

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

February 5th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$470.60

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$7,120.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 28

Martin UMC:

Worship: 29

February 12th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$426.47

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,298.00

Food Pantry: \$280.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 28

Martin UMC:

Worship: 35

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.

“Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

Please turn in your Bible to Joel 2:12-32 and read these verses.

America is looking for the next revolution, but what if God is looking for the next REVIVAL? Could it be that revival will bring a revolution of ethics, morals, and the redemptive power of Jesus? Could it be that with fasting, weeping, mourning, salvation, and the power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we could see America revived?

Joel says, “Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning”. The book of Joel describes a crisis or what was considered “harrowing times”. Joel describes the crisis and the resolution and seems to feel like God was the cause of the crisis...even though he seems to feel that way he does make it clear that God is sovereign and almighty, and that God is the answer if the people turn to Him.

I don’t feel like our problems in America today are caused by God, but like Joel I do believe that God is the answer. I do believe that we need to RE-turn to Him.

Is there revival happening in our country? I believe there is. Look around...television, big screen – a lot of people watching as stories of Jesus are told. A lot of people watching as commercials, non-denominational commercials, about Jesus are shown. Google or watch for news about the revival happening in Kentucky at Asbury University. My niece is at Cedarville University, and they were holding a revival along with Asbury and more than 1,000 students attended.

What does REVIVAL mean? Biblically it means **renewal or awakening**. It is impossible to restore something that never existed. So, it would mean returning to something that we have felt in the past. Returning to something that was once well known or popular.

As it pertains to Church revivals – church revivals serve two main purposes: (1) to revitalize the spiritual life of its members and (2) to gain new followers. A church revival involves **a group of Christians praying and seeking the Holy Spirit's presence together while rejoicing over a renewed spiritual excitement**.

If you are not feeling revival in your spirit, in your soul...dig deep, pray...cry out for more of the Lord. Look for the presence of the Holy Spirit as you sing, as you read your Bible, as you pray, and as you worship this Lenten Season.

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 or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Knit, Crochet & Pray

*Thursday, February 23rd & March 9th at 10:00 a.m.
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 February Personal Hygiene Product

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're 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
- Youth Ministries
- Victims of gun violence and their families
- Kenny Martin - Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk - Health
- Rich Risner - Health
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Denny Mills - Heart Issues
- Sue Arnsman - Cancer
- Emma - Leukemia
- Peggy Everett - Heart Issues
- Gus Scott - Hip Issue
- Stephen Jones - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Perry Carter - Stationed in Finland
- Dale Rose - Heart Tests
- Linda Creviston - Car Accident
- Sandy Conklin - Health
- Carrie Colburn - Health
- Jerry Fenner - Back Fracture
- Nancy White - Heart Issue

United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR Sunday is one of the United Methodist Church's Special Sundays. Special Sundays are designated Sundays each year that deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to support the church's collective work with an offering. Envelopes will be available each Sunday in March. Please give generously!

Liturgist

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

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/ testimonies are due February 28th, 2023. Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



Souper Bowl of Caring

The Youth Group helped serve our Souper Bowl of Caring last week during the Martin and Shelbyville fellowship time after our Morning Services.

Overall, they collected 48 cans of soup, we also had very generous collections of \$462.00 from Shelbyville United Methodist Church and \$301.00 from Martin United Methodist Church, what a way to come together and enjoy our blessings and help Combat Hunger!

Thank you so much to all who contributed, provided soup and organized. Special thank you to our youth for working this important event!

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.

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 February – Personal Hygiene Products
- February 18th – Ladies Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville
- 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 9th – Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- March 15th – Luke Lenten Study – 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- March 18th – Community Breakfast 8-10a.m. Martin
- March 19th - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- March 22nd – Luke Lenten Study– 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- March 23rd - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- March 29th – Luke Lenten Study– 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- 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

Men's Fellowship

Would you like to coordinate a men's fellowship event? Not sure where to start? See Pastor Maggie and she will be happy to discuss ideas with you!



Following the shooting at the Michigan State University Campus on February 13, 2023 - Bishop David Bard addressed church and community members at a Feb. 14 prayer vigil at Okemos Community Church, less than three miles from the campus of Michigan State University. ~

MIphoto/Mark Doyal

Less than twenty-four hours after the shooting, leaders from the Michigan Conference held a Lunch and Learn webinar on Tuesday to pray for those affected by gun violence but also to put their faith into action and encourage elected officials in Michigan to enact common-sense gun legislation. It is all leading to the Michigan Conference's first Advocacy Day on March 22, a day of prayer, public witness, and meetings with elected officials.

This webinar had been planned for some time, but the tone was different in light of the tragic events of the previous day.

In his comments at last night's vigil, Bishop Bard asked those listening to pray for courage to stay with our heartache a little longer so that we may know that there is more to offer our communities.

Bishop Bard admitted that he had a scripture from Matthew 7 on his mind, the text where Jesus asks, "Which of you, if your child asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?"

"After incidents like this, we pledge our thoughts and our prayers. And that matters. . . . But it strikes me that in some ways it is just half a loaf. So, another one of my prayers is that we will respond to our children by offering a whole loaf, that we will take our prayers and our thoughts and turn them into constructive action, to build a kinder world, a less violent world."

(taken from michiganumc.org)

