

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

January 19th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 2

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

The Connection -
Next issue

Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
January 31st, 2024.

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

In Case You Are Wondering

January 7th, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,017.00
Food Pantry: \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2070.00
Vanco General: \$102.90
Food Pantry: \$230.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 25

Martin UMC:

Worship: 41

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Are you listening? Is God calling you?

John 8:47 - "Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." This verse is part of a larger conversation between Jesus and the religious leaders of his time.

This verse emphasizes the importance of belonging to God in order to hear and understand His message. It suggests that those who have a genuine relationship with God will be able to discern His voice and follow His guidance. It implies that those who do not belong to God will struggle to hear and understand His message.

In the context of hearing God's call and serving Him, this verse highlights the need for a close and intimate relationship with God. It suggests that when we truly belong to God, we will be attuned to His voice and receptive to His calling in our lives. This can manifest in various ways, such as through prayer, reading and studying the Scriptures, seeking guidance from spiritual mentors, and being open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Serving God means that we are aligning our lives with His will and purpose. It means using our gifts, talents, and resources to fulfill His plans and bring glory to Him. When we have a deep connection with God, we are more likely to hear His call to serve and respond with obedience and willingness.

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Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet
January 25th & February 8th
at 10:30 a.m.

I am so happy we started this little group, the fellowship and the people we have come to know as our little circle has been a blessing from above.
Blessings Crystal

Martin Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
immediately following
fellowship each Sunday!

Martin Adult Sunday School
Lenten Sunday School Study starts
February 18th – “Final Words From the
Cross”. Would you like to join for this
study? Let the office know so that we
have enough books available!

Food Pantry Items
January- Ziplock Baggies
January 24th – Peanut Butter Drive
February – Personal Hygiene Products

Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group

UPCOMING DATES:

January 7, 2024

January 21, 2024

February 4, 2024

February 18, 2024

6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated January 19th, 2024

- Raina Oldebeken – Cancer
- Molly Mentzer – Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken – Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Naomi Martin - health
- Sandy VanWormer – Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox – Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Children being hurt during custody battle
- Doris Hawkey – Heart issues
- Nan Darrow – Mobility issues
- Don Darrow - Cancer
- Dan Lawrence – Cancer treatment
- Kim – Cancer diagnosis
- Don Cleveland – health
- Resolution in Israel
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Dick Mattox - cancer diagnosis
- Pat Kimmel – Health
- The family of Mary Ellen Winebarger – Mary Ellen passed recently
- Nancy White – Heart
- Dean Rantz – Health
- Kenny Martin – Cancer
- Mike Oetman – General
- Wendy Palmer – Health
- John Guevera – Heart
- Missions Committee – 2024
- Jeff Anderson – Health
- Blaine Anderson – Health
- Brad – head injury
- Chip Rynbrandt – Seizures
- Family of Tom Martin – Tom passed away recently
- Maverick – 2 year old with health concerns
- Karen – knee replacement
- Kim and Pam – Life issues
- The family of Jill Jackson – Jill passed away recently
- Joyce Nauseida – health

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for January 2024

Zip Lock Baggies

January 24th – Peanut Butter Drive

February- Personal Hygiene Products

- January 21st – Human Relations Day
- January 21st - Youth Group Grades 6-12
Martin 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- January 24th – ACFPC Peanut Butter Drive
- January 27th – Book Club – The Shack – 10:00 a.m. MUMC
- January 31st - Newsletter Deadline
- February 11 – Golden Cross Offering
- February 11th – Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 14th -7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Martin UMC
- February 21st – Lenten Study “The Third Day” begins.

The United Methodist Church

Human Relations Day

Special Offering – May 21 2024

Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God’s children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Lenten Study

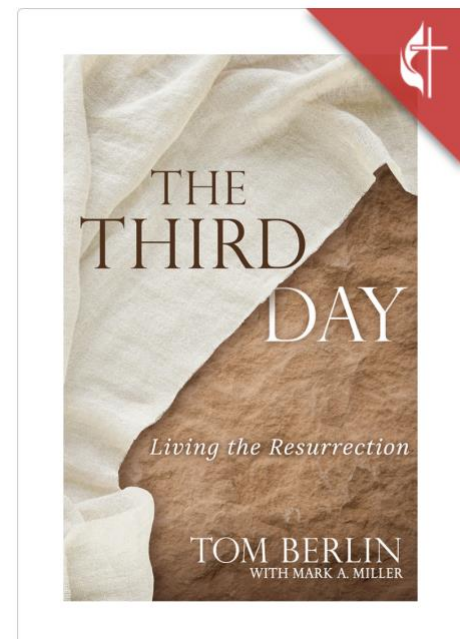
**Begins on Wednesday,
February 21**

1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Zoom available for evening
study.**

Martin Fellowship Hall

**Sign up thru the office to get
your book.**



**COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST**

MARTIN United Methodist Church

March 16, 2024

8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

ALL DONATIONS TO MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY

969 E. ALLEGAN STREET, MARTIN, MI, 49070

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!

Book Club 2024

- January Book: The Shack by William P. Young
 - Review will be January 27th, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. MUMC
- February Book: Room of Marvels by James Bryan Smith
 - Review will be February 24th, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. MUMC
- March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller
 - Review will be March 23rd, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. MUMC

All are welcome!

Souper Bowl of Caring February 11, 2024

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

(Story continues next newsletter)

Martin & Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry will participate on Sunday, Feb. 11 by providing soup during fellowship at both churches. Soup kettles will be available for donations to our pantry if you choose to participate. You may donate cash, or soup, cans or mixes. All cash donations will be designated for soup for the pantry.

Martin UMC Missions Blessing Bag Project

We will be assembling 50
Blessing Bags for the homeless.

If you are able, we need:

- Quarters
- Dollars
- 1 X 3 Band aids
- Travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)
- Chapstick
- Handwarmers
- Please bring all items no later than February 11th, 2024

Winter Weather

The office will be closed if Martin Public Schools is closed for weather.

Church activities/meetings will be cancelled if Martin and/or Wayland Public Schools are closed for weather.

Sunday morning service cancellation will be announced on WMT channel 3 and on our Facebook page.

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Pastor Maggie is looking for disciples to lead the children's sermon each month....Can you make a difference in the lives of children? See Pastor Maggie to discuss!