

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

May 5th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 9

### “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

#### In Case You are Wondering:

April 23rd, 2023  
Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,087.79  
Building Fund: \$40.40  
Native American Collection: \$43.00

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,236.00  
Native American Collection: \$175.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

#### Martin UMC:

Worship: 42

April 30th, 2023  
Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,052.48

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,771.10  
Building Fund: \$70.00  
Native American Collection: \$45.00  
Food Pantry: \$200.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 32

#### Martin UMC:

Worship: 47

#### Worship

Martin UMC – 9:30 a.m.  
Shelbyville UMC – 11:00 a.m.

The Connection -  
Next issue  
announcements/articles/  
Testimonies are due May 17th,  
2023.

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#### Thoughts from Pastor Maggie

Happy May! Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. I love this time of year. All the planting around us. The planning of putting in my garden. Trees are budding, flowers are popping up all around us. God's handiwork can be seen everywhere this time of year.

Spring and summer bring busy schedules. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>....It gets crazy busy with BBQ's, get together, camping....I love all things spring and summer! Unfortunately, this time also brings lower attendance at Sunday mornings services.

Try not to miss church...I am not suggesting that you miss out on vacations or other events...I am just saying be mindful of Sunday mornings. Try to make it a point to get to church. When we miss a couple of Sundays in a row it's easy to fall into the habit of staying home.

Why do we need to be careful about missing church? Here are a few of the reasons:

- God deserves the sacrifice of our time
- Worship starts your week off right
- God deserves your worship and praise
- We are setting an example for our children, new believers, and those around us. Are we saying that church is not important in the summer?
- Missing church can cause us to miss opportunities to serve others
- Relationships are important; if we don't see our church family it affects those relationships
- Missing church affects our giving....our church has the same amount of bills whether we attend or not

Enjoy this weather and the beautiful Michigan Summer!!! Just be sure that you schedule your time in a way that you are worshipping, serving, and spending time with God.

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](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more information.

### **Knit, Pray & Crochet**

Thursday, May 18th & June 1st 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.

## Jacob Wheeler is Graduating!

Please join us at Jacob Wheeler's Graduation Open House  
Saturday, June 10th at 2:00 p.m.  
At our Home - 187 13th Street, Plainwell

## Food Pantry Month of May Canned Goods

### **Ladies Fellowship**

Next Fellowship date is May 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Shelbyville 10:00 a.m.  
Hosted by Caroline Buskirk

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

### Prayer Concerns:

Email [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto: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
- Denny Mills - Heart Issues
- Emma - Leukemia
- Raymond Brenner - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Chip Brenner - Health
- Tim Hoyle - Knee Surgery
- Delores Hall - Heart issues
- Ronda Kelly - Recovering/Rehab for broken leg.
- Nancy Nicolai - Receiving Pacemaker
- Tim Hayes - Hayes
- Gary Melvin - Under Hospice Care
- Ronada (Anita's Sister) - Health
- Mike Stone - Open Heart Surgery
- Justin Buskirk - Leukemia Diagnosis
- Dina Goodrich - Health
- Heather Arnsman - Pregnancy
- Family of Jean Gill - Jean passed away on April 22, 2023
- Courtney Griffin - Back Surgery, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Allison McGregor - Welcoming new baby
- Don Darrow - Health
- Alice Boyce - Transition to Briarwood Memory Care
- The family of Audrey Pride - Audrey passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- The family of Joe McWilliams - Joe passed away on May 3rd

# 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.

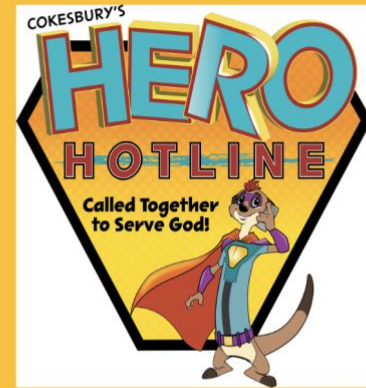
Graceadventures.com women's retreat

Mears, MI near Silver Lake

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

## SAVE THE DATE!



**Martin United Methodist Church**

**Vacation Bible School  
July 31 - August 4, 2023  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

### Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for May – Canned Goods

- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Vendor Show – Martin 10:00 - 4:00 pm.
- May 8-12<sup>th</sup> – Spring Work Week at SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – United Women in Faith Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Knit, Pray & Crochet – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Graduation
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Knit, Pray & Crochet – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Community Breakfast Martin Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Community Breakfast Martin Fellowship Hall 8a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - VBS – Martin

## CEREAL DRIVE

May 1st, 2023, kicks off the 8th Annual Cereal Drive of the Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative (ACFPC), a program of the Allegan County Community Foundation. Many local businesses, churches and schools help to collect cereal for the month of May to ensure our students and families in need have resources throughout the summer months. Because hunger doesn't take a summer vacation....



**DONATE CEREAL HERE**

**MAY 1 - 31**

Because hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!  
Donate online at [www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org) or scan the QR code or text CEREAL to 44-321 or mail a donation to:  
ACCF 112 Locust Street, Allegan MI 49010

We can maximize your dollars through bulk purchasing!



**Martin Area:**

**Clipper Cafe  
JC Wheeler Library  
Lil Clipper Daycare  
Martin Reformed Church  
Martin Shelbyville UMC Pantry  
Martin UMC**





**Thanks to all who made the 2023 Christian Neighbors Soup Supper a success! Great Meal! Great Crew! Great Cause!**

# Mother's Day Vendor Event

Place: Martin United Methodist Church  
969 E Allegan St, Martin MI

Date: May 6th

Time: 10a-4p

**Lularoc**

**Jenny's Herbs**

**Sipology**

**Kustom Art Brand**

**Pink Zebra**

**Crochet**

**Small Town**

**Plants**

**Secntsy**

**Paparazzi**

**Mema's Soaps and Naturals**

Food Drive will be taking place. Bring any amount of non-perishable food to be entered into drawing for a gift basket of goodies

Lunch served by ladies of church!



**Here are some of the folks on the Beautification Society working on the grounds at MUMC – Thanks for all that you do!**

**Liturgists Needed!**

**Martin & Shelbyville UMC Youth Group**

**UPCOMING DATES:  
No Youth Group in May!  
See you all in June!**

**6:00 P.M.  
AT MARTIN  
UMC**



**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

**MARTIN United Methodist Church**

**June 17, 2023**

**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!!**