

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

February 16th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 4

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

February 11th, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$528.47

Roof Fund: \$500.00

Food Pantry: \$466.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,317.00

Building Fund: \$60.00

Special Offering: \$85.00

Food Pantry: \$555.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 22

Martin UMC:

Worship: 53

February 4th, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,151.14

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Missions: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,427.00

Special Offering: \$96.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 24

Martin UMC:

Worship: 49

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

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

*Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.*

This Lenten Poem by Ann Weems beautifully captures the essence of the Lenten season. Lent is a time for reflection and introspection, a time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us. It is a time to allow the events of Jesus' life and teachings to walk around within us, to intensify our commitment to living for Christ.

The poem reminds us to immerse ourselves in the stories of Jerusalem and the sea, to listen to Jesus' words and touch his robe for healing. Lent is a time for deep contemplation and wonder, a time to experience a fresh taste of God's presence in our lives.

We may be afraid to take the time to think and to face our past and future. Take time to pray for courage and trust in God's Word and forgiveness. Lent is a time to embrace forgiveness and to have faith in taking up our lives and walking forward.

Overall, this poem invites us to fully engage in the Lenten season, to allow the transformative power of God's love to shape our lives and renew our spirits.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet
March 7th & March 21st
at 10:00 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

The Connection -
Next issue Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
March 6th, 2024.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

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 24th – Peanut Butter Drive
February – Personal Hygiene Products

Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group

UPCOMING DATES:

February 4, 2024

February 18, 2024

February 25, 2024

March 3, 2024

6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated February 16th, 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
- Resolution in Israel
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Dick Mattox - cancer diagnosis
- Kenny Martin – Cancer
- The Family of Don Darrow – Don passed away recently+
- Arlene VonMyhr – health
- Jimmy Fugate – health
- Sierra Smith – health
- Jack Farmer – cataract surgery
- Tim Hoyle – knee replacement
- Linda Creviston – moving to new home
- The Family of Tim Curry – Tim passed away recently
- Harry Tucker – Bone Infection
- The Family of Peggy Madison – Peggy passed away recently
- Rachel Risher – health
- Debbie Brock – Hip surgery
- David Pierce Recovering from broken arm
- Stacy Madden – Prayers
- Christ Boyle Montes – Stroke
- Kelinda’s mother – Prayers
- Roger Zeluff – Clinical Trial
- June DeForest – Stroke
- Kirk Jones – Heart Issues
- Sherri Fewless – Health Issues
- Pamela Cook – Health
- Brenda Vandenburg – Bladder Cancer

Important Dates

January 24th – Peanut Butter Drive

February- Personal Hygiene Products

- February 21st – Lenten Study “The Third Day” begins. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 22nd – Knit, Pray & Crochet 10:00 a.m. Martin
- February 24th – Book Club – Room of Marvels – 10:00 a.m. Martin
- February 28th – Lenten Study 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 3rd – Holy Communion
- March 6th – Lenten Study 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 16th – Community Breakfast

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.

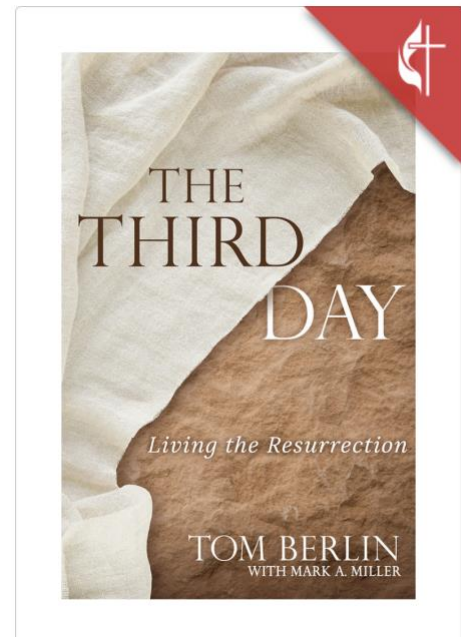
Lenten Study

**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!!

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!

Book Club 2024

- 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!



It is time to think about summer camp. Martin United Methodist Church has been committed to sending children and teens to camp for many years through money donated to our church from the Oetman family. The Michigan United Methodist Conference has several camps around the state that offer so many opportunities for youth to participate in adventures.

We will update you on the activities for the summer of 2024 as the brochures and information come into our office or online. Students can also choose to attend other Christian camping experiences such as SON-Life camp.

Please remember to completely fill out the request form for each individual student who is attending camp so that we can properly inform each camp who we are paying for.

Thanks

Melinda Tison

Camp Coordinator

Christian Neighbors Update

Good Morning Partners in Ministry-

Here are a few updates for Christian Neighbors, if you could please post, insert in bulletins/newsletters, or distribute.....we appreciate it.

1. February 20, Demo Kitchen Event "Cook Now – Serve Later" with Dyer Price-Stassak.

2. February 13, Demo Kitchen Event "Charcuterie Experience"

Spend a fun evening with us building your own charcuterie board on Tuesday, February 13th from 6:30pm-8pm! This interactive experience will provide you with all the supplies and your own charcuterie board. An instructor will give you the latest tips and trends and help you create your own charcuterie board to take home and enjoy just in time for Valentine's Day. The board and all accessories are then yours to keep! Some of the highlights of the evening will be learning how to make whipped goat cheese drizzled with hot honey sauce and the latest and easiest way to make meat roses. There are only 8 spots available, so register today by clicking the button below. The cost is \$100 and that covers all the supplies, board, and accessories. It is all yours to take home, enjoy and keep! Proceeds from this event will help fund healthy cooking classes for local senior citizens and families with children.

3. 2nd Quarter Food Pantry Calendar

4. Volunteers at Christian Neighbors

We have many volunteer opportunities available at Christian Neighbors. If you are interested in giving back to your community and would like to share some of your time and talents, please see below for available opportunities. Many of these are low to moderate time commitments. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan this QR code to send us an email with your name, phone number and desired position. Someone will contact you back with further details. You can also call 269-685-4166 ext. 102 for more information or send an email to volunteer@christianneighbors.org.

Once again, thank you so much for helping to share these opportunities with our communities. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Eric Hoffman

Development Coordinator

Christian Neighbors

Email: ehoffman@christianneighbors.org



Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to everyone who donated to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring.

Martin UMC received \$220 + 4 cans of soup.

Shelbyville UMC received \$466.

A total of \$686 was raised for soup...that will stock the pantry with soup for months to come.

Thank You for all who made soups and donated, it will serve our food pantry very well.

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.