

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 30th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$1,497.27
Property \$100.00
Local Mission \$73.17

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$605.00
Peace for Justice \$60.00
Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
15

Martin UMC:
18

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!

CAN YOU HEAR GOD?

So often when we're worried, anxious, or overwhelmed we cry out to God to speak to us or give us a sign. Sometimes when we are trying to make a decision, we ask Him to tell us what to do. I think one of the problems with hearing is that we only try to "hear" occasionally or when we have a problem.

Fortunately, God is always listening and always speaking to us. We may not be listening, we may be distracted, or may not understand what we are hearing, but He is always available and communicating with us.

When we are not "hearing" God we begin to worry that He is not speaking to us. The key to hearing God is to focus on our relationship with God. Get closer to God. Spend more time in God's word. If we stay focused and work on our relationship with God, He will empower us to hear him clearly.

I believe the closer we become with God the more likely we are to hear Him and to have an ongoing conversation. God wants us to hear him. God wants to transform our lives. We have to put in the work; He is always listening and always speaking to us.

John 10:27 NIV

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Don't let your everyday distractions keep you from hearing the voice of the Lord. Pray, Study, Listen....

Maggie

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!

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!

**Shelbyville United Methodist
Women Invite You to Join Their
Mission**

The Shelbyville UMW would like to invite all women that are interested in being part of this wonderful mission and fellowship. They are suggesting that we share a UMW between Shelbyville and Martin – We are better together. What an amazing opportunity to join forces and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The Shelbyville UMW is a VERY active mission group. They work on many projects. Just to tell you about a few; Rising Star Academy-Kayongo Hope (founded by Ryan Kaminski), Women to Women International, Child Sponsorship, Memorial Luncheons, and SO MUCH MORE!

Meetings include prayer, devotion, “the work” and fellowship.

Please consider joining these women of God in service!

The **United Methodist Women** (UMW) is the only official organization for women within the UMC. Founded in 1869, it is "the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members".

If you have questions, please contact the church office or Jill Anderson.

**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.

**Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry
Collection**

June – Tuna in water and pork and
beans

July – Pancake Mix & Syrup

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

**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, June 6th, 2021***

**Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-15
“Reject Caesar, Embrace the Lord”**

**Martin Reformed Church Children Ministry Invites You
To Knights of North Castle VBS**

Join us June 21-24th 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a Knights of North Castle VBS at the Martin Reformed Church. We are excited to have the kids back this year having fun and learning about God's love for them. We need many volunteers this year and would love your help.

Save time and sign kids up at www.martinreformed.org or contact Sarah Broughman call/text 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org

We are better together! If you would like to volunteer,
please contact Sarah Broughman at: call/text
269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org



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

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 SUMC 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 Maggie if you are interested in discussing this position.

Women's Summer Book Club



Join us for June!
We are reading:
“Get Out of Your Head” by Jennie Allen
June Meeting: June 19th at 9:30 a.m.
(This is a change of date!)

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

Dolly Parton

Dolly Parton's faith is nothing new. The country legend is known for being outspoken about her relationship with God. But the singer has revealed that she was once so depressed that she picked up a gun and considered suicide. That confession is shocking, but the Divine Intervention that happened next is truly stunning. God sent Dolly Parton a furry angel in her time of need to save her life.

Dolly Parton grew up knowing Jesus. But even people with a strong relationship with God can have their setbacks. In her latest book, "Dolly on Dolly", the country star remembers a dark time in her life. After suffering with health problems for years, she learned she'd never be able to have children with her husband.

Dolly's marriage suffered. She became confused, heartbroken and depressed for years. Then one day, she wondered if she should even go on living.

"I was sitting upstairs in my bedroom one afternoon when I noticed in the nightstand drawer my gun that I keep for burglars," said Dolly. "I looked at it a long time. ... Then, just as I picked it up, just to hold it and look at it for a moment, our little dog, Popeye, came running up the stairs. The tap-tap-tap of his paws jolted me back to reality I suddenly froze. I put the gun down. Then I prayed. I kinda believe Popeye was a spiritual messenger from God."

Important Events

- Graduation Sunday June 13th, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Ellyn Farewell Reception – June 13th, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC
- VBS at Martin Reformed Church – June 21 – 24 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 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
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Bobbie Rae Straub - Health
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- 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 - Hospitalized/Fighting COVID
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Eddie Oetman - Now under hospice care
- Lettie Sherry - Health
- Ronda Kelly - Health

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

June – Shampoo/Conditioner/Deodorant

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

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

- June 13 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)

25 Miles from Plainwell High School –
Includes Shelbyville!

**- ATTENTION -
HOME OWNERS**

in Plainwell, Otsego & Martin

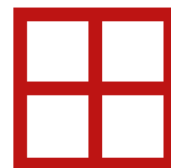
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WORK COMPLETED
June 28 - July 2

350 TEEN & ADULT
VOLUNTEERS WILL
CAMP AT PHS

NO COST TO THE
HOMEOWNERS!

RESIDENTS WILL BE
SELECTED BASED
ON PHYSICAL &
FINANCIAL NEEDS