

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

May 20th, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 10

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
May 8th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$672

Food Pantry: \$200

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,902

Food Pantry: \$227.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 34

Martin UMC:

Worship - 39

In Case You are Wondering:
May 15th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$728.61

Property: \$99.78

Local Mission: \$99.78

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,1520

Food Pantry: \$50

Building Fund: \$10

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 37

Martin UMC:

Worship: 32

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

Be Open to The Holy Spirit

On the Day of Pentecost the Christian Church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit given to God's holy people.

Acts 2:1-4 Luke describes the promised outpouring of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church's mission. The accounts in both Acts (Acts 2:1-4) and the Gospel of John (John 20:22) depict the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples assembled together.

I think an important point is made here – the assembly of the disciples- People coming together and worshiping; from the beginning it has been experienced as a corporate experience. People coming together as Individual members of the Body of Christ...they are participating as individuals, but the power of the Spirit is given for the life of the Church.

When I think of the Holy Spirit I think of promise and power. The promise of Jesus to send the Comforter, the Helper, the Advocate to the disciples was fulfilled, and the power of the Holy Spirit was given, in the upper room at Pentecost. Fire and wind are signs of the Spirit's power. Fire and wind signify God's power throughout the Old Testament.

God's power is seen in the Pentecost story as the apostles proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected. The gift of tongues in Acts 2 is a sign that God's word is no longer limited to one people or one place, one language or one race.....it tells us that it is available to all people.....all people.....everywhere.

The preaching of Peter on Pentecost answers the question raised by his helpers, "What shall we do?" Peter tells them, "Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) **This is still the Christian message – repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We, too, are called to preach the good news of Jesus Christ.**

This is what is important; preaching the good news of Jesus Christ....we aren't alone....he is there to help us...we just need to do it.

So, as we celebrate Pentecost this year.....I want us to really celebrate – decorate the sanctuary'swear your red and be open to the Holy Spirit moving in our lives, our church, and our worship services. Open your heart.

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Graduation Sunday-June 5, 2022!

Please contact the church office and let us know if you have a graduate that you would like to be honored. Please send us their name, degree/diploma, and school that they are graduating from.

Would you like to contribute to the "gift bag" to honor our graduates? Please let Pastor Maggie know! Gifts would be due by May 29, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

June 5th, 2022

Let's celebrate! Let's decorate our churches! Let's wear our Red!

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Got a minute? Send a card to Merry Ondersma and say hello!

*Merry Ondersma
Comfort Living Home
2918 West Milham
Portage, MI. 49024*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
"Opened the Heart"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 29th, 2022
"Disturbing the City"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, June 5th, 2022
"Overcoming Babel"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, June 12th, 2022
"Does Not Wisdom Call"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, June 19th, 2022
"From Madness to Stillness"*

*The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due June 2nd, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com*

SAVE THE DATE

*Shelbyville UMC
Community Picnic*

July 24, 2022

All are welcome!

Please plan to come!

Details soon!

May 2022 Women's Book Club

May/June 2022 – Meeting will be: 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 in person or 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022 - Zoom

The Well-Watered Woman: Rooted in Truth, Growing in Grace, Flourishing in Faith.
Author: Gretchen Saffles

Discover the bottomless, refreshing Well of God's Word—and experience a fullness and peace beyond your circumstances.

In the chaos of our everyday, it can be difficult to live out and apply the truths of Scripture. We want more of Jesus, but we find ourselves looking to our own lives and accomplishments for our worth and identity. And while that may buoy us for a time, we're often left feeling dried up, discouraged, and longing for more.

Gretchen Saffles knows what it's like to feel overwhelmed and unable to flourish. In *The Well-Watered Woman*, Gretchen leads us to the Well of fullness, the Word of freedom, and the Way of fruitfulness. She teaches that God's Word will satisfy us for all eternity.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Martin UMC JUNE 13 - June 17 SAVE THE DATE

**Volunteers Needed
for Vacation Bible
School!**

Crew Leaders

Station Leaders

Food Prep

Crafters

Story Teller

Music Coordinator

Registration

Video Coordinator

Photographer

Decorators

Opening & Closing

Assistant

DJ Cupcake Puppet



Want to ride in the parade?
Royal Boulter will be lining up for the parade route with tractor and wagon.

Come and join the fun!

Volunteers are needed to walk alongside the wagon and hand out flyers for Vacation Bible School and other upcoming events!

Can you help us out?

Martin Community MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30
- DOWNTOWN MARTIN -

Line up at High School 9:30am

Parade begins
at 10:00am

Ceremony will
follow the parade
at Geib Memorial Park

Participants wanted
Call for more info 672-7777



Sunday School at Martin UMC will be suspended from Memorial Day to Labor Day!

May 22, 2022 will be the last week that Sunday School meets until end of Summer.
Sunday school will resume September 11, 2022

Important Dates

May 30 – Memorial Day Parade – Come ride the wagon! 9:30 a.m. Line Up

June 1st – SUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.

June 5th – Pentecost Sunday

– MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.

June 8th – UMW – 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville

June 13th – June 17th – VBS – Martin UMC

June 18th – Community Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – MUMC Fellowship Hall

July 24th - July 30th – Pastor Maggie at Licensing School

Who would like to go to the game? Would someone be willing to be the point person and organize? Pastor Maggie thinks this would be a great afternoon with friends and family!!! Please let Pastor Maggie know if you are willing to coordinate!



PURCHASE ONLINE AT
GROWLERTICKETS.COM
PROMO CODE: UMC
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

UNITED METHODISTS DAY

HOMER STRYKER FIELD
SUNDAY, JULY 31ST
FIRST PITCH | 1:35PM

TICKET + HAT

\$10 INCLUDES A RESERVED
BLEACHER SEAT AND A
GROWLERS HAT

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

\$20 INCLUDES A RESERVED
BLEACHER SEAT AND AN ALL
INCLUSIVE BALLPARK BUFFET
FOR 4 INNINGS

**TICKETS AND
INFORMATION**

JUSTIN ZELDES- 269.492.7410
JUSTIN@GROWLERSBASEBALL.COM

All tickets are final. No refunds given for tickets. All persons 3 years of age or older require their own ticket.



Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: May 17th, 2022

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Megan Rose - Cancer
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Stacy Knorr - Cancer
- Sandy Meyers - Cancer
- Sue Arnsman - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Mary Lou Boyle - Health
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Jason Sherry - healing/health
- People of Ukraine
- Jaryd Flick - Lymphoma
- Jack Farmer - Shoulder surgery
- Jim Belka - Blood Clots/Stroke
- David Vaughn - Heart
- Joy and Raymond Hannah - Heart Issues
- Doss Family
- Michael Milroy - Heart
- The family of Drew Rickert - Drew passed away on May 9, 2022
- Families affected by the mass shooting in Buffalo, New York
- The family of Jake Fox - Jake passed away on May 14, 2022
- Carolyn Buskirk - Skin cancer removal
- Mary Lou Boyle - Cancer/health
- Dick Boyle - Strength
- Sally Downey - Covid/took a fall
- Jodie Mendham - Treatment
- Leslie, Charlette & Nicolas - Covid
- Family of Dodi Watkins - Dodie passed away on May 15, 2022

Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday! Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com