

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

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In Case You are Wondering: Offering May 16th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$813.17
Local Mission \$50.00
Property \$50.00

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$1,093.00

Attendance:
Shelbyville UMC:
30

Martin UMC:
31

Did you know you can give
thru our website? Go to
martinumc.org or
shelbyvilleumc.org for more
information or you are
welcome to give in person in
our sanctuaries or drop your
gift in the mail!

GOD IS LOVE - 1 JOHN 4:7-12 (THE MESSAGE)

“My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!

This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.”

What is your reaction to this scripture?

My thoughts:

- Love isn't really represented by our love for God so much as God's love for us.
- God's love is the source from which all *real* love flows.
- God loved us enough to sacrifice his Son even though we didn't deserve it.
- An inability to love others says a lot about us.
- Love is completely non-negotiable.

Maggie

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY –
May 30, 2021

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. *We will celebrate Peace with Justice as witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world.*

United Methodist Annual Conferences retain 50% of monies collected on Peace with Justice Sunday for social justice ministries within the local conference. The remaining 50% is remitted to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), whose treasurer distributes the net receipts, after promotional expenses, to the agency, General Board of Church and Society, for Peace with Justice ministries worldwide.

To give by mail (Please note PWJS in the memo)

Send checks to: GCFA
P.O. Box 340029
Nashville, TN 37203

To give online go to
<https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcgiving>

**PASTOR COREY & ELLYN FAREWELL
RECEPTION**

- **JUNE 13, 2021 AT THE SHELBYVILLE UMC**
- **OUTDOOR DINING**
- **WE WILL SAFELY BE SERVING:**
- **SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGES**
- **IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS A GIFT FOR THE SIMON'S, PLEASE GIVE TO CAROLYN, SHARON OR MAGGIE**

***Pastor Corey's Message
Sunday, May 23rd, 2021***

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21; 40-47
“Restoring the Commons”

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection
May – Canned Fruit

June – Tuna in water and pork and beans

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

You are invited!
**Johnathan Clark
Graduation Party**

June 26, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
225 Union St
Plainwell MI 49080

We will be having a pig roast and pool party.

Thank You!
**Thank you to Scott and
Mary Warner for power
washing the stones and
sidewalk at the Martin
Church!**

“Definition of Patriotism”

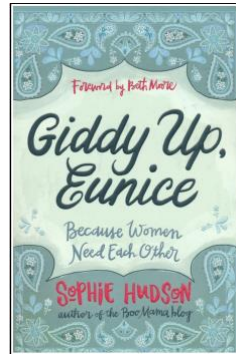
Essay Contest

Dear Church Family,
The Martin Area Veterans would like to invite you all to the Annual Martin Village Memorial Day Parade (10:00). This year we are sponsoring a “Definition of patriotism” essay contest! All 6-12 grade students are welcome to participate, 5 winners will receive a \$100.00 gift card. Winners must be present at the ceremony to win. The grand prize essay will be read a loud. The less than one page essay must be turned into the church office by 21 May. Thanks, and God Bless America
Martin Area Veterans

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?
EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM
WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

Women's Summer Book Club

We meet this Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Martin Fellowship Hall or on Zoom to discuss "Giddy Up, Eunice"



Join us for June!
We are reading:
"Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen
June Meeting: June 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Do you have any stories to share about the history of our church? We would love to share them here in our newsletter!

Your Testimony Is Powerful!! Would you be willing to share your testimony here in our newsletter?

Acts 4:33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all.

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to get on the newsletter testimony schedule!

TESTIMONY

Henry Winkler – The Fonz

Henry Winkler was a classically trained actor who had studied at Yale Drama School and he often wondered if playing the role 'Fonzie' on the hit TV Show 'Happy Days' was what he was truly being called to do. He shared with Guideposts readers that he questioned, "Was I doing what I was really meant to do? Was I using my God-given talents in the best possible way?"

Henry was concerned whether or not he was doing his best for God. "We're not sure if we're doing what we should with the gifts He gave us." Then one day at an event, he heard a little 5-year-old girl shyly call out, "Fonzie!" and he noticed that the girl's mom looked stunned and was crying. He would later learn that the young girl had autism and that she had just uttered her first word—what would become the first word of many. "That little girl showed me that we simply have to do whatever comes our way to the best of our abilities. And trust that God will find His way to touch someone else with them. And what is that trust called? It's called faith."

Important Events

- Summer Book Club Meeting – May 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at Martin and on Zoom
- Graduation Sunday June 13th, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Ellyn Farewell Reception – June 13th, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC
- Day of Pentecost – May 23, 2021 – Wear your red!
- Martin Memorial Day Parade – 9:30 line up at MHS – 10:00 parade – Memorial Ceremony immediately follow parade at Memorial Park.
- May 30 – Peace With Justice Sunday – Special Offering
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details

Prayer Concerns:

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to update or to add!

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer - COVID
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Terry Chrisman and family
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Dina Goodrich - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Deb Hilsbos & Deb's Mother
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Jamie Dunklee - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Wes Madison - Receiving Hospice care
- Dominic Lawrence - 6-year-old boy fighting cancer
- Bobbie Rae Straub - Health
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- The family of Neola Martin - Neola passed away May 18, 2021
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Family of Bret Sunnerville - Bret passed due to COVID
- Family of Gary Caron - Gary passed due to COVID
- Lou Phelps - Surgery
- The Family of Joel and Delores Shaffer - The Shaffers passed away on May 7, 2021
- Dave Jager - Health Issues
- Dennis Mills - Tests on heart and procedures
- Denise Holcomb - Injuries and recovery due to being hit by a car