

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

November 16th, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 31

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
November 7th, 2021

Offering:
Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$1,178.17
Property: \$50

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$1,838.00
Memorial Fund: 50

Attendance:
Shelbyville UMC: 31
Martin UMC: 32

In Case You are Wondering:
November 14th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$743.17
Property: \$150
Special: \$350

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$875

Attendance:
Shelbyville UMC: 39
Martin UMC: 34

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!

Help Wanted:

Shelbyville UMC – Children’s Church Leaders and Nursery Worker’s – Please see Deb Boniface if you are interested in working in this important ministry. Sign-up sheet hanging in sanctuary.

Shelbyville UMC – Would you like to be a member of the trustees committee? Please see Dan Boniface if you would like to serve!

Martin UMC – FACEBOOK LIVE TECH!
- Setting up the Live and making sure that it runs properly during the service – Can train!

Time for an Amazing Christmas Season!

Here we are again faced with another “unusual Christmas”. After another year of uncertainty and changes. I am more excited than ever for this Christmas season.

As we all know the pandemic is far from over, but we are getting out more, meeting more, we are a little less anxious. So, things may look different than we are used to, but that doesn’t mean Christmas cannot be amazing. Christmas IS AMAZING! We are celebrating the birth of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16

God sent his son; the son of The Almighty God was born in a manger to save the world. To save you and to save me.

Advent and Christmas are so important in our faith journeys. Don’t let your Christmas be overtaken by gifts, and schedules, and stress. Let your Christmas focus on the love of an Almighty God that sent His Son to save us.

I challenge you to find an Advent calendar that works for you and each and every day take the time to focus on that love. Each day try to do something for someone else. Big or small...all gestures that are made out of love for one another will be a blessing to you and the recipient.

Do what Jesus would do – Love First! Share and offer grace to one another. Honor the love that God so freely has given us by sharing it with others.

Let’s sing the carols, let’s help those in need, let’s pray and worship together...let’s have an amazing Christmas celebrating Jesus Christ!

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Confidential Pastor Email
umcpastormagg@gmail.com

Martin UMC MISSION PROJECT – NOVEMBER 2021

BLANKET AND QUILT DRIVE

We will be helping those that are in need of blankets and quilts during the month of November. Please plan to participate in this important mission! More information to come!

Righteous Rule
NOVEMBER 15–21, 2021
BRITNEY WINN LEE
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4-8
John 18:33-37

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Second Samuel records the final words of David. David takes comfort in the covenant that God has made with his family, which must be continued by kings who will honor God and rule justly. The psalmist sings of this same covenant with David's family and the same necessity to follow God's decrees in order to rule well. Revelation opens with a vision of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, the King to rule over all kings for all time. Many expected Jesus to set up a political kingdom. Yet in John, Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not an earthly one. This week let us thank God that the kingdom is based not on the exercise of power but on Jesus' example of serving others.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

LOVE Is Coming
NOVEMBER 22–28, 2021
DOUGLAS RUFFLE
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: As we prepare our hearts for Advent, the celebration of Jesus' first coming, we remember in Jeremiah that the birth of Jesus has a deep background, a background rooted in God's promise to David. Psalm 25, traditionally credited to David, speaks of God's faithfulness to those who follow the paths of the Lord. David asks God to teach him to follow God's paths even more closely. The New Testament readings actually point us toward Jesus' second coming. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to excel in holiness and love while they wait. In Luke, Jesus discusses the coming of the kingdom in a passage that some find confusing. We note that he focuses not on the exact time frame of the arrival of the kingdom but on our need to be alert.

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PATH WALK RESULTS

A TOTAL OF **\$9,453.68** WAS COLLECTED TO HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR FAMILIES LOCALLY!!

THE MARTIN & SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY RECEIVED **\$1,057.00** OF THE MONEY RAISED!

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH THIS PROJECT!!!

Shout Out!

Thank you, Carolyn Buskirk, for the clean-up of the walnuts on the Shelbyville playground! You are appreciated!

Shout Out!

Thank you, Jean Holley, for the providing so many beautiful flowers for the sanctuary at the Martin church! They have been beautiful!

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, November 21st, 2021
"Live A Life That Matters"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, November 28th, 2021
"Time to Go Home"

SUMC & MUMC Ladies Fellowship
November 20, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
Martin UMC Fellowship Hall
Snacks & Coffee will be served.
We will be making Christmas Crafts
Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Hosted by Pat Holland & Mary Jo Ash



Martin Christmas Parade
With Santa and Mrs. Claus
Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Noon

Line up in the high school parking lot for the parade at 11:30 a.m.

Pictures with Santa, Cookies & Hot Chocolate following the parade!

Support United Methodist students with our prayers and gifts-November 28, 2021

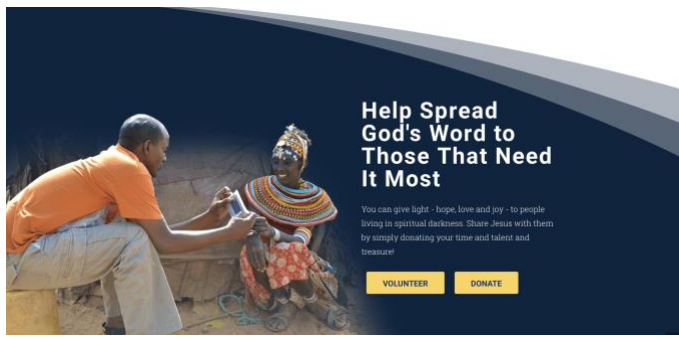
On November 28 we will have an opportunity to lift up college students during worship. On United Methodist Student Day, we give thanks for who they are and the ways they are growing into strong leaders.

We are mindful that many students struggle financially, spiritually or emotionally. They are preparing themselves to face a world that, in many ways, is broken and hurting. Together we can support them and remove some of their anxiety to make space for them to experience God's peace.

We will also join with other churches in the denomination to receive a special offering. While many young people have the privilege and resources to attend college, many others do not. On United Methodist Student Day, we will come together as a community to invest our resources in education.

We are indeed one body, but investing in our individual members will take us to the next stage in building the beloved community. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for students to change the world in the name of God's love—to live out their dreams for a better world.

Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday! Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



The Treasure

MUMC & SUMC Advent Project

Please considering participating in this important program!!

Boxes to collect change will be available on November 28, 2021.

World Mission delivers the Word of God in audio format to oral learners living in unreached people groups. We believe that it is our responsibility as Christians to follow the Great Commission, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19-20). While it is always our desire to reach everyone, anywhere, we specifically focus our efforts on reaching the Unreached; those throughout the world who have never had the opportunity to hear the gospel and accept Jesus Christ.

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

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

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

Please place items in the grocery cart outside of fellowship hall.

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/testimonies are due November 29th, 2021. Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Important Dates

- November 20, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Ladies Fellowship – Martin FH
- November 21 – Thanksgiving Feast – Martin Fellowship Hall
- November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- December 4 – Noon – Martin Christmas Parade
- December 6 – 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference (Zoom)
- December 8 – UMW Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – sack lunch – Shelbyville

Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email: martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details.

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Updated: November 16, 2021

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk – Cancer and COVID
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Edie Kilmer - Under Hospice Care
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma - Heart Surgery
- Ori Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee – Vision
- Deb Hilsbos & family - caring for mother
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Vonda Christman - Under Hospice care
- Mark Ondersma - knee surgery
- Helene Genter-Todd - Health
- Danny Genter - health
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Patti Jarvis - Knee
- Dody Watkins - Stomach cancer
- Joyce McAllister – Health
- The Family of Grace Herbert – Grace passed away November 12, 2021
- Candy Fox – Covid
- Stacy Knorr – Cancer
- The Family of Jason Newman – Jason passed away on October 30, 2021
- Christopher and Jason – travel mercies
- Linda Kay Perry – Vision loss
- Chris Sloud – Heart Surgery
- The Family of Mike Gates – Mike passed away November 11, 2021
- Jerry Clemens – West Nile Virus
- The family of Jack Washburn – Jack passed away on
- Letty Sherry – Health
- Don Cleveland – Blood clots
- Daryl Slawson - Health

If there is anyone you would like to see added to our prayer list, please send an email to umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

Martin UMC Missions Christmas Project

Gift cards are needed for our Christmas families – We are asking that you donate \$25 gift cards from either Meijer or Walmart for Christmas family gifts.

We are hoping to help many families, so if you can grab a card while you are out shopping, you can drop it off in the church office or you can give to Sharon Buys, Patsy Hoekstra, or Kristen Ash (missions team members) when you see one of them.

We are also planning to help families with a holiday meal, any help you can give is appreciated!

The last day to turn in gift cards for families is December 20th, 2021.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!