

Stevensville United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026
Season of Pentecost



“ANSWER’S BLOWIN’ IN THE WIND”

Acts 13:1-12

Pastor Seth L. Leypoldt

PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we seek to put on the armor of light, and to live as your children. Help us cast aside the darkness and embrace the love that fulfills our law. Awaken us to your call, that we may walk in the light of Christ each day. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN (STANDING)

Standing on the Promises -- UMH 374

PASS THE PEACE (STANDING)

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

A TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN *Children of all ages are invited up front for a special time together. There is no Children’s Church upstairs. Activity bags are located in the hall outside the sanctuary.*

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God -- UMH 393

MESSAGE: THE JOURNEY:

“Answer’s Blowin’ in the Wind”
Acts 13:1-12

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COMMUNION *The Great Thanksgiving -- UMH Page 17*

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

SENDING HYMN (STANDING)
'Tis So Swet to Trust in Jesus -- UMH 462

BENEDICTION (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)
We go now with hearts open to reconciliation and peace.
As Christ is present whenever two or three are gathered in the
name of love, may we seek this presence in all our relationships.
We walk in love, speak the truth with grace, and strive to live in
harmony with one another. And may the peace of Christ, which
surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds as we
go forth to serve in love and unity. Amen.

<u>Liturgist</u>		<u>Greeters/Offering</u>
Meg Persavich	September 6	Dean and joey Diers
Jeff Rodrick	September 13	Stan and Gina Farnham

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
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.

Unified Board Meeting, September 8, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome to attend.

Book Club, September 13, after worship, location TBD.
Book is “The Women” by Kristin Hannah.

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.

Children’s Church Kick-off Potluck, Sunday, September 13.
Please join us for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after worship to
celebrate and kick-off Children’s Ministry for the coming months.
Share your favorite dish or dessert. See you there



SUNSHINE WITH SELC



Meet **Kelsey Mahan**, our **SELC Director**! Kelsey joined our staff in May 2025. In the last 15 months, Kelsey has more than doubled our enrollment, brought order to our Center paperwork and procedures, created a safe and nurturing environment for children and staff alike, and worked many long hours learning all of the requirements for our continuing licensing and compliance with the State of Montana.

Kelsey has an AA in Early Childhood Education, a BA in English Education and Creative Writing, and a Masters degree in Education. Kelsey and her husband Brent have 2 children: Oakley, 3, and Mac, 10 months, plus 2 dogs. Kelsey has lived in the Bitterroot Valley for 10 years. In her spare time, she likes to be outdoors camping and hiking, or playing softball or volleyball.

The Mahan household are Bobcat fans all day long - go CATS!

If you are in the building during the week, stop and say hi.

SELC and SUMC are thankful for Kelsey Mahan!



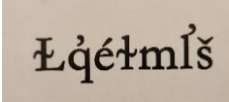
PRAYER CHAIN: Open to all...email requests to steviprayerchain@gmail.com or call the church office and your request will be relayed to the prayer chain coordinator. *Please note:* the office is not staffed daily so there may be a delay in forwarding to the prayer chain.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am – Noon.

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



Wide Cottonwoods