

**January 11, 2026**  
**Third Sunday After Christmas**



**PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)*

You Who Call Us, we come before you and answer your call in our life. You created the heavens and the earth and placed us here for life and hope. We know your dream for a world that is righteous and just, a world you promise will come to pass. Breathe your Spirit upon us again and again, and bring to life our passion for your bold vision. Make us lights to those who sit in darkness! In the name of Jesus, who descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to righteousness, and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those who arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** *(STANDING)*

*Have Thine Own Way Lord -- UMH 382*

**PASS THE PEACE** *(STANDING)*

**A TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN** *Children of all ages are invited up front for a special time together. Dismissal for Children's Church*

**SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(ALL READ TOGETHER)*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory forever.  
Amen

**CENTERING HYMN**

*The First Noel -- UMH 245*

**MESSAGE:**

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL:  
"I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse."

## OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY (STANDING)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow -- UMH 94*

### SENDING HYMN (STANDING)

*Are Ye Able -- UMH 520*

### BENEDICTION (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

**Jesus comes to each of us, inviting us to bold and hopeful action. So when God calls, when Jesus arrives, we will answer the call and step forward. We will bring hope to those suffering injustice, and light to those in darkness, Through the power of the Spirit, we go to live our lives to the fullest. Amen.**

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#### Liturgist

Vickie Vernon	Jan. 11
Fred Douthit	Jan. 18
Sarah Naseem	Jan. 25

#### Greeters/Offering

Ed Sperry & Peggy McCarthy	Jan. 11
Gordon & Denise Gum	Jan. 18
John & Lynda Fisher	Jan. 25

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

**Volunteer Judges Needed – Stevensville High School – Thursday, January 15th, one (1) hour) – assist evaluate student projects for consideration to advance to the regional competition for National History Day.** Details about time slots, orientation time and more – please see the church bulletin board.

**Cinema Night – Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, starts at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00pm.** Hosted by Gretchen Spiess. Film is 6 Tripple 8. Food theme is Southern. All are welcome. Questions – contact Gretchen at 406-360-6716.

**UWFaith:** Next meeting scheduled **for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am,** in the Fellowship Hall. Program will be on The Lord's Prayer.

**Fellowship Time After Worship:** There are opportunities to host or assist with the hosting of Fellowship Time during January – March. Please coordinate with Bob Edgar if you wish to participate.

**Chili Feed on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the UWFaith after worship.** The hosts are looking for 32-ounce containers with lids (similar to what yogurt, sour cream, etc. come in). These will be used in conjunction with this event. A basket for collecting donated containers will be under the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. These containers need to be dishwasher safe. Please contact joey diers or Meg Persavich with questions.

**UMM – February 14, 8:30am breakfast served.**

**Valentines Movie Night – February 14, 7:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall.** Watch romantic movie, public is invited with free will offering. Chocolate / Fig / date-themed snacks and desserts will be sold at intermission. Volunteers are needed – set up the Hall, technology needs, donation intermission items. Reach out to Bob Edgar.

**Glad Tider articles are due on the 20th of each month.**  
**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!!!!** Submissions are always welcome prior to the due date. Please send them to [office@steviumc.org](mailto:office@steviumc.org)

**Bible Study – Wednesday -- 10:00 am in the After School Room. All are welcome.**

## FOOD DONATIONS FOR PANTRY PARTNERS

Donations and white plastic bags (from grocery store) can be placed in the grocery cart in the foyer. Arrangements have been made for the food to be delivered to the Pantry each week. Thank you to all!

## PRAYER CHAIN

Open to all...email requests to [steviprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:steviprayerchain@gmail.com) or call the

church office and your request will be relayed to the prayer chain coordinator.  
*Please note:* the office is not staffed daily so there may be a delay in forwarding to the prayer chain.

**STAFF OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am – Noon.

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