

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

March 2nd, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 5

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

February 25th, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,172.72

Roof Fund: \$575.00

Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,223.53

Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$466.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 37

Martin UMC:

Worship: 42

February 18th, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$417.47

Roof Fund: \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$961.90

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 26

Martin UMC:

Worship: 43

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

Who Will You Invite to Church this Easter?

Inviting people to church on Easter Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to share the message of hope, love, and renewal with others. Here are some reasons why inviting people to church on Easter Sunday is important:

Easter Sunday is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a significant day in the Christian faith, and inviting others to church allows them to participate in this joyful celebration.

Easter is a time to share the good news of salvation and redemption. By inviting people to church, you are providing them with the opportunity to hear the message of hope and grace.

Church is a place where people can come together in community and fellowship. Inviting others to church allows them to experience the warmth and support of a caring community.

For those who may be seeking spiritual guidance or looking to deepen their faith, an invitation to church on Easter Sunday can be a powerful encouragement.

Inviting people to church is a form of outreach and evangelism. It is a way to reach out to those who may not regularly attend church and introduce them to the message of the Gospel.

Inviting people to church on Easter Sunday is a way to share the message of love, hope, and renewal with others and to extend a warm welcome to those seeking spiritual connection.

Keep in mind that it is important to invite people all year long; Easter is a time, like Christmas, where people are thinking about church. 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 20th, 2024.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group

UPCOMING DATES:

March 3, 2024

March 17, 2024

April 14, 2024

April 28, 2024

6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN UMC

Food Pantry Items
March – Jam and Jelly

**HERMA
DEHN
BIRTHDAY
CARD PARTY**

Let's spread some love and cheer to Herma for her birthday, March 20th. She would be so tickled if we flooded her mailbox with birthday cards. Herma's address:
Herma Dehn
4160 W. Joy Rd,
Shelbyville, MI. 49344



Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated March 2nd, 2024

- Raina Oldebeken – Cancer
- Molly Mentzer – Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken – Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Sandy VanWormer – Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox – Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Doris Hawkey – Heart issues
- Nan Darrow – Mobility issues/loss of husband
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Dick Mattox - cancer diagnosis
- Kenny Martin – Cancer
- Jimmy Fugate – health
- Jack Farmer – cataract surgery
- Tim Hoyle – knee replacement recovery
- Linda Creviston – moving to new home
- Harry Tucker – Bone Infection
- Debbie Brock – Hip surgery
- Christ Boyle Montes – Stroke Recovery
- June DeForest – Stroke Recovery
- Kirk Jones – Heart Issues
- Sherri Fewless – Health Issues
- Pamela Cook – Health
- The Family of Arlene VonMyhr – Arlene passed away recently
- Brenda Vandenburg – Bladder Cancer
- The Family of Rachel Richer – Rachel passed away recently
- Prayers for Kelinda's friend Jim
- Lue Phelps – Pneumonia
- Chip – Recovering from seizures
- Les Lynema – Leukemia
- Randy Yeo – Blood disorder
- The family of Gary Burnett Sr. – Gary passed away recently
- Stan Town – bladder cancer
- Linda Reese – cancer diagnosis
- Donna – Biopsy
- Shaylee Elkins – Blood disorder
- Patsy Hoekstra – health

Important Dates

March Food Pantry Items: Jam & Jelly

- March 3rd – Youth Group Grades 6-12 – Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- March 6th – Lenten Study 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 7th– Knit, Pray & Crochet 10:00 a.m. Martin
- March 13th – United Women In Faith 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- March 13th – Lenten Study 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 14th – Herma Dehn Birthday Card Shower
- March 16th – Community Breakfast
- March 23rd – OUMC Ladies Lenten Breakfast
- March 24 – Palm Sunday
- March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m. – Shelbyville UMC
- March 29 – Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. – Martin UMC
- March 31 – Easter Morning Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Martin UMC

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.

Book Club 2024

- **March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller**
 - Review will be March 23rd, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. MUMC

UMCOR

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR** – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.



**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!!

UMCOR SUNDAY

**TOGETHER
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE**

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

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The people of The United Methodist Church®

UMCOR SUNDAY

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WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that **100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.**

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The people of The United Methodist Church®

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.

SON LIFE CAMP

**MUMC
Summer Camp
Opportunities**

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

Spring Work Week

May 6-10, 2024

Come out and help us get ready for another amazing summer of ministry! Fellowship with others, do some projects, and camp for free (must provide your own camping unit).

We will start Monday at 10 am and ends Friday after breakfast. Meals are served all week.

The schedule is flexible - serve one day or all 5, we'd love to have you here! Please contact the office to get registered or for more details!

**SUMC
SUMMER CAMP**

Summer Camp information is available! Please see Deb Boniface for information on camps. If you need assistance with camp tuition there are forms available!

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center:

Sign up for summer camp! Camp sessions are filling up fast!

SON-Life Camp is hiring: Looking for lead staff members and high school staff. Please email Ben Bartels at ben@son-lifecamp.org for more information.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m. - Shelbyville UMC

March 29 – Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. – Martin UMC

March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Martin UMC

March 31 – Easter Worship at 9:30 a.m. MUMC

March 31 – Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m. SUMC