

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

March 17th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 6

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

March 5th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$2028.14

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Local Mission: \$1030.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1769.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Food Pantry: \$462.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 35

Martin UMC:

Worship: 32

March 12th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$327.47

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1095.0

Food Pantry: \$150.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 23

Martin UMC:

Worship: 26

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.

Spring is near!

Hard to believe that it is already the middle of March! Spring is just around the corner.

With that said, please think about helping out around the churches for spring clean-up!

The grounds always need some work and the playgrounds will need attention. The Peace Garden will need to be cleaned up as well!

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive an inheritance as your reward.” Colossians 3:23 and 24.

Please consider spending some time helping to make the churches presentable and inviting both inside and out! The Trustees do a great job, but they cannot do it all alone.

I appreciate all of you considering helping out.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

At the 2022 Michigan Annual Conference, members voted overwhelmingly to support “Readers to leaders,” which challenges each Michigan congregation to raise at least \$600 before May 1, 2023. The money raised will benefit the Liberia Scholarship Program and the Michigan Conference’s Children Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools Program, two ministries that encourage and support Children’s education.



Office Hours:

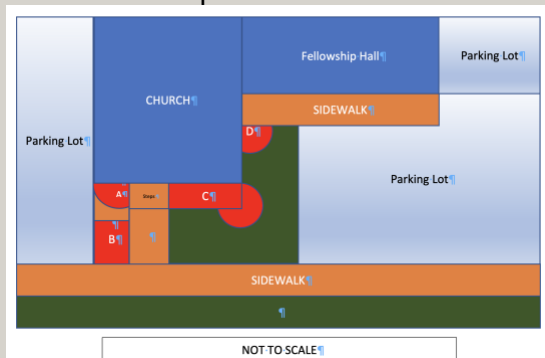
Closed Monday, Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet

*Thursday, March 23rd & April 6th 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.*

Adopt a Flower Bed



It's that time of year! Time to take care of the grounds. Please let the office know if you would like to accept responsibility for one of the flower beds at MUMC. Flower Bed C will be a group effort and will be coordinated by the Trustees. We would like to complete all by Memorial Day.

Food Pantry Month of March Jam/Jelly

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/testimonies are due March 29th, 2023.

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

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
- 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
- Jack Farmer - Health/Sugar
- Chip Brenner - Health
- Tim Hoyle - Knees
- Glenn Berens - Health
- Rev. Lee Zachman - Health
- Chris Zachman - Health
- Ron McVane
- Melodie B. - Health
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GRACE ADVENTURES WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARTIN AND SHELBYVILLE UMC SISTERS

October 6-8

Check-In Friday 6-7:45pm

Price: \$165.00 per woman

Includes lodging, Meals and most activities. Massage, horseback riding and special crafts have an extra cost.

See website for more details.

Graceadventures.com women's retreat

Mears, MI near Silver Lake

If you would like to attend, please email the church office no later than May 1st, 2023. Confirmation and event information will then follow.

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 tommyshoe@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.

Martin/Shelbyville UMC Youth Group

Upcoming Dates:

March 5th
March 19th
April 2nd
April 16th
April 30th

All meetings: 6pm at Martin UMC

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 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
- Food Pantry Items for April – Paper Products
- 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 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- April 16th - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- April 20th - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- May 8-12th – Spring Work Week at SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center

United Methodist Committee on Relief

YOU impact lives!

This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. In 2022, you gave almost \$2.2 Million which provided hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on underwrites UMCOR'S "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost. Envelopes are available each Sunday in March.

Please give generously!

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.

