume on January 6.***

Parent's Night Out!! Saturday, December 1, at 2-6pm

Attention parents of all children Kindergarten through 5th Grade!!

Want to see a movie? Need to get that Christmas shopping or gift wrapping done with no munchkins around? Just need some down time?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!

Activities for the kids include snacks, games, and movies!

The cost will be \$20 per child or \$25 per family.

All profits will go towards the upcoming Youth Mission Trip.

For more information or to register, please contact the church office at: 429-5911



Education News



Class Gold

Medalist Feature

MIDDLE SCHOOL

I would like to recognize the Middle school class. They have received a Gold Medal for their overall Team Work. Even with the change in Teachers these youth have strived to maintain their team. They have all been extremely supportive of each other and their teachers. When their classroom was needed for a church function they went right along and never complained that their room was taken over. They are a supportive and flexible group or young people. Way to go Middle School! Keep up the Team Work!

Advent Classes

Available

Please join one of our Advent Classes this Christmas Season!

- “Christmas: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”, by Richard B Wilke
- “A Different Kind of Christmas”, By Mike Slaughter
- Please Let me know if there is any topic or book you would like for a study.

Sarah McCall. Christian Education

Director 269-429-5911 Ext: 12

Junior Worship

If your child is in Kindergarten to Second grade please feel free to send them to our Junior Worship program that runs during the 11:00am worship time. The lesson plan is located on the Education Bulletin Board. Visitors are always Welcome!



The Middle School Class will also be doing the Youth version of A Different Kind of Christmas by Mike Slaughter. This will give parents and youth the opportunity to discuss the advent season together at home.

Just a Reminder Everyone is welcome to join a Sunday School Class. Many of our Classes are flexible enough that you can join at any time. Including our toddler through High school classes.

Sunday School Begins at 9:45 am,
between our 8:30 and 11:00am
worship. Please join us any time!

United Methodist Women

Christmas Tea and Carols

Bring photos and/or
Artifact of your Ancestors
and share their story!



"Honoring Thy Mother & Father"
Tuesday, December 4, 2012
At 7 pm in Faith Hall

How our Ancestor's leaving their homelands and coming to America relates to
Scripture readings of Jesus and His family's flight to Egypt.
Sign up at the UMW bulletin board in the hallway!



Southwestern Michigan College

Brass Band

Christmas Concert

December 16, 2012

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

In the SUMC Sanctuary

Join us for Christmas music by the Southwestern
Michigan College Brass !
The concert is free and is open to all!

Middle School
Christmas Dance
December 14, 7—9 pm
Faith Hall



School ID required for entry.

Lakeshore Dress Code applies Cost: \$5

Chaperones needed from 6:45-9:15
Please sign up at the Opportunity Counter!

CHRISTMAS

CANTATA

SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 2

AT BOTH SERVICES

"REMEMBER THE CHILD"

BY HARLAN



Blood Donation Report

Thank you to the 19 people who registered to donate blood in October. 17 units were collected, which will make a lifesaving difference for several people in our community.



December Birthdays



December 1
Brandon Polaskey

December 11
Bette Mallen
Ryan Weber

December 21
Tre' Calvetti

December 4
Andrew Klinke

December 14
Katy McCall
Stacey Mead
Craig Rigler
Steve Slavicek

December 22
Jeanne Koebel
Michael Logan
Carolyn Yoder

December 5
Holly Hetfield

December 24
Shirley Hetfield

December 6
Shirley Cole
Jessica Paustian
Natalie Rush

December 15
Colton Jackson
Robert Schuyler
Gordon Wilson

December 27
Doris Stright

December 7
Whittaker Lewis
Marshall Rescoe

December 18
Laverne Howard
Jennifer Ott

December 28
Kyle Sankey

December 8
Dottie Klett

December 19
Alec Topp

December 30
Sonya Yoder

December 10
Tammy Green

December 20
Andy Harris
David Sundblad

December 31
Nicholas Menke
Dan Sonnenberg



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!!



Chancel Flower Dates Available

Sign up for your date
for Chancel flowers at the "opportunities"
clipboard area.

The cost remains at \$35.
H & J Florist will bill you directly.

Thank You!

Thank you very much for the drinks you donated
and all of your prayers during this difficult time.

Kellie Moore & the family of Mike Moore

THANK YOU!

Many members and friends made the Missions
Committee table at the bazaar a big success. Thank
you to Jan Bickers and members who made the
delicious candy; to Betty Zoschke who supplied hand
made holders and other items; to Susan Schultz who
supplied the "juice box men"; to Tracy Beilman who
crafted the cutting boards and to Myra Thompson and
Phyllis McDaniel who sold the items at the bazaar.
We are able to donate \$524.60 to the Missions Com-
mittee fund to be used for missions projects.

Carolyn Yoder & Pat Neiman
Missions Committee

Dear Ladies of SUMC,

We just wanted to thank you so much for the won-
derful lunch you provided for your family after my
mom's funeral. Your thoughtfulness and hard work
meant a lot to all of us. God Bless you!

Ernie, Karen and the family of Ruth Grimm



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with bright red poinsettias (6 ½" pot) for the holiday season, complete the form below and return it to the church office along with your check (or cash) for \$7.25 for each plant ordered.

Please make checks payable to "SUMC".

Payment must accompany order.

You may take your plant(s) home after the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve.

Deadline for ordering is December 9th.

(Please Print)

Number of plants _____ x \$7.25= \$_____

Given by _____

Phone _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Serving in Worship

Service Provided	November 25, 2012		December 2, 2012		December 9, 2012	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Holly Hetfield	BASIC	Gordon Kilgore	Hugh Black	Donna Godush	BASIC
Acolytes	Sarah Witt	Meg Farrington	Derek Borlin	Tadiwa & Tafara Rukunda	Sarah Witt	Kyle & Jillian DeForest
Ushers	Magda Zoschke	Melanie Kapp	Myra Thompson	Mike & Mindi Logan	Bruce & Leanne Nitz	Willard Bailey, Larry Cole
	Carolyn Yoder	Larry Cole	Ron Putt			Randy Hardy,
Greeters	Chris & Cleo Rup-	Pamela Rescoe	Val Ruttenberg	Dave & Peggy Topping	Carol Svorec	Lona Vogie
Nursery Workers	Jillian Harris		Pat Seifert		Rhonda Rennhack	
	Barb Keeler		Scott Burnett		Barb Keeler	
Hospitality	The Borlin Family		Gene & Shirley Harris			Kathi Anserello
Communion Helper	Rachel Wade		Myra Thompson	Lona Vogie	Kathy Sankey	
				Janet Crawford		
Sound	Aaron Rennhack	Chip Krieg	Bruce Nitz	Doug Weingart	Charlie Vegter	Chip Krieg
Visuals	Lou Hendley	Bob Hendley				
Junior Worship	Nancy Mead/Tammy Green		Erik & Keri Haskins		Paget Mangold/Rachel Reynolds	
Pastor Prayer Partner	Rachel Wade		Jan Bickers		Donna Godush	
Flowers Provided By	Nancy Cole in memory of Jim Cole		Darl & Marcia Williams in honor of our terrific church staff		<i>Open, Please contact the church office</i>	

***Please sign up at the "Opportunities Counter to
serve in worship on Christmas Eve!***

Serving in Worship

Service Provided	December 16, 2012		December 23, 2012		December 30, 2012	
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Ed Westerbeke	Bette Mallen	Gordon Kilgore	BASIC	Kathy Sankey	Sandy Krieg
Acolytes	Meg Farrington	Max Logan Konner Boyle	Sarah Witt	Frankie Melcher		Meg Farrington
Ushers	Sherry & Dennis Kniola	Eric & Hilary Bell Bob & Barb Clark	Walt Phillips Magda Zoschke	David & Peggy Topping Mike & Mindi Logan	Joan Gobert Ron Putt	Bob & Barb Clark
Greeters	Myra Thompson	Willard Bailey	Ed & Jane Westerbeke	Eric & Hilary Bell	Gordon & Nancy Wilson	Hugh & Nanette
Nursery Workers	Jillian Harris		Leigh Belmont		Barb Keeler	
Hospitality	Scott Burnett		Scott Burnett		Leigh Belmont	
Communion Helper	Leanne Nitz		Gordon Kilgore		Joan Gobert	
Sound	Mike Farrington	Doug Weingart	Aaron Rennhack	Chip Krieg		
Visuals						
Junior Worship	Sarah McCall/Cynthia Louie		Nancy Mead/Tammy Green		Erik & Keri Haskins	
Pastor Prayer Partner	Gordon Kilgore		Lona Vogie		Rachel Wade	
Flowers Provided By	Sarah & Chris McCall in honor of Katy's 15th birthday		Jeff & Kathy Sankey in honor of their children, Kyle & Lydia		Sharon Foxworthy in celebration of the New Year!	

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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

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via e-mail, please contact the church office at
sumcoffice@sbcglobal.net.
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 OCT. 28	
Worship Total	258
8:30 Service	98
11:00 Service	160
ATTENDANCE ON NOV. 4	
Worship Total	259
8:30 Service	107
11:00 Service	152
ATTENDANCE ON NOV. 11	
Worship Total	346
8:30 Service	164
11:00 Service	182
ATTENDANCE ON NOV. 18	
Worship Total	176
8:30 Service	90
11:00 Service	86