



# Stevensville

## United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026

### Season of Pentecost

**PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(STANDING)(ALL READ TOGETHER)*  
Loving God, thank you for the great mercy and grace that draw us close to your holiness. Flow through our worship and through our lives with your holy presence and your forgiving grace, that we may be people of holy love and gracious forgiveness. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** *(STANDING)*  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH 133

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

**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

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

**HYMN**  
*Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

**CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE:** “Everything Happens for a Reason”  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**HYMN**  
*Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY** *(STANDING)*  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* UMH 95

**SENDING HYMN** *(STANDING)*  
*It Is Well With My Soul* UMH 377

**BENEDICTION** *(STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)*  
Forgiven and loved, we go into the world with forgiveness and love. Blessed beyond measure, we will share our blessings with generosity and joy. Amen.

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| <b><u>Liturgist</u></b> | <b><u>Greeters/Offering</u></b> |
| Jeff Rockrick           | Stan & Gina Farnham             |
| John Fisher             | Peggy McCarthy & Hazel Smith    |

# SUNSHINE WITH SELC

A weekly moment to share what's happening...



Kelsey completed a Child Care Business Cohort, focused specifically on operating and managing a successful childcare business.



Kelsey is also currently working toward PDS Certification, which will allow her to provide required professional development training in-house for both our staff and others in the community.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Today:** **Children's Church Kick-off Potluck after worship in the Fellowship Hall.** Please join us – even if you did not bring a dish. There is always plenty!

**Today:** **Book Club after the potluck–conference room.** Book is “The Women” by Kristin Hannah.

**United Women in Faith – September 19th** -- a change in program for our meeting in the SUMC fellowship hall . Terry Bivens of New Life International will speak on her water purification ministry. New Life International has recently sent a team with water purifiers to Nepal and India. Please join us at 10 am on September 19 for her presentation. A free-will offering will be taken to support New Life International.

**Bake Sale – September 20<sup>th</sup>** -- The neurodiversity group is having a bake sale during fellowship hour. The money raised will go to a sensory wall for a restful corner of the second room. We would like anyone else on the Children's church to join us and bring your best baked goods to sell.

**Abbie Shelter (Kalispel) Donation Opportunity.** Meg Persavich and joey diers are attending the Western Mountains District of United Women in Faith Annual meeting in Kalispell September 26. As part of this gathering. the service project is collecting items for the shelter. Abbie Shelter is a shelter and much more. They provide support people through the steps of the process of getting safe and recovering from intimate partner violence and sexual assault. They are asking for specific items: gift cards, women's and kid's underwear and socks, women's bras (sports bras fit multiple sizes), adult coloring books, first aid supplies, pots and pans, eye masks, ear plugs, tampons and deodorant. **There will be a box on the white bench outside the office and conference room starting Sunday, September 13.**

**Playground** – To our SUMC family and friends – during SELC business hours (7:00am – 5:30pm, Monday through Friday) the playground is closed. Outside of those hours, we're happy to share our beautiful space with all! -- SELC representative.

**Bitterroot Elder and Dementia Caregivers Support Group.** Stevensville location has monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30am – 12:30pm They are meeting at The Golden Needle which is Gretchen Spiess' studio off Highway 93. For more information and/or directions, please call Gretchen at 406-360-6716.

## **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. Note office hours below.

## **STAFF OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am – Noon.

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**We honor the original inhabitants of this area and  
will continue to steward this land for the creator.**

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