

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

April 21st, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 8

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

April 9th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$977.47
Food Pantry: \$130.00
Local Mission: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,150.00
Building Fund: \$50.00
Food Pantry: \$230.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 42

Martin UMC:

Worship: 56

April 16th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$925.94

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$841.00
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 36

Martin UMC:

Worship: 36

Sunday
Worship

Martin UMC
9:30 a.m.

Shelbyville UMC
11:00 a.m.

Building Bridges

There is a chasm that exists between people. It is a deep divide that keeps us from being in relationship with one another. Many people seek ways to increase the expanse rather than seeking ways to close the gap. We divide over all kinds of things. We split over politics, race religion and values just to name a few. Rather than embrace the schisms, we can be bridge builders. We can be the kind of people who fight for unity and love others because of our connection with and example of Jesus Christ.

Our current sermon series, Bridge Builders, is a 4-week sermon series built to help us to look for ways to develop relationships with others that span the differences.

It is my hope that your churches will experience healthier relationships, forgiveness, and redemption as a result of the Bridge Builders series.

We need to be out in the world making disciples of Jesus Christ. We can't do that if we feel so much division.

Invite a friend to church this month.

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:

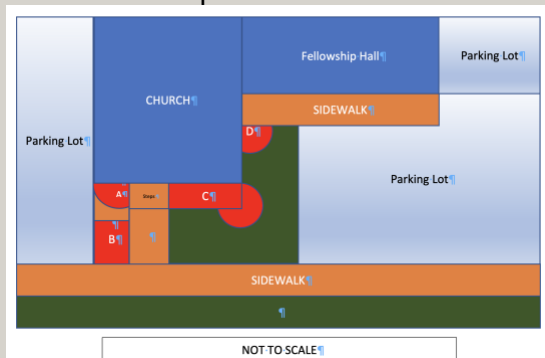
Closed Monday, Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet

Thursday, May 4th & May 18th 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 May Canned Goods

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/testimonies
are due May 3rd 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 & their families
- Kenny Martin - Cancer Diagnosis
- Helene Todd - Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk - Health
- Rich Risner - Health
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Emma - Leukemia
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Chip Brenner - Health
- Raymond Brenner - Health
- Tim Hoyle - Knees
- Delores Hall - Heart issues
- Ronda Kelly - Recovering/Rehab for broken leg.
- Tim Hayes - Health
- Gary Melvin - Under Hospice Care
- Kristen VanderSide
- Ronada (Anita's sister) - health
- Ed Buys - injury to wrist
- Mike Stone - Open Heart Surgery
- Justin Buskirk - Leukemia Diagnosis
- Dina Goodrich - health
- Tim Hoyle - Knee Surgery
- Neil Pohl - Recovering from eye surgery
- Heather Arnsmen - Pregnancy
- Dale Miller - health
- Fran Bradshaw - Shingles
- Joe McWilliams - Under Hospice care
- Marsha Roberts - Healing
- Parkman family - home fire
- Larry Rasnake - Recovering from a fall
- Doris Hawkey - health
- Shelby and Jayce Vaughn - Jayce born at 30 weeks

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.

Martin/Shelbyville UMC Youth Group

Upcoming Dates:

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

All meetings: 6pm at Martin UMC

What is Native American Ministries Sunday?

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure the Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in the United Methodist Church.

This Special Sunday was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this day and is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist Schools.

On April 23rd we will receive a special offering for Native American Ministries, An envelope will be provided in the bulletin that morning.

Please give generously!

Ladies Fellowship

Next Fellowship date is May 14th – Shelbyville 10:00 a.m.

Would you like to host ladies fellowship in June? Please contact Jessica Cole

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for April – Paper Products

- May 3rd – Soup Supper – 4:30-6:30
Martin Fellowship Hall
- May 4th – Knit, Pray & Crochet – Martin
10:00 a.m.
- May 6th – Vendor Show – Martin 10:00 -
4:00 pm.
- May 8-12th – Spring Work Week at SON-
Life Camp & Retreat Center
- May 10th – United Women in Faith
Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- May 14th – Youth Group- Grades 6-12
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Martin
- May 18th – Knit, Pray & Crochet – Martin
10:00 a.m.
- May 21st – Graduation Sunday
- May 28th - Youth Group- Grades 6-12
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Martin

Food Pantry Notes

Christian Neighbors Soup Supper

Wednesday May 3rd 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
All proceeds benefit Christian Neighbors
of Plainwell

CN Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide families in need
with Food, Emergency Financial
Assistance, and Skill Building Education to
create self-sufficiency.

*Emergency financial assistance with
rental evictions, utility shut-offs and
needed prescriptions (Plainwell, Otsego &
Martin School Districts) See Lue Phelps
for how you can help!

Additional information provide * Food (for
about 3 meals for 5 days for each family
member) each month (Plainwell & Otsego
School Districts)

Vendor Show

Saturday May 6th, 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Della will be coordinating a craft table, a
baked goods table and workers. Please see
her to donate and volunteer. Lue will be
coordinating the lunch. Please see her to
donate food and to work the luncheon.

Allegan County Food Pantry Cereal Drive

Month of May
Donation Drop Offs:
Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Little Clippers Day Care
Clipper Café
Martin Reformed Church
JC Wheeler Library