

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

December 6, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 1

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

#### In Case You are Wondering:

January 1, 2023

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,500.61

Building Fund: \$40

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$ 1,058

Building Fund: \$50

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship - 25

**Martin UMC:**

Worship - 23

December 25, 2022

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection:

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection:

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship:

**Martin UMC:**

Worship:

December 18, 2022

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$999.47

Food Pantry: \$100

Local Mission: \$550

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$905

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship - 17

**Martin UMC:**

Worship - 31

December 11, 2022

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$681.78

Food Pantry: \$100

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$2,929

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship - 24

**Martin UMC:**

Worship - 28

#### Just A Closer Walk With Thee

As I thought about what I wanted to share in the newsletter, a song kept going thru my mind.

I looked up the specifics and found that it was written in the late 1930's/early 1940's by Kenneth Morris.

I have heard it sung by many different artists and have sung it many times thru my life. My favorite artist to perform this song has always been Patsy Cline. I love to hear her version of this song.

I think the reason that it has been on my mind, is that my goals for 2023 include deepening my walk with God. Being more conscious each day of his presence in my life. Acknowledging the presence of the holy spirit. Giving thanks for the many blessings in my life. I am working to spend more time in prayer, in study and in service.

Please read the words of the song....give it some thought....can this be one of your goals for the year?

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but Thou art strong,  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more,  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore.

Think about it....  
Blessings, Pastor Maggie

#### Office Hours:

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

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more information.

### ***Knit, Crochet & Pray***

*Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. and January 26th at 10:00 am.*

*Join us for fellowship, and to knit, crochet, & pray.*

*Want to learn? Come and learn how to make a prayer shawl or lap blanket.*

### **Shelbyville UMC On Line Ministry**

SUMC is in need of a team of people that would be interested in being part of the online ministry that we would like to launch.

Please let Pastor Maggie know if this is an area that you feel called to serve in this area!

## **Food Pantry Month of January Zip Lock Bags**

### **Children's Moment**

**Pastor Maggie is looking for a few people that would commit to sharing the Children's Moment once a month at Martin and Shelbyville!  
Please contact Pastor Maggie if you have questions or if you interested!**

### **Prayer Concerns:**

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

- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Youth Ministries
- Kenny Martin – Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk – Health
- The Family of Jody Tyner – Jody passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup>
- WPS student battling cancer
- Denny Mills – health
- Peggy Everett – health
- Jenny Holland – hand injury
- 4 month old Emerson – health

***The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/ testimonies are due January 17, 2023. Email to: [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com)***

### **January Food Pantry Donation**

The Food Pantry team is asking for donations of ziplock freezer baggies the month of January. They should be with slider closures, both quart and gallon size.

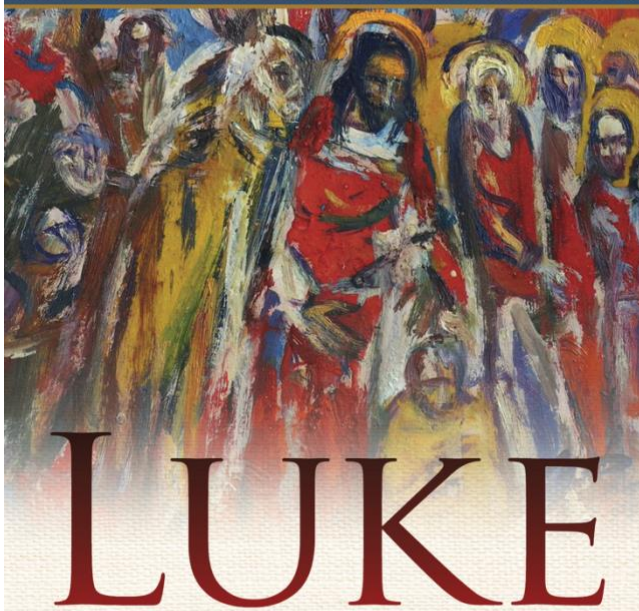
The pantry spent over \$500 in 2022 just on baggies. Your donations are appreciated!

### **Liturgist**

Would you like to sign up for a month in 2023 to be the liturgist? Please see Pastor Maggie or a worship committee member.

# ADAM HAMILTON

Author of *John*, *The Walk*, and *24 Hours That Changed the World*



# LUKE

JESUS AND THE  
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,  
AND OUTLAWS

“Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws”.  
You can look up information about the study  
at: <https://www.adamhamilton.com/books/item/9781791025045>

Books can be purchased for \$16.00 per book by contacting Crystal no later than January 17, 2023. She will put you on the list and we will order the book via Cokesbury. If it is more convenient of if you decide later you can also purchase the book on

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/s?i=stripbooks&rh=p\\_66%3A9781791025045&ref=sr\\_adv\\_b](https://www.amazon.com/s?i=stripbooks&rh=p_66%3A9781791025045&ref=sr_adv_b)

We will begin the study the prior to Ash Wednesday - February 15, 2023. I will offer an afternoon study at 2:00 p.m. (this will be in person at Martin) and an evening study at 7:00 p.m. (this will be in person at Martin and also on Zoom).

There is a Facebook group that is available for those that are participating in this study. You can find it by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/985745962384124>.

This group is for people who would like to share insights or discuss the study outside of the normal meeting times.

Schedule:

Week one, February 15, 2023: Lifting Up the Lowly

Week two, March 1, 2023: Simon, Do You See This Woman?

Week three, March 8, 2023: Parables from the Underside

Week four, March 15, 2023: On the Journey to Jerusalem

Week five, March 22, 2023: The Final Week

Week six, March 29, 2023: Crucified with the Outlaws

## WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY? Sunday, January 15, 2023

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering is received on the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local church. Offering envelope will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, January 15 if you choose to participate. You may also give online.

## Christmas Program at Martin United Methodist Church

### A Want, A Need and A Read

Martin UMC brought Christmas joy to 5 families. Each child received their Want, Need and Read gift. One young teen asked for a Chicken Soup for the Teen. Others asked for dinosaur books, unicorn books and age appropriate books for toddler. We were able to present 5 laundry baskets of home care products, with candies and cookies tucked in. The families also received a complete Christmas Ham. Dinner.

All of the families were so grateful.

Thank you to all who participated.



## Important Dates

- Food Pantry Items for January – Zip Lock Baggies
- January 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Kick off! Grades 6 – 12 are welcome. They will meet at Martin at 6:00 p.m.
- United Women of Faith will meet January 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville, potluck following meeting.
- January 12, Knit, Crochet, Pray - fellowship hall Martin. Snack will be provided.
- January 15 we will be baptizing Mayson Campbell at MUMC; if you have not been baptized and would like to be, please contact Pastor Maggie – she would love to discuss your baptism with you.
- February 15 - Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws -
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## Newsletter Editor

Do you have an interest in working on the newsletter? Please contact the church office to discuss the position as “editor” of our newsletter.

The editor would be responsible for laying out the information submitted for the newsletter twice per month. The editor also seeks out information for articles, notices, etc.

We would love to have you on the newsletter team!

## Weather/Closings

When closing the churches due to bad weather.

Cancellations will be listed on WWMT Channel 3 News.

The church office will be closed if Martin Public Schools are closed due to weather.

Church activities will be cancelled if Martin Public and/or Wayland Public schools are closed due to weather.



BRING A FRIEND!!



**YOUTH GROUP**

GRADES  
6 - 12

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY STARTING  
JAN 8TH  
6 - 7:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL - MARTIN UMC

PRAYER  
FELLOWSHIP  
SNACKS  
GAMES  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO SERVE



SCAN ME

## Ladies Fellowship

Would you like to host ladies fellowship? Please contact Jessica Cole with your ideas and to sign up for a date!