

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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

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### In Case You are Wondering: Offering June 13th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:  
General Collection \$1040.17  
Property: \$75.00  
Mission: \$60.00

Martin UMC:  
General Collection \$1,392.00

#### Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:  
35  
Martin UMC:  
36

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

## Change

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Jesus never changes...he is always the same and he is always right there with us. We should remember that during times of change.

Change – some of us love it...some of us hate it. We all have different ways of dealing with it.

Change can be exciting! However, change can also be hard when we don't want it or there is a lot of it. So, how are we supposed to deal with the changes we face in life?

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” When we look at change this way, we can be better prepared to manage it. As Christians, we know that everything happens for a purpose, and God can work through any situation.

When we are in the most difficult and painful times of change, we can find comfort in knowing that Jesus experienced pain here on Earth and knows what it is like. After all, Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we might have eternal life with Him.

So often during time of change we focus on what we have lost. As Christians we know that God works everything together for the good of those who believe in Him. We may not see the purpose behind the change, but we need to trust God has a plan....and it will be awesome!

Change is hard, I know....I am hoping that we can all learn to embrace a little bit of change while remembering our past fondly and lovingly.

Let's all be openminded and willing to communicate about the changes that we are going thru now and will be going thru in the times ahead.

Sometimes things look different, but that doesn't mean that they are bad.

I am so excited about our future!

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!

We are looking for people that want to be involved in things like:

- announcements and be part of Sunday morning worship
- music – musicians of all kinds
- performing special music
- work with sound and video
- lead music
- greeters
- ushers

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!

**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.

## BIG NEWS!

**New Ways to GIVE at Martin UMC**

Go to [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) and press the **Martin Giving** button. You will see this:



**Set up your information - So EASY!!!**  
or  
**Text to Give:**

## *Maggie's Message* *Sunday, June 20th, 2021*

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41  
"Enduring the Storm"

### 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.

### Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

June – Shampoo/Conditioner/Deodorant

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?  
EMAIL [MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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  
19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to get on  
the newsletter testimony schedule!

## TESTIMONY

**We have no testimonies....hard to believe with all of the amazing Jesus Followers among  
us.....but I will leave this here so that you can think about writing yours.....**

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

- VBS at Martin Reformed Church – June 21 – 24 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- June 23, 2021 – Maggie will fill the pulpit at both Martin and Shelbyville
- June 23, 2021 – Father’s Day! We will celebrate the fathers among us!
- June 30, 2021 – Gordon Ash will fill the pulpit at Martin
- June 30, 2021 – Carolyn Buskirk will fill the pulpit at Shelbyville
- July 4, 2021 – We celebrate our nations independence! Happy Birthday America!
- July 4, 2021 – Pastor Maggie’s first official Sunday in the pulpit!
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here?

Email [martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) with the details

## Prayer Concerns:

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- 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 - Under Hospice Care
- 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
- Ori Perry - Cancer
- Elaine Hinkle - Recovering from injuries due to a car accident
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Family of Eddie Oetman - Eddie passed on June 9, 2021
- Jeff Mentzer - Shoulder surgery

## 2021 Schedule UMW

*Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC*

- June 9<sup>th</sup> 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)*

## 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](http://www.martinreformed.org) or contact Sarah Broughman call/text 269-760-9232 or email [children@martinreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:children@martinreformed.org)

