

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

June 2nd, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 11

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

#### In Case You are Wondering:

May 28th, 2023  
Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,216.79  
Food Pantry: \$100.00  
Building: \$40.40

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,160.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 29

#### Martin UMC:

Worship: 37

May 21st, 2023  
Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$837.94  
Food Pantry: \$100.00

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$863.00  
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 28

#### Martin UMC:

Worship: 55

Worship

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

### Let's talk about VBS and why it is so important.

What images pop into your head when you hear VBS? Do you have fond memories, or are you wondering what is VBS? VBS stands for Vacation Bible School, and it is a summer church outreach focused on giving kids a fun and creative place to learn about the Bible and to build relationships.

If VBS has been a great experience for you as a child or adult (or both!), you are probably smiling. Some may think of VBS as "old school".

Many people may wonder what the purpose of Vacation Bible School is and if it's still relevant. The answer is actually very simple: the purpose of VBS is to minister children in the church, create outreach to the surrounding communities, and to create evangelism opportunities. We do this by having fun and using a creative theme of Bible study, songs, activities, worship, and some snacks!

VBS creates memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime. VBS is an opportunity to share the gospel, it is an intentional evangelistic opportunity.

Our curriculum this year is so exciting! We are going to learn why Heroes are called to serve God! This curriculum lays foundational truths that help kids understand who Jesus is and why they need a personal Savior.

The relationships we develop with kids and their families can provide many opportunities to not only show the love of Jesus, but to share the truth of the gospel.

VBS is an opportunity to ignite the imagination of our churches, involve volunteers and connect with kids in our churches and community.

This awesome week will create memories. The message we share will change lives. Be part of it! Be a hero!

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie

The Connection -  
Next issue  
announcements/articles/  
Testimonies are due  
May 31st, 2023.  
Email to:

[martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com)

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, June 15<sup>th</sup>, & June 29<sup>th</sup> 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 June Spaghetti & Sauce**

### **Ladies Fellowship**

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!

Updated June 1, 2023

- 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
- Tracy Buskirk – Health
- Darren Mulder – Health
- Emma – Leukemia
- Deb Rambadt – Health
- Tim Hayes – Health
- Ronada (Anita's sister) – health
- Justin Buskirk – Leukemia Diagnosis
- Dina Goodrich – health
- Tim Hoyle – Knee Surgery Recovery
- Don Darrow - health
- Doris Brown - Health
- Heather Arsman - Health
- The family of Helene Todd - Helene recently passed away
- The family of Barbara Robinson - Barbara recently passed away
- The family of Lloyd Risley - Lloyd recently passed away
- Ruth - decisions about assisted living
- The family of Sally Thompson - Sally recently passed away
- Donna Thompson - health
- The family of Gary Bailey - Gary recently passed away
- Clara - Rehab, healing
- Athletes and staff and Special Olympics
- The family of Elaine Grey - Elaine passed away recently
- Clara Howrigan - Recovering from a fall
- Jandro Guevara - Prayers for a successful internship
- Dale Rose -

# Martin & Shelbyville UMC Youth Group

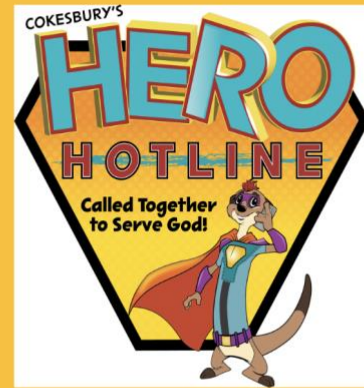
## UPCOMING DATES:

June 11, 2023

June 25, 2023

6:00 P.M.  
AT MARTIN  
UMC

## 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 June – Spaghetti & Sauce

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Maggie will be at Annual Conference
- June 7<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup> – Membership class at 7:00 p.m. MUMC
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Grades 6-12 @ Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- June 15<sup>th</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.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - VBS – Martin

Thank you to everyone who sent Gary get well cards, visited him, offered prayers for us, as well as sent me sympathy cards, messages, texts, and emails. We have been loved on by our Martin/Shelbyville UMC family during Gary's illness and his death and we thank the many people who attended his visitation. A special thanks to Pastor Maggie for her prayers and coordination of Gary's visitation and to Patsy Hoekstra for greeting during Gary's visitation. We praise God for his love and light during these past weeks.  
Blessings, Joan

Peace With Justice Sunday - June 18

Peace With Justice Sunday is one of the special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Each year on this special Sunday, United Methodists across the globe give offerings to promote peace all over the world.

In 2022, you gave over \$302,000 to support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Your donation provided funds for three different grants for United Methodist congregations and organizations that support Ethnic/Minority Local Church ministries, and programs related to the Peace with Justice Sunday. Your generosity is transforming our social impact.

If you choose to participate please use the envelope which will be provided at worship on Sunday, June 18.



**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!!

**Liturgists Needed!**

**MUMC Missions Meeting  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11:15 a.m.**

**ADAM AND EVE  
WORD SEARCH**

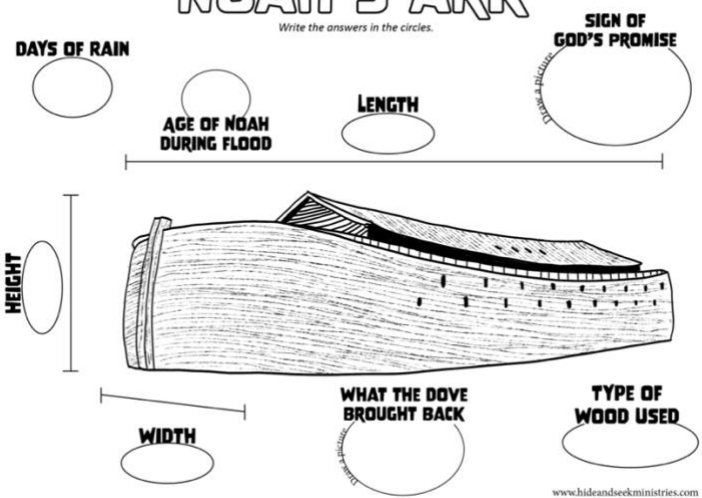
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| ADAM   | GOOD      |
| EDEN   | KNOWLEDGE |
| EVE    | LIFE      |
| EVIL   | SERPENT   |
| FRUIT  | SWORD     |
| GARDEN | TREE      |



**NOAH'S ARK**

Write the answers in the circles.



**DAYS OF RAIN**

**AGE OF NOAH DURING FLOOD**

**LENGTH**

**HEIGHT**

**WIDTH**

**SIGN OF GOD'S PROMISE**

**WHAT THE DOVE BROUGHT BACK**

**TYPE OF WOOD USED**