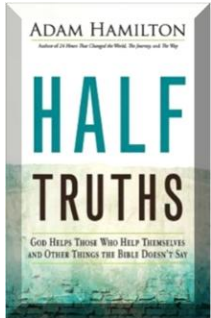


Stevensville

United Methodist Church

**September 20, 2026
Season of Pentecost**



“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Psalm 10:14, 17-18

Psalm 18:6, 16

Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor Seth L. Leypoldt

PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the many ways we see your abiding presence throughout scripture and within our own lives. You hear not only our praise but also our complaints. Teach us to hear our own grumbling as a signifier to redirect our thoughts and lives to gratitude and generosity. In hearing our own complaints, may we look to Christ Jesus for examples of grace. And may we follow your Holy Spirit to offer presence to one another, as we walk in faith together. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *(STANDING)*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing -- UMH 400

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. There will not be Children's Church upstairs – activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.*

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God -- UMH 393

MESSAGE: “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Psalm 10:14, 17-18; Psalm 18:6 and 16; Psalm 121:1-2

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God -- UMH 393

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY (STANDING)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow -- UMH 96

SENDING HYMN (STANDING)

Amazing Grace -- UMH 378

BENEDICTION (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

We go now in the name of the God who goes before us,

and in the name of Christ, whose love and grace abound within us.

**We go seeking the call of Spirit to a place beyond complaint,
a place of gratitude. We go in peace. Amen.**

Liturgist

John Fisher

Howard Young

September 20

September 27

Greeters/Offering

Peggy McCarthy & Hazel Smith

Fred & Carol Douthit

SUNSHINE WITH SELC

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



All classrooms and learning environments are secure and developmentally appropriate for each age group.



All required emergency drills are being completed consistently.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bake Sale – today -- 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.

Bringing Fall Color (Plants) for Altar Steps – Jan Nicholson is coordinating placement of plants on the steps up to the altar. If you would like to donate a potted chrysanthemum (including plastic tray/saucer), please bring it to the church. Jan will care for the plants. Thanks for sharing such lovely color.

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 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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Wide Cottonwoods