

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

June 16th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 12

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

June 11th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$685.94
Food Pantry: \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,208.00
Building Fund: \$30.00
Special Offering: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 28

Martin UMC:

Worship: 48

June 4th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1033.61
Food Pantry: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$3062.00
Food Pantry: \$280.00
Building Fund: \$100.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 14

Martin UMC:

Worship: 33

Worship

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

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Testimonies are due

June 28th, 2023.

Email to:

martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Do You Feel Lucky, or Do You Feel Blessed?

This week I am sharing with you testimony from Amy Mouw... I love that she is willing to share, but more than that I love her words....grace....thankfully we are saved by His grace!

“Lately, I've been hearing "Lucky" by Elle King quite often, and this song resonates with me except for one thing. I feel like I've been in every place she describes. I've been the fuse, been broken, beat down, danced, and faced some close calls. I know with my whole being I've been saved from all of this, saved from all the wrong paths I started down because God loves me, not because I'm lucky. I know that accepting Christ as a young girl and having my parents and church family praying for me regularly over the years, is what kept the door open for God to work in my life. It's what paved the way for God to lead me home when all my well-laid, and my not so well-laid plans failed and I had nothing else. I am not any more deserving of God's grace now, than I was then, but it's by His grace that I am saved and blessed beyond measure... 'twas grace that saved a wretch like me. I urge you to keep praying for God to work in your lives and the lives of your loved ones because the power of prayer is so real and no one is too far for His reach.

I'll leave you with the lyrics of this song (please excuse the bad words), but I'm adding "God loves me" where she sings, "I got lucky". God's love is the only explanation for all the great things He has done in my life, the thought of it brings me to my knees because I know I don't deserve a (damn) thing. “

"Lucky" by Elle King

I've been a runner, I've been a fighter
I've been the fuse, hell, I've been the lighter
Taken every wrong turn down the bridges I burned
It's a bad reputation, but it's damn well earned
Gotta thank God that this ol' life ain't fair
There's only one way to explain how I got here
God loves me (I got lucky)
Well, ain't that somethin' for someone just like me
Who don't deserve a damn thing?
I know broken, beat down
And I know I show it then and now
But, hell, I chose it, yeah, I own it
And it brings me to my knees
God loves me (I got lucky)
I've been it all, I've been empty
I've had nothing, I've had plenty
Yeah, I've done the dance, too many close calls
More than most, most of all
God loves me (I got lucky)
Ain't that somethin' for someone just like me
Who don't deserve a damn thing?
I know broken, beat down
I know I show it then and now
But, hell, I chose it, yeah, I own it
And it brings me to my knees
God loves me (I got lucky)
I make sure I don't make it easy on me
But I woke up today, so that must mean
God loves me (I got lucky)
Well, ain't that somethin' for someone just like me
Who don't deserve one damn thing?
I know broken, beat down
And I know I show it then and now
Hell, I chose it, yeah, I own it
And it brings me to my knees
God loves me (I got lucky)
God loves me (I got lucky)
Oh oh oh oh

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 or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Knit, Pray & Crochet

Thursday, June 29th & July 13th 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.

Food Pantry Month of June Spaghetti & Sauce

Martin & Shelbyville UMC Youth Group

UPCOMING DATES:

June 11, 2023

June 25, 2023

6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN
UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated June 16, 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
- Justin Buskirk - Leukemia Diagnosis
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Emma - Leukemia
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Tim Hayes - Health
- Ronada (Anita's sister) - health
- Heather Arnsmann - Still struggling with infection
- Family of Fran Bradshaw, Sally - killed in car accident - prayers for family and for her child
- Clara Howrigan - recovering from a fall
- Tracy (friend of Jill) recovering from a car accident
- Jeff Anderson - awaiting results
- Tim Hoyle - Doing well, but still recovering from knee replacement
- Naomi Martin - health
- The family of Maxine Smith - Maxine passed away recently
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Royal Boulter - procedure
- MUMC/SUMC Youth Group
- MUMC/SUMC Summer Campers

Ladies Fellowship

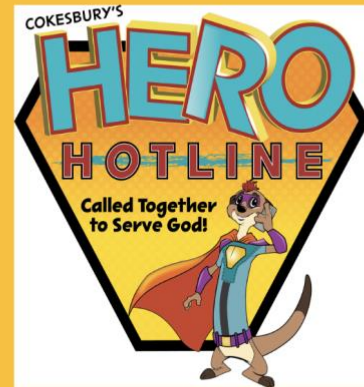
June 24th at Martin Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Helping with the capes for VBS.

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for June – Spaghetti & Sauce

- June 19th – June 22nd – Martin Reformed Church VBS 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- June 24th – Ladies Fellowship – Martin Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.
- June 29th - Knit, Pray & Crochet – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- July 31st – Aug 4th - VBS – Martin
- July 5th – Shelbyville Ad Council 6:00 p.m.
- July 12th – Women In Faith – 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- July 12th – Martin Ad Council 6:00 p.m.
- July 27th – Red Cross/Blood Drive Martin F.H. 10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE!



Martin United Methodist Church

**Vacation Bible School
July 31 – August 4, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



ALL DONATIONS TO MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY
969 E. ALLEGAN STREET, MARTIN, MI, 49070

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!



Join Us to Celebrate!
June 24, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
225 Union Street
Plainwell, Michigan