

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

January 20th , 2023 – Volume 3, Number 2

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

January 8, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$791.47

Local Mission: \$100

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,885

Building Fund: \$30

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 34

Martin UMC:

Worship - 27

January 15, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$401.47

Food Pantry: \$100

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,409

Building Fund: \$100

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 24

Martin UMC:

Worship: 48

Lent/Easter Services 2023

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Shelbyville UMC

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Martin UMC

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Shelbyville UMC

Easter

April 9, 2023
Easter Sunrise – 6:30 a.m.
Martin UMC

Worship

Martin UMC – 9:30 a.m.
Shelbyville UMC – 11:00 a.m.

Lent is Coming....

Have you been thinking about Lent? Thinking about Easter? I know that we just finished our Christmas season, but time marches on and we are soon entering the season of Lent.

I hope that you will all plan to come and be part of our Ash Wednesday service at Shelbyville on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Why do we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? By wearing ashes we show repentance as well as showing devotion to God.

During the observance, ashes are placed on the worshiper's forehead, in the shape of a cross. The display of ashes reveals the recipient's belief in Jesus Christ and shows grief and mourning for our sins.

What are some Lenten practices?

These are known as the three pillars of Lent:

- prayer (justice towards God)
- fasting (justice towards self)
- almsgiving (justice towards neighbors)

During Lent, many people decide to give something up that they love - perhaps chocolate, sweets or even using social media. Others might decide to take *up* something, like helping out at a soup kitchen or working with the homeless or making an effort to help others that are in need.

We do these things during Lent as a sign of sacrifice or to test our self-discipline.

Whatever you do during Lent this year, I hope you will stay focused on increasing your relationship with our Heavenly Father...

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Pastor Maggie will be on vacation February 7 – February 13, 2023

She will be out of the country and may not have access to email or voicemail. If you have an urgent need or an emergency, please contact Crystal during normal office hours. If outside of office hours please contact Sharon Buys or Deb Boniface, they will contact the covering pastor.

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 or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Knit, Crochet & Pray

*Thursday, January 26th & February 9th 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 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
- The family of David Ayers
- Youth Ministries
- Kenny Martin – Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk – Health
- Rich Risner - Health
- The Family of Jody Tyner
- The Family of Judy Newts Shafer
- Sue Arnsman – Cancer
- Heather Arnsman – Heath/Pregnancy
- Denny Mills – Heart Issue
- Chris Vargo – Shoulder Issues
- Emma - Luekemia
- Peggy Everett – Heart Issues
- Emerson – heart surgery and recovery
- Dina Good – Health
- Tim Hayes - Health

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/ testimonies are due February 1, 2023. Email to: 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”.

You can look up information about the study

at: <https://www.adamhamilton.com/books/item/9781791025045>

Books can be purchased on Amazon:

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)..

Please let Crystal know if you are participating if you are buying your book on Amazon.

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Since it began in 1989, the Souper Bowl of Caring has provided over \$100 million worth of food and money to local hunger charities across America. Every year young people collect donations through their churches, schools and other youth organizations for local food banks, soup kitchens and other charities for those experiencing poverty and homelessness. The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers young people - and often the adults who support them - to lead the way in combating hunger. Our Youth will be collecting donations of money or cans of soup on February 12th. 100% of the proceeds will go to the [Martin & Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry](#).

We will be serving soup during fellowship time on February 12, 2023. Be sure to plan on staying and enjoying soup.



**SAVE THE DATE
Ladies Fellowship
February 18, 2023
MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW**

Ladies Fellowship

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

Important Dates

- Food Pantry Items for January – Zip Lock Baggies
- January 22nd – Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- January 26th - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- Food Pantry Items for February – Personal Hygiene Products
- February 1st -SUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- February 5th - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- February 8th – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- February 8th – MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- February 9th – Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- February 12th – Souper Bowl Caring
- February 15th - Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws - 2:00 p.m. in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- February 19th -Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. - Shelbyville UMC
- February 23rd - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- Food Pantry Items for March – Jam/Jelly
- March 1st – SUMC – Ad Council – 5:45 p.m.
- March 1st – Luke Lenten Study – 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- March 5th - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- March 8th – MUMC Ad Council 5:45
- March 8th - United Women in Faith – Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- March 8th - Luke Lenten Study – 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- March 15th – Luke Lenten Study
- March 18th – Community Breakfast 8-10a.m. Martin
- March 19th - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- March 22nd – Luke Lenten Study
- March 29th – Luke Lenten Study
- April 6th – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 Martin
- April 7th - Good Friday Service – 7:00 Shelbyville
- April 9th – Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m. Martin

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.

