

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

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In Case You are Wondering: Offering June 6th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$345.00

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$2,147.06
Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
24

Martin UMC:
27

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!

Jesus Changes Everything

“I was one way and now I am completely different....what happened in between was Him. ”

Since watching an episode of The Chosen I have thought about this pretty much every day. Jesus changes everything. Many people see this as one of those “Christian clichés”. Not me...Once you have encountered Jesus nothing will ever be the same.

As Christians at some point, we all had a major shift, a major change where we chose to change our life. But it doesn't stop there. We ask Jesus to come into our hearts and lives....BIG CHANGE....it's not over though, each and every day Jesus can change us; he can change us with one word. As we study, as we pray and as we serve Jesus Christ we are changing; we are growing. Our faith is growing. Jesus will shape our every way if we allow him to. He will change our perspective on everyday life.

With Jesus I can find joy in times of hardship and I can find peace even in the chaos of this world today. With Jesus I know a love like no other.

Ask yourself “am I still changing?”

Maggie

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!

2021 Michigan Annual Conference
5K – Relieving Child Hunger One Step at A Time

Twenty-six percent of children in Michigan struggle with food insecurity. That amounts to over 300,000 hungry kids in our state. Unsure of if or when they will get their next meal.

On June 4th Rev. Paul Perez, Direction of Connectional Ministries said at Annual Conference:

“We are in the midst of a historic public health effort to vaccinate for COVID-19. The development and distribution of not only one, but multiple vaccines in under a year is a momentous scientific achievement and a testament to the commitment of scientists, public health experts, and health care workers around the world.

We are beginning to emerge from the global pandemic, but the world we are returning to is not the same. We are in a “new normal.” It will take time for us to heal and recover. The impacts of COVID-19 – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual -- will be felt for years to come.

One of those impacts is FOOD INSECURITY. Food insecurity is a lack of a stable and reliable means for getting the food that people need. To put it simply, people in Michigan are hungry.

COVID-19 disrupted the food supply chain and caused record setting unemployment across the state. An initial report from the State of Michigan’s Food Security Council reveals the number of people who are food insecure increased during the pandemic by 38%.

Children in Michigan are especially affected.

The number of children who are food insecure increased by 63% over the past year. This means over half the children living in Michigan do not have enough food to eat on a regular basis.

I want to affirm the work of many of our churches and our UM-related non-profits in Michigan who are in ministry with their communities addressing food insecurity -- operating pantries, feeding programs, and actively seeking to disrupt the cycle of generational poverty. Thank you for persevering through the pandemic and creatively finding ways to continue your essential, front-line ministries.”

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.

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, June 13th, 2021

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
“Life for All”

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 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org



Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

June – Tuna in water and pork and beans

July – Pancake Mix & Syrup

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?
EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM
WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

HELP WANTED

Food Pantry Coordinator

The Martin and Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry is in need of a Food Pantry Coordinator (FPC). This person should have a heart for missions and helping those in need. FPC will serve on the MUMC mission committee (it is not required that they are a member of SUMC or MUMC). This position is a volunteer position.

Responsibilities: Schedule volunteers, ensure that volunteers are trained properly, order food, schedule food pick-ups.

Required skills: Excellent people skills, basic computer and reporting skills (both online and paper documentation).

Contact Maggie if you are interested in discussing this position.

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

Why Testify? Why share your testimony? There are many reasons. I am going to share a few that in my opinion are very important.

- Your faith story is your story and yours alone. It is unique and no one else has a story like yours.
- You become a resource to others. Maybe your friend, your family, or maybe the person in the pew next to you is struggling with their faith. Maybe they are struggling with a situation in their life. By knowing your faith story, they can see that we all have trials, we all come from somewhere and we all are growing every single day.
- The Bible tells us to be prepared to – 1 Peter 3:15 (The Message) Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.
- It gives you courage. When you speak about your faith and your faith story it gives you courage and you become more bold and more willing to share your faith and the word of God. When Jesus' disciples thought back on all He had taught them, they were able to spread Jesus' Way to more and more people. Remembering their life before Jesus and comparing it to their lives after knowing Jesus spurred them on.
- BECAUSE IT GLORIFIES GOD!

Important Events

- Graduation Sunday June 13th, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Ellyn Farewell Reception – June 13th, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC
- VBS at Martin Reformed Church – June 21 – 24 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- UMW monthly meeting – June 9th, 10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville UMC
- 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
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- 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
- Edie Kilmer - Hospitalized/Fighting COVID
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Eddie Oetman - Now under hospice care
- Lettie Sherry - Health
- Ronda Kelly - Health
- Mary Warner (Shelbyville) - Heart surgery
- Jon Simon - Heart issue

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

June – Shampoo/Conditioner/Deodorant

Please place items in box labeled Food Pantry in fellowship hall.

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

June 9th 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)

Farewell Prayer for Pastor Corey & Ellyn

May God's blessing follow you as you find new journeys to travel.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May his gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect his love and truth,

And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.

Amen.

Thank you for your time at Martin & Shelbyville UMC's!