

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

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In Case You are Wondering:

Offering May 23rd, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$1,071.17
Property \$40.00

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$915.00
Food Pantry \$200.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
20

Martin UMC:
28

Did you know you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information or you are welcome to give in person in our sanctuaries or drop your gift in the mail!

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER –

This seems to be a theme for me the last week or so. It keeps coming to mind as I am working and at home. It's hard to be successful when you are working on a project alone. It is hard to carry the full load of raising kids alone – not impossible, but definitely harder.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (The Message)

"It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth and if one falls down, the other helps, but if there's no one to help, tough!

Two in a bed warm each other, alone, you shiver all night.

By yourself you're unprotected, with a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped."

There is something very special and very powerful about a shared mission or a common goal. Working together gives us confidence, gives us strength, gives us power. It's great to be part of a team! As a church we are a team. We are a group of people with a shared mission and a common goal – Making disciples and being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. When we asked Jesus to come in to our hearts and our lives we became part of His team.... we become part of His mission. His team may appear to be rag-tag at times... but nobody sits the bench.

Remember, we are better together. Let's do His work together.

Maggie

Shelbyville United Methodist Women Invite You to Join Their Mission

The Shelbyville UMW would like to invite all women that are interested in being part of this wonderful mission and fellowship. They are suggesting that we share a UMW between Shelbyville and Martin – We are better together. What an amazing opportunity to join forces and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The Shelbyville UMW is a VERY active mission group. They work on many projects. Just to tell you about a few; Rising Star Academy-Kayongo Hope (founded by Ryan Kaminski), Women to Women International, Child Sponsorship, Memorial Luncheons, and SO MUCH MORE!

Meetings include prayer, devotion, “the work” and fellowship.

Please consider joining these women of God in service!

The **United Methodist Women** (UMW) is the only official organization for women within the UMC. Founded in 1869, it is "the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members".

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY –
May 30, 2021**

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. *We will celebrate Peace with Justice as witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world.*

United Methodist Annual Conferences retain 50% of monies collected on Peace with Justice Sunday for social justice ministries within the local conference. The remaining 50% is remitted to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), whose treasurer distributes the net receipts, after promotional expenses, to the agency, General Board of Church and Society, for Peace with Justice ministries worldwide.

To give by mail (Please note PWJS in the memo)

Send checks to: GCFA
P.O. Box 340029
Nashville, TN 37203

To give online go to
<https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcgiving>

**You are invited!
Johnathan Clark
Graduation Party**

June 26, 2021

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

225 Union St

Plainwell MI 49080

We will be having a pig roast
and pool party.

**Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry
Collection**

May – Canned Fruit

June – Tuna in water and pork and
beans

Please place items downstairs and
they will be transported to the
pantry.

**PASTOR COREY & ELLYN FAREWELL
RECEPTION**

- **JUNE 13, 2021 AT THE SHELBYVILLE UMC**
- **OUTDOOR DINING**
- **WE WILL SAFELY BE SERVING:**
- **SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGES**
- **IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS A GIFT FOR THE SIMON'S, PLEASE GIVE TO CAROLYN, SHARON OR MAGGIE**

***Pastor Corey's Message
Sunday, May 30th, 2021***

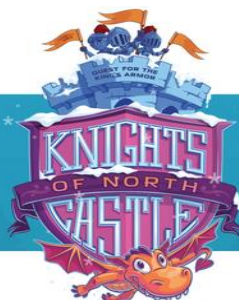
**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1 - 8
“Here I Am”**

**Martin Reformed Church Children Ministry Invites You
To Knights of North Castle VBS**

Join us June 21-24th 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a Knights of North Castle VBS at the Martin Reformed Church. We are excited to have the kids back this year having fun and learning about God's love for them. We need many volunteers this year and would love your help.

Save time and sign kids up at www.martinreformed.org or contact Sarah Broughman call/text 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org

We are better together! If you would like to volunteer,
please contact Sarah Broughman at: call/text
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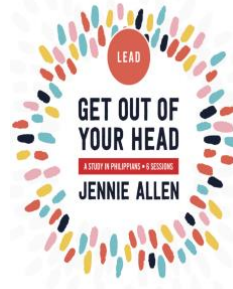
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?
EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM
WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

Would you like to be a worship leader?

If you are interested in getting involved on Sunday mornings by making announcements, lighting candles, helping with music, etc. we would love to have you! Please contact Maggie if you are interested!

Your talents are God's gift to you.... what you do with them is your gift to God!

Women's Summer Book Club



Join us for June!
We are reading:
"Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen
June Meeting: June 19th at 9:30 a.m.
(This is a change of date!)

Do you have any stories to share about the history of our church? We would love to share them here in our newsletter!

Your Testimony Is Powerful!! Would you be willing to share your testimony here in our newsletter?

Acts 4:33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all.

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to get on the newsletter testimony schedule!

TESTIMONY

Sharon Buys

This past Saturday our Book Club met to discuss "Giddy Up, Eunice" by Sophie Hudson. It was a great read and an eye opener for me. The book took us to three stories of women who helped and supported each other unconditionally. Mary and Elizabeth, Ruth and Naomi, Lois and Eunice. I have been so blessed to have wonderful ladies sent to me in my life just when I needed them. But I didn't know that was happening at the time. Sometimes my mentor was older, sometimes the same age and sometimes younger. God works in ways that we don't understand. Stay open to new people in your life. He has a greater plan than we could never imagine.

Sharon

Important Events

- Graduation Sunday June 13th, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Ellyn Farewell Reception – June 13th, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC
- Martin Memorial Day Parade – 9:30 line up at MHS – 10:00 parade – Memorial Ceremony immediately follow parade at Memorial Park.
- VBS at Martin Reformed Church – June 21 – 24 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer - COVID
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Terry Chrisman and family
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Dina Goodrich - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Deb Hilsbos & Deb's Mother
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Jamie Dunklee - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Wes Madison - Receiving Hospice care
- Dominic Lawrence - 6-year-old boy fighting cancer
- Bobbie Rae Straub - Health
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Dave Jager - Health Issues
- Dennis Mills - Tests on heart and procedures
- Denise Holcomb - Injuries and recovery due to being hit by a car
- Dan and Darlene Hall - COVID
- Edie Kilmer - Hospitalized/Fighting COVID
- Todd Pardee - Recovering from injuries due to motorcycle accident
- Jason & Tonya Montes - Recovering from injuries due to motorcycle accident
- Rob Fales - Recovering from hip replacement surgery
- The family of Dick Wright
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Teenage girl with significant health issues

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

June 13 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

July 14 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 11 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 19 & 20 Basement Sale

Sept. 8 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Oct. 13 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Nov. 10 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Dec. 8 Cookie Plates, 1:00pm (No Potluck)

25 Miles from Plainwell High School –
Includes Shelbyville!

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in Plainwell, Otsego & Martin

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INTERIOR & EXTERIOR**



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WORK COMPLETED
June 28 - July 2

350 TEEN & ADULT
VOLUNTEERS WILL
CAMP AT PHS

NO COST TO THE
HOMEOWNERS!

RESIDENTS WILL BE
SELECTED BASED
ON PHYSICAL &
FINANCIAL NEEDS