

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

July 2, 2025 – Volume 4, Number 4

**“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors.”**

In Case You Are Wondering

June 1st, 2025

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,153.67

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,915

Building Fund: \$20

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 30

Martin UMC:

Worship: 67

June 8th, 2025

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$785.21

Missions: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$130.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,770.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Parking Lot Project: 250.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 26

Martin UMC:

Worship: 46

June 15th, 2025

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$466

Food Pantry: \$200

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,468.00

Special Offering: \$140.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 24

Martin UMC:

Worship: 55

June 22, 2025

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$893.77

Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$945.73

Food Pantry: \$130

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 32

Martin UMC:

Worship: 38

As We Celebrate the Fourth of July

Dear Church Family,

And just like that.....Summer is here! As I think about the upcoming Fourth of July, I find myself reflecting on not only our nation's freedoms but also on the state of the world around us. These times feel very uncertain and continue to feel so divided, but I want to remind you that God's love and grace are constant sources of hope and peace.

No matter how you feel about current politics or the challenges we face, this holiday is an opportunity to pause and give thanks. It's a time to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and to pray for unity, healing, and wisdom in our nation.

In 2 Corinthians 3:17, the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." Let's hold onto this truth and seek God's presence in our hearts and communities.

May this Fourth of July be a reminder that our greatest freedom and hope come from God. Let's come together in love, prayer, and gratitude, trusting that His Spirit brings peace and unity to us all.

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful holiday.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

June 29, 2025

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,451.54

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,695.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 42

Martin UMC:

Worship: 51

Office Hours:

*Closed Monday,
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.*



KINGDOM KIDS
Every Sunday following the
Children's Sermon!

July Food Pantry Focus

Laundry Products

*Martin UMC Sunday School
Will be suspended thru the summer. We
will be back the Sunday following Labor
Day! Have a great summer!*

AED Training
July 22, 2025
3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Martin UMC

My Brothers*

God gave me all you Christian brothers.
Sometimes if I could have my druthers,
I'd druther He had given me others.

Sometimes it is my earnest plea,
"Oh God I really beg of Thee
Make all the brothers just like me"

But then I stumble, take a fall
And then it is to God I call,
"Make no one like me, none at all,"

But God in love with power and might
For His purpose makes us right -
At least in His, if not my sight!

*and Sisters

-RHawke

Important Dates

July 4 - Office closed
July 12 - Chicken BBQ
Fundraiser - Martin
July 13 - Disability
Awareness Sunday (special
offering)
July 18 - Missions Meeting -
Noon
Martin UMC
July 22 - AED Training 3:00
p.m. Martin UMC
July 29th - Food Pantry
Collaboration Luncheon
August 9 - Martin Days
August 9 - Music in the Peace

Did you know that you can give thru our
website? Go to martinumc.org or
shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

July Birthdays!

Happy Happy Birthday!

1- Dan Boniface
4 - Cameron Curtis
7 - Zoe Belka
9 - Jessica Cole
- Betty Farmer
11 - Todd Boulter
13 - Elaine Jeblonski
- Tony Verhage
- Mary Warner
15 - Don Rambadt
16 - Albert Hoekstra
23 - Scott Warner
24 - Aubrey Curtis
26 - Ozzie Guevara
28 - JJ Jenkins
31 - Nancy Nicolai
- Sawyer Tanner

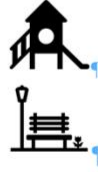
Did we miss your birthday? Let us
know so that we can update the
data base!



The new playground equipment is here! 🎉

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So excited to see the kids enjoy the new equipment! Thank you to Christian Education and the Oetman Fund and all who are making this possible! 🎉



MUMC Thank You's

Thank you to Pastor Maggie for writing and teaching the Adult Bible School class. Very much appreciated.

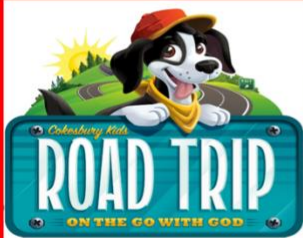
Thank you to all the adults and youth who made VBS happen! Kora and Kali loved it! Me, too!
(Pastor Reva)

Thank you to Jean, Anita and company for the beautiful flowers that they place in the sanctuary each week.

Thank you to Jake and Gordon for

VBS 2025 was a great success! 🎉

Thank you to all who participated! Thank you to our leaders, our helpers, our moms, dads, grandpa's and grandpa's, and thank you to all of our kiddos for making it great! 🎉



Congratulations to Denice Pettee!

Denice was offered, and accepted the position of Custodian at Martin UMC.

Thank you Denice for becoming part of Martin UMC Staff!

MUSICAL NOTES FOR MUMC:

THE CHOIR WILL BE SINGING "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS" ON JULY 20. IT IS #575 IN THE CELEBRATION HYMNAL. PRACTICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP ON JULY 13. WARMUP WILL BE AT 8:55 ON JULY 20. ALL WILLING SINGERS WELCOME.



SHELBYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTS:

Music In The Park

SHELBYVILLE PEACE PARK

938 124TH AVE.
SHELBYVILLE, MI
49344



4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WWW.SHELBYVILLEUMC.ORG

MARTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHICKEN BBQ

Fundraiser

Saturday, JULY 12, 2025
4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.



\$15 1/2 CHICKEN MEAL
\$10 1/4 CHICKEN MEAL
\$5 CHILD PORTION

INCLUDES: CHICKEN, SALADS,
DRINK, DESSERT AND MORE!

MARTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
969 E. ALLEGAN STREET
MARTIN, MI 49070

DINE IN OR TO GO!

Questions? Call 269-672-7097 or email
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



Shelbyville UMC United Women In Faith Book and Bake Sale

August 23, 2024

938 124th Ave.

Shelbyville, Michigan 49344

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



WE NEED ICE PACKS
FOR THE FOOD
PANTRY! ¶

Do you receive medication
with the reusable ice bags
to keep it cold? We need
those reusable ice packs
for transporting our cold
and frozen foods from pick
up to pantry when we are
stocking. Please start
saving them if you are
able! ¶

