

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

March 3rd, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 5

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

February 19th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$644.47

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Local Mission: \$1,000.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$678.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 39

Martin UMC:

Worship: 32

February 26th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,118.32

Building Fund: \$40.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,400.00

Food Pantry: \$3,413.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 28

Martin UMC:

Worship: 30

Lent/Easter Services 2023

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.

My Heart is Full

I am so thankful for the people of these churches. My church family.

I receive so much encouragement each week from so many. I definitely feel the love. It fills my heart.

I walked into Shelbyville last Sunday and there was an alter-scape of the tomb for Easter. It is beautiful. So often I walk in and there are beautiful flowers decorating the alter at Martin and alter-scapes that were planned for the season. It fills my heart.

This morning I was helping a family with the celebration of life for their loved one. They come to us because they know that we are loving and friendly. They know that we are children of God and that we will be there for them. It fills my heart.

Yesterday I received a message from a man that says, "Hey, I have stuff for the food pantry, can I come tomorrow?" He makes these generous gifts to help people in our community. It fills my heart.

I walk down to the fellowship hall and look around at all the people working every Friday to sort and package and get food ready for the week. They work so that people can come and receive the much needed help that is offered, what a blessing these workers are....It fills my heart.

I walk into church on Sunday mornings, and I feel the love from my church family.

Is your heart full? Are you feeling the love? I ask you this because I am afraid that some are not finding the joy...that some are not seeing the blessings around them. Be open to the love that is offered. Be open to the joy of serving. Be open to the blessings that God so freely offers.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

The Connection - next issue

Announcements/articles/testimonies are due

March 15th, 2023.

Office Hours:

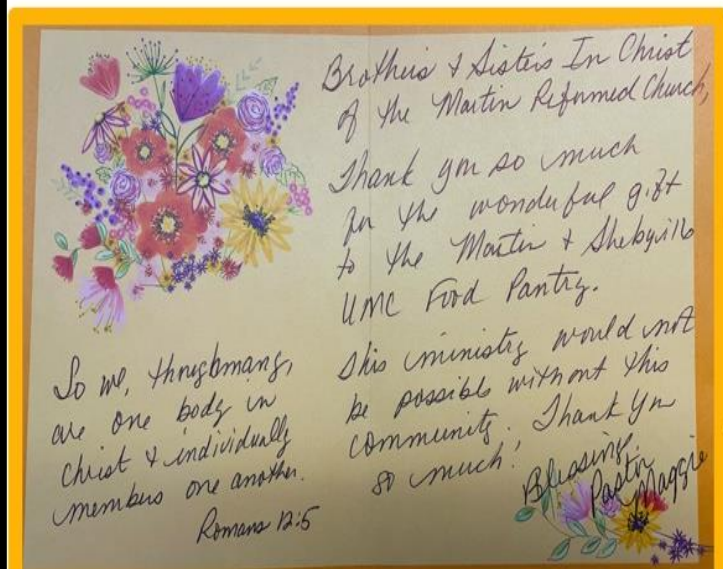
Closed Monday, Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Knit, Crochet & Pray

Thursday, March 9th & March 23rd 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.

Thank you to Martin Reformed Church for the generous gift (\$3,413.00) to the Martin/Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry!



Food Pantry Month of March Jam/Jelly



Prayer Concerns:
Email martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to
update or to add!

- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Victims of gun violence and their families
- Kenny Martin - Cancer Diagnosis
- Helene Todd - Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk - Health
- Rich Risner - Health
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Denny Mills - Heart Issues
- The Family of Sue Arnsman - She passed away February 21st
- Emma - Leukemia
- Peggy Everett - Heart Issues
- Letty Sherry - Back Problems
- Stephen Jones - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Oz Guevera - Health
- Family of Fire Fighter Quillen
- Greg Farmer - Health
- Mr. Farmer - Dementia/Sugar
- Chip Brenner - Health
- Tim Hoyle - Knees

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday strengthen the church's global humanitarian response by underwriting UMCOR'S administrative costs. This allows UMCOR to use 100% of additional funds for specific programs like U.S. disaster response, international funds for specific programs like U.S. disaster response, international disaster response, and global migration. Envelopes are available each Sunday in March. Please give generously!

Thank you to Richie Schrier for this beautiful gift! Richie is a very talented artist from Sacramento, California. He is also the great nephew of Ruth Schrier.

Thank you, Richie, for thinking of your church family in Shelbyville, Michigan!



Friends and family,



Martha Shoemaker will be 100 years old on Sunday, March 19. Her family is planning an Open House that afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw in Fellowship Hall . You are invited to come.

The Open House is from noon until 3 PM. Light refreshments and cake will be served.

There will also be a gathering on Friday afternoon the 17th at Maple Lake Senior Living from 3 until 5 PM. You are invited to that as well. Maple Lake's address is 677 Hazen Street in Paw Paw, MI 49079. If you are unable to attend but wish to send a card to Martha, she is in Room 7 at the mentioned Maple Lake address. If you have questions or wish more information contact Tom Shoemaker at 269-808-3240 or email at tommishoe@yahoo.com. We hope you can stop by and help celebrate with us.

A family event for the Shoemaker and Rickli families is planned for Saturday, the 17th at the Paw Paw Lions Club at 277 CR 665, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Family photos and appetizers at 5:15. Buffet Dinner at 5:45. First Presbyterian Church is located at 120 Pine Street. Three blocks north of the main downtown intersection.

Ladies Fellowship

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

Important Dates

- Food Pantry Items for March – Jam/Jelly
- March 1st – SUMC – Ad Council – 5:45 p.m.
- 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 2nd - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- April 6th - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- 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
- April 12th - United Women in Faith – Shelbyville

Thank you Perrigo for
your wonderful gifts to
the food pantry!



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.

