

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

June 7th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 11

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

#### In Case You Are Wondering

June 2nd, 2024  
Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,209.67  
Building Fund: \$49.47

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$2,419.80  
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship: 32

**Martin UMC:**

Worship: 67

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,225.25  
Building Fund: \$49.47  
Food Pantry: \$100.00

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$716.73  
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship: 27

**Martin UMC:**

Worship: 36

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.

#### Sharing Prayer Concerns

Dear Church Family,

Prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God and allows us to seek His guidance, comfort, and intervention in our lives. In the church community, it is common practice to share prayer requests with one another so that we can lift each other up in prayer and support.

However, there is a delicate balance that must be struck when sharing prayer requests. While it is important to be open and transparent with our fellow believers, it is equally important to respect the privacy and boundaries of others. This means that we should exercise caution and discretion when sharing details about sensitive or personal matters.

Having permission before sharing a prayer request is a simple yet profound act of love and respect. By seeking the consent of the person in need of prayer, we show that we value their privacy and trust their judgment in what should be shared with the community. This fosters a sense of trust and unity within the church, but also honors the individual's dignity and autonomy.

Being mindful of the details we share in prayer requests can prevent unintended harm or gossip. While it may be tempting to divulge every detail of a situation in hopes of garnering more prayers, it is important to remember that some matters are best kept between the individual and God. By exercising discretion and only sharing what is necessary for others to pray effectively, we demonstrate our respect for the sanctity of prayer and the privacy of those in need.

So please, let's be mindful of the importance of having permission and exercising discretion when sharing prayer requests in church. By doing so, we not only honor the individual's privacy and dignity, but also cultivate a culture of love, respect, and trust within our community. As we lift each other up in prayer, let's focus on humility, sensitivity, and grace, knowing that God hears our prayers and works all things for the good of those who love Him.

Blessings,  
Pastor Maggie

*Office Hours:*

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



**KINGDOM KIDS**  
Every Sunday following the  
Children's Sermon!

The Connection -  
Next issue Announcements/Articles/  
Testimonies are due  
June 18th, 2024.  
Email to:  
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

**Food Pantry Items**  
June – Personal Hygiene  
Products

We want to Thank  
Sharon and Nancy for taking  
the time and doing a deep  
clean on our Church Kitchen.  
It is much appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Chicken BBQ  
MUMC  
July 20, 2024

**CREW LEADERS &  
KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

VBS – JUNE 24 – JUNE 29  
PLEASE CONTACT KRISTEN  
DEMANN IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO BE A CREW  
LEADER & LUE PHELPS IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP  
IN THE KITCHEN!

**SUMC & MUMC YOUTH  
GROUP**

Regularly scheduled youth  
group is suspended for the  
summer, but keep your eyes  
out for special youth  
activities this summer!

For more information  
contact the Mouw's, the  
Wrisley's or the church  
office

*Sunday School at Martin  
UMC will be suspended from  
May 26<sup>th</sup> thru September 1 –  
Sunday school will resume  
on September 8, 2024*

### Important Dates

#### June Food Pantry Items

#### Personal Hygiene Products

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – United Women in Faith – 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – MUMC Ad Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Community Breakfast - Martin - 8 am – 10:00 am
- June 24<sup>th</sup> thru June 28<sup>th</sup> – VBS 6:00 p.m.
- June 21 – MUMC Missions Meeting – Noon
- June 22 – Community Breakfast MUMC
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – VBS Sunday
- June 30<sup>th</sup> -SUMC Special Ad Council 12:30 at Shelbyville
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – SUMC Ad Council Meeting 6p.m.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – MUMC Ad Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – United Women in Faith – 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Hometown Days – Martin
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Chicken Barbeque – Martin
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Book and Bake Sale & Food truck – Shelbyville UMC

## SUMMERFEST

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center (189 126<sup>th</sup> Ave; Wayland) will be holding their annual SUMMERFEST Family Fun Day & Auction on **Saturday, June 15, 2024**. We are currently looking for donations for the fundraising auction. We would love to include your baked goods, home-made items, home based business items or services. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the SON-Life Camp office. Baked goods should be brought the day of the event.

We could use a few volunteers to help us **tear down** after the event as well. If you could help with picking up chairs and tables, taking down the tent, etc. we would greatly appreciate it!

Please contact the camp office at 269-792-2081 or email: [office@son-lifecamp.org](mailto:office@son-lifecamp.org) with questions or ideas and let us know if you can help! Thank you for helping us raise money as we work together to make a better world for today's kids!

**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](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to get on the newsletter testimony schedule!

**VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
**Please help fulfill the tags that will be on the door in the Martin Fellowship Hall!**

### **PASTOR MAGGIE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

**Pastor is looking for 10 people that would like to give \$50 to continue the Stephens Ministry - Journey Through Grief Program. We have shown our love and support to over 60 families/individuals since the last purchase of materials. Please designate your gift as "Journey Thru Grief"**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Martin & Shelbyville United Methodist Church Presents:

## SCUBA VBS

June 24 – June 28, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

969 E. Allegan Street, Martin, MI

Sign up online @ [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org)

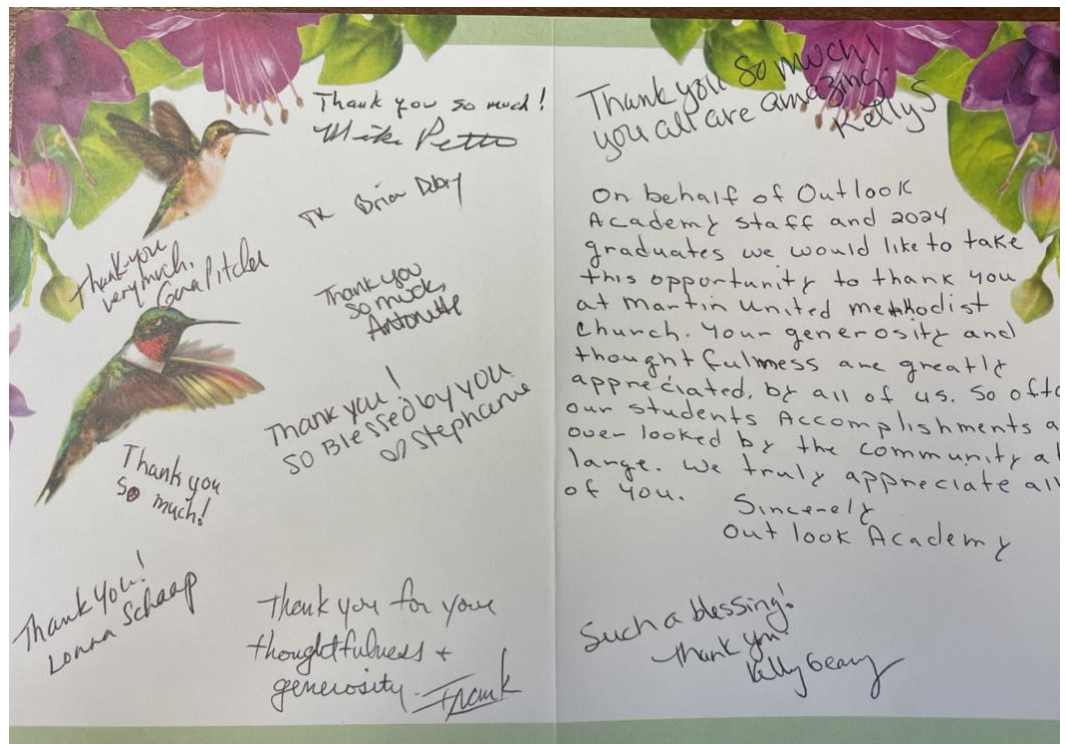
click on Vacation Bible School


AGES  
4 to 12

Crafts, Music,  
Bible Stories,  
Snacks, FUN  
and more!!



Thank you  
from the  
Outlook  
Academy  
2024  
Graduates!





**COMMUNITY  
BREAKFAST**  
MARTIN United Methodist Church

**June 22, 2024**  
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!!!



MARTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**B B Q**

**CHICKEN**  
*Fundraiser*

**SATURDAY, JULY 20TH, 2024**

MARTIN UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
969 E. Allegan Street, Martin, MI. 49020

Meal includes: Chicken, salads and more!

For more information about this Fundraiser please  
contact the Martin UMC office - 269-672-7097

[WWW.MARTINUMC.ORG](http://WWW.MARTINUMC.ORG)

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for all of your hard work and dedication in keeping the church running smoothly while I was away on vacation and at the annual conference. Your commitment to serving the congregation and fulfilling the responsibilities of the church was truly remarkable, and I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

I am truly blessed to serve alongside such a dedicated and faithful group of individuals, and I am continuously amazed by the love and support that you show to one another and to our community. Your hard work and commitment to the mission of our church are what make it such a special place, and I am grateful for each of you.

Thank you again for all that you do and for your unwavering support. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and I look forward to continuing to work together to further the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Maggie