

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

June 30th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 13

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

June 25th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,327.25
Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,050.10

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 34

Martin UMC:

Worship: 26

June 18th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,118.94
Food Pantry: \$100.00
Special Offering: \$68.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$3,413.00
Special Offering: \$131.00
Food Pantry: \$100.00
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 23

Martin UMC:

Worship: 42

Worship

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

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Testimonies are due

July 12th, 2023.

Email to:

martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

GOD WINS

We will begin a new sermon series in a few weeks. The name of this series is: *God Wins: Revelation Series*. This sermon series is based on the book *Conquest & Glory* by Dr. Thomas W. Keinath. This series is full of great messages! From the start of this final book of the Bible, John announces that the unfolding revelation of “what must soon take place” has been entrusted by God the Father to His Son. To this very day, it is Jesus Himself who speaks from the heart of the Father to us. As we begin the captivating journey before us, we must not miss this; not only has this Revelation been entrusted to Jesus, it’s all about Jesus!

Throughout the Book of Revelation we encounter epic events and mysterious players in the ultimate end-time drama, all of the great prophecies found in this series are given in relationship to who Jesus is. Indeed, this is the “testimony or ‘witness’ of Jesus Christ.” Everything here speaks of His presence and power, His great love and sacrifice, even of His enemies and His complete and final victory over everything dark in this world.

I am excited to be sharing this sermon series with you. If you get a chance you might want to read the first 7 books of Revelation before we get started.

Blessings,
Pastor Maggie

VBS July 31 – August 4

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

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, July 13th^h & July 27th 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 July
Laundry Supplies**

Ladies Fellowship

July is open if you would like to host it!

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated June 30th, 2023

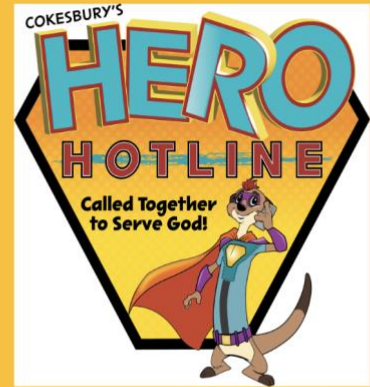
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Victims of gun violence & their families
- Kenny Martin - Cancer Diagnosis
- Justin Buskirk - Leukemia Diagnosis
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Emma - Leukemia
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Tim Hayes - Health
- Ronada (Anita's sister) - Recovering
- Heather Arnsman - Still struggling with infection
- Naomi Martin - health
- The family of Maxine Smith - Maxine passed away recently
- The family of Jan Saylor - Jan passed away recently
- The family of Jason Swinney - Jason passed away recently
- Blaine Anderson - broken wrist
- Alicia and Kenny - a baby that was born still
- The family of Henry Fitzpatrick - Henry passed away recently
- Rose Oglesbee and Deb Straub - both have suffered a lot of loss recently
- Jerry Oker - Health
- Danielle VanZile - recovering from surgery
- Randy - traveling to Korea with the Army
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Royal Boulter - procedure
- Cheryl Tuinstra - Cancer Diagnosis
- Meagan Rose - Hospital
- MUMC/SUMC Youth Group
- MUMC/SUMC Summer Campers

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for July – Laundry Supplies

- Pastor Maggie is on vacation June 26 – July 2nd.
- July 9th – Baptisms
- July 9th – Disability Awareness Sunday
- July 12th – Women in Faith – 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- July 12th – Henderson Mission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Martin
- July 13th – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin- 10:00 a.m.
- July 16 – Accepting new members
- July 27th – Red Cross/Blood Drive Martin F.H. 10:00 a.m.
- July 27th – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin- 10:00 a.m.
- July 31st – Aug 4th – VBS Martin 6:00 p.m.
- August 10th – Chair Exercise Starts Fellowship Hall 9:30-10:30 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.**

THANK YOU

Dear, church family

I much appreciate your goody bag.

It really means a lot to me and

I appreciate my church family.

Thanks ,Jacob

Dear Martin UMC Church Family,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAGA>

You can also find this link on our website: martinumc.org – upper right hand corner.

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie

**Martin UMC Meeting
July 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting with District Supervisor
Dwayne Bagley**

As most of you know, The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place in 2024 after being postponed twice due to the pandemic. At that conference, many crucial issues surrounding the future of the UMC will be decided. The UMC will not look the same as it does today.

Would you like a clearer understanding of the issues and options?

On July 6, we will offer a time for discussion on the issues, concerns, and questions relating to the LGBTQIA+ inclusion issue. We'll separate information from misinformation and disinformation, and you will have the opportunity to learn, ask your questions, and express any concerns. Our district superintendent, Rev. Dwayne Bagley, will be leading this discussion and will help guide our understanding and discussion.

This meeting is informational only. There will not be a debate on biblical interpretation or the promotion of either side of the inclusion issue. The UMC hasn't been able to settle those matters in over 40 years; we aren't going to solve them in an evening.



Dates for Chair Exercise

*At Martin Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:30 am*

August 10th

August 15th

August 17th

August 22nd

August 24th

August 29th

*Come and join in the fun of
exercising....*

A Moment for Mission

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.” – Psalm 139:14

David’s individual hymn of thanksgiving is one most Christ followers know by heart. It speaks to the depth of relationship shared between humanity and God. The Hebrew roots for “fearfully” and “wonderfully” speak of humans in terms of great awe and remarkability. We were made to be different, unique and full of love.

God created us and saw that we were very good. God knows every hair on our heads. Just as we are one in Christ our Savior, we remember the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:14, 18 “Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many... But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.”

In our diversity, we bring special gifts to the table and show God’s grace to the church and to our communities. Each of us is called to bear witness of Jesus’ transformative love to all people. Yet, sometimes we fail to create an inclusive, supportive and accepting place where all belong.

Does your church have hearing loop systems and closed captioning to help hard-of-hearing and visually impaired quest’s worship? Are you church and worship spaces accessible to those who use wheelchairs, scooters.

These are important questions we need to ask ourselves as members of our churches and communities. God has called us to build a church where all can belong and participate fully regardless of ability. The church cannot be complete until all are welcome at the table. We celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday as a reminder that individuals with disabilities bring wonderful gifts and graces. It helps us to “change attitudes, priorities, and practices.

As you participate in Disability Awareness Sunday this year, look around you for fresh ways to ensure that every beloved child of God feels welcomed, cherished and included on th journey with Jesus.