

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 20th, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$1169.17
Property: \$195.00
Mission: \$130.00

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$335.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
30
Martin UMC:
17

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!

Connecting

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.—Romans 12:4–5

When you were a kid did you ever play with Legos? Maybe you have played with your kids or your grandkids Legos.

Legos are awesome. The possibilities with Lego's are endless. As long as you have the right pieces. The right blocks and the right connectors. If you are working on a masterpiece skyscraper with a helipad and a helicopter on top you start to discover the importance of every little block.

We, the church, the body of Christ, are kind of like Legos. We aren't much alone. Not much fun to play with one Lego. God did not intend for us to be alone. Just as the passage says, "We belong to each other." God intends for us to connect and to be in relationships with other believers. The church is not the church without the people. Like the Legos there are endless possibilities to what we can do if we work together as the church. We are all made by God, The Great Builder.

When we are connected to God in a strong relationship it is easier for us to connect with others.

Who have you connected with this week? Have you talked to your brothers and sisters in Christ? Have you sent a card? Have you invited someone to church?

The church is not the church without the people. We have a job to do. Our job is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ. That takes some boldness. It takes some courage to connect with a person and tell them about your Lord and Savior.

This week I challenge you to connect with someone and to invite them to church. Sharing the good news is a command that Jesus set out for us.

Pastor Maggie

Sermon Text References for
 July 4, 2021
 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 9-10
 Psalm 48
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: The readings from the Hebrew scriptures this week celebrate Jerusalem, the capital of the great King David, who united the ancient Israelites and built up the city. The psalmist praises Jerusalem using the image of Zion—a name used for earthly Jerusalem but also a gesture toward a future day when God’s people will abide in a heavenly city. In Second Corinthians, Paul explains that even though he is an apostle, he struggles like everyone else. Speculation surrounds the “thorn” that plagued Paul; but his point is that when he is weakest, God is strongest. In Mark, we see God’s power working through Jesus, who sent out others to expand God’s healing work.

Pastor Maggie’s Message
Sunday, July 4th, 2021

“Homecoming?”
 Mark 6:1-13

BIG NEWS!

New Ways to GIVE at Martin UMC

Go to martinumc.org and press the Martin Giving button. You will see this:



Set up your information – So EASY!!!
 or
Text to Give:
 Simply text the word **Give** with the amount (e.g. Give 100) to (269) 201

 **Greater Southwest District**
 Michigan Conference
 THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UNITED METHODISTS DAY

HOMER STRYKER FIELD
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH
 FIRST PITCH | 1:35PM



TICKET + HAT
\$10 INCLUDES A RESERVED BLEACHER SEAT AND A GROWLERS HAT

TICKET + HAT + MEAL
\$15 INCLUDES A RESERVED BLEACHER SEAT AND GROWLERS HAT PLUS A MEAL VOUCHER



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 PROMO CODE: **UMC**
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION

JUSTIN ZELDES-269.492.7410
JUSTIN@BATTLECREEKBOMBERS.COM
All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds. All persons 3 years or older require their own ticket.



Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection
 July – Pancake Mix & Syrup
 Please place items downstairs and they will be transported to the pantry.

Communion for July 2021 will be July 25th.

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection
 July – Toilet Paper
 Please place items in box labeled Food Pantry in fellowship hall.

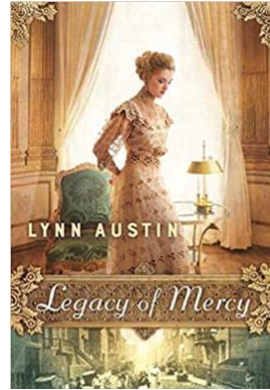
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?
 EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM
 WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

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)

Women's Summer Book Club



Join us for July!
 We are reading:
 "Legacy of Mercy"
 by Lynn Austin
 June Meeting: July
 24th at 9:30 a.m.
 Via Zoom and at
 MUMC.

LIVE IN CONCERT
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 PM

CASTING CROWNS

ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIR
 September 10-18th, 2021

CROWDER

PHIL WICKHAM

ON SALE JUNE 24TH AT 10AM

*Includes fair admission if purchased prior to August 15th.
 Does not include parking.

To Purchase Tickets Go To etix
 Allegan County Fair etix Box Office
www.allegancountyfair.com www.etix.com
 or Call 888-673-6501

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!

*What Is Christian Testimony?
 How Do I Tell My Own
 Testimony Story?*

"NO, GO BACK TO YOUR FAMILY, AND TELL THEM EVERYTHING GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU." SO HE WENT ALL THROUGH THE TOWN PROCLAIMING THE GREAT THINGS JESUS HAD DONE FOR HIM.

Luke 8:39 NLT

**Your Testimony Here!
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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!

Important Events

- July 4, 2021 – We celebrate our nations independence! Happy Birthday America!
 - July 4, 2021 – Pastor Maggie’s first official Sunday in the pulpit!
 - July 14th, 2021 – United Methodist Women 10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville – Sack lunch
 - July 24th, 2021 – Women’s Book Club – 9:30 a.m. Martin UMC
 - July 25th, 2021 – Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here?

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details

Prayer Concerns:

Email martinshelbyvilleumcs@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 - Under Hospice Care
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Family of Eddie Oetman – Eddie passed on June 9, 2021
- Mary Warner (Shelbyville) - Heart surgery
- Ori Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee – Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Jeff Mentzer - Shoulder surgery
- Vanessa Tillison & Kinsey Rae Tillison - Kinsey born: June 23rd
- Leslie Pohl – Health/New medication
- Ben Parker – Cancer diagnosis
- Bob Vanderploeg - Health
- Family of Mitch Wooster - Mitch passed away June 14, 2021
- Jeff Anderson - Outpatient Procedure on Thursday, July 1
- Jill Dussia - transitioning into a new living environment
- Family of those affected by the building collapse in Florida

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 Sharon Buys if you are interested in discussing this position.

Worship Leaders – Martin UMC

Sunday morning musicians
Sunday morning song leaders
Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements
Special Music Providers
Video and Sound people (we can train!)

Worship Leaders – Shelbyville UMC

Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements
Special Music Providers

Please See Pastor Maggie to discuss any of these positions that you may be interested in.

Jesus Freaks willing to share
their testimony....contact
Pastor Maggie