

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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

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In Case You are Wondering:  
July 4, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection \$1,839.27  
Property: \$45.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection \$1,833.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

38

Martin UMC:

43

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thru our website? Go to  
[martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) or  
[shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more  
information or you are  
welcome to give in person in  
our sanctuaries or drop your  
gift in the mail!

### Let's Party

In the coming weeks we will be **“Gearing Up for Life”**.

Here we are in midsummer, we have a new preacher, we are returning to our pews, and we are about to take a walk thru the book of Ephesians.

Let's let Ephesians be our guide through these summer weeks as we seek to live out our faith, as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ. I think we will find some real-everyday-things we need today-kind of help in these texts.

Let's get focused! Focus on bringing folks back to worship whether they worship online or in our sanctuaries. Let's have a party every week! Let's make each service feel like a celebration!

We need to celebrate the God who has blessed us in so many ways! Let's tell one another and those we meet that we are blessed! Let's share our stories! Let's use our testimony's and our God stories to lift others up!

Let's remember that we are blessed to be a blessing! How are we reaching out to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our communities?

Ephesians is about gearing up, about making sure that our faith is not just an internal thing, not just an in our head thing. It is about living out our faith.

It is good to be blessed! It is good to be a blessing! It is good to belong to the family of God! We are not alone; we are part of something much bigger than ourselves!

Let's Celebrate!

There is work for us to do!

Pastor Maggie

Sermon Text References for  
July 11, 2021  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Two readings this week focus on welcoming God's presence. David does this by bringing the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem. As the ark arrives, David dances, worshiping God with reckless abandon. The author of Psalm 24 poetically calls a city to open its gates and welcome the great king. These passages invite us to consider how willingly we receive God into our lives. The reading from Ephesians speaks of God's eternal plan. While circumstances may seem chaotic, God holds an eternal perspective and has sealed us with the Holy Spirit. Mark tells the sad story of the execution of John the Baptist, yet another example of a righteous person experiencing persecution.

## Pastor Maggie's Message Sunday, July 11th, 2021

*Let's Dance*

## July 25, 2021 Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic

Please join us for  
outdoor worship, picnic,  
fellowship, and a very  
special time of  
dedication for our dear  
brother Bob Benedict

Greater Southwest District  
Michigan Conference  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**UNITED METHODISTS DAY**

HOMER STRYKER FIELD  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH  
FIRST PITCH | 1:35PM

**TICKET + HAT**  
\$10  
INCLUDES A RESERVED BLEACHER SEAT AND A GROWLERS HAT

**TICKET + HAT + MEAL**  
\$15  
INCLUDES A RESERVED BLEACHER SEAT AND GROWLERS HAT PLUS A MEAL VOUCHER

PURCHASE ONLINE AT  
GROWLERTICKETS.COM  
PROMO CODE: UMC  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

**TICKETS AND INFORMATION**  
JUSTIN ZELDES- 269.492.7410  
JUSTIN@BATTLECREEKBOMBERS.COM  
All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds. All persons 3 years or older require their own ticket.

Correction from Bulletins  
Confidential Pastor Email:  
umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

**Bulletin & The Connection  
announcements are each  
week on Tuesday!**

Email to:  
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Thank you to Sara Jenkins for the beautiful flowers that were placed on the alter at Martin UMC in honor of Pastor Maggie's first Sunday as our pastor.

Communion for  
July 2021 will be  
July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

July – Pancake Mix & Syrup

Please place items downstairs and they will be transported to the pantry.

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

July – Toilet Paper

Please place items in box labeled Food Pantry in fellowship hall.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?  
 EMAIL [MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM)  
 WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

**2021 Schedule UMW**

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

June 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

July 14 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 11 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 19 & 20 Basement Sale

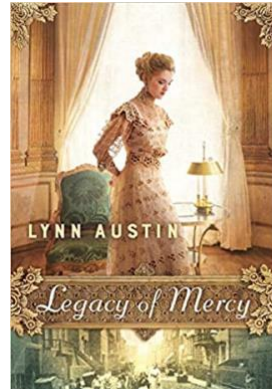
Sept. 8 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Oct. 13 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Nov. 10 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Dec. 8 Cookie Plates, 1:00pm (No Potluck)

**Women's Summer Book Club**



Join us for July!  
 We are reading:  
 "Legacy of Mercy"  
 by Lynn Austin  
 June Meeting: July  
 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.  
 Via Zoom and at  
 MUMC.

**Testimony – Patsy Hoekstra**

On June 27 I attended the Martin UMC and had the pleasure of hearing the message by Carolyn Buskirk. She spoke of "The Sower of Seeds". It was very meaningful and got me to thinking about who had sowed seeds in my life. As a child I grew up in a home where church wasn't offered except for VBS in the summer. I attended the Westwood UMC where Pastor Sean Kidd is now appointed. I had family in Mississippi where we went every summer and the highlight for me was attending the church where my uncle was the pastor of a Southern Baptist Pentecostal Church. I believe the seeds of love for God began there. In 2006, I had the opportunity to visit and thank them for being a strong influence in my life.

I have had another experience that led me to believe that there was something to having God in your life. My dear friends were in a car accident that killed him and left their newborn baby fatherless and his wife in the hospital with minor injuries. Now she was the oldest child in a catholic family of nine. I dreaded going to the hospital, what do I say to her? You can imagine my shock when I walked into her room with her sitting up in bed, laughing and chatting as if everything was normal. I will never forget her words, "It's ok, I will be with him again someday." I knew then that I needed to know more about God.

In 1994, I was invited to attend (a seed being planted) the Martin UMC and the rest is history!

Your Sister In Christ, Patsy

**Would you like to be a worship leader?**

If you are interested in getting involved on Sunday mornings by making announcements, lighting candles, helping with music, etc. we would love to have you!

We are looking for people that want to be involved in things like:

- announcements and be part of Sunday morning worship
- music – musicians of all kinds
- performing special music
- work with sound and video
- lead music
- greeters
- ushers

Please contact Maggie if you are interested!

Your talents are God's gift to you.... what you do with them is your gift to God!

# Important Events

- July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – United Methodist Women 10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville – Sack lunch
- July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Women’s Book Club – 8:45 a.m. Martin UMC
- July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Communion
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Dedication for Bob Benedict at Shelbyville UMC
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Bulletin and The Connection announcements due
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here?

Email [martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) with the details

## Prayer Concerns:

Email [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to update or to add!

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Al and Karen Kornaelje – Al is now receiving hospice care
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Dave Jager - Health Issues
- Dennis Mills - Tests on heart and procedures
- Edie Kilmer - Under Hospice Care
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Mary Warner (Shelbyville) - Heart surgery
- Orie Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee – Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Ben Parker – Cancer diagnosis
- Bob Vanderploeg - Health
- Lue Phelps nephew recovering from COVID and took a fall
- Dewey Mosher – a fall causing him to be hospitalized
- Mark Ondersma – travel mercies
- Stephen Jones – travel mercies
- Sharon Warner – quadruple bypass on July 8
- Sandra Holbrook – struggling with physical issues
- Kelinda Scott - discernment

## HELP WANTED

### Food Pantry Coordinator

The Martin and Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry is in need of a Food Pantry Coordinator (FPC). This person should have a heart for missions and helping those in need. FPC will serve on the MUMC mission committee (it is not required that they are a member of SUCM or MUMC). This position is a volunteer position.

**Responsibilities:** Schedule volunteers, ensure that volunteers are trained properly, order food, schedule food pick-ups.

**Required skills:** Excellent people skills, basic computer and reporting skills (both online and paper documentation).

**Contact Sharon Buys if you are interested in discussing this position.**

### Worship Leaders – Martin UMC

Sunday morning musicians  
Sunday morning song leaders  
Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements  
Special Music Providers  
Video and Sound people (we can train!)

### Worship Leaders – Shelbyville UMC

Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements  
Special Music Providers

**Please See Pastor Maggie to discuss any of these positions that you may be interested in.**

Jesus Freaks willing to share  
their testimony....contact  
Pastor Maggie