

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

July 1st, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 13

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
June 19th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$437

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,083

Food Pantry: \$20

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 39

Martin UMC:

Worship - 27

In Case You are Wondering:
June 26th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$970

Local Mission: \$500

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$910

Building Fund: \$40

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 35

Martin UMC:

Worship: 24

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information.

Giving in Hard Times

Many churches report that giving during the pandemic has been excellent. In fact, in most churches giving has actually increased while in-person attendance has declined significantly from a year ago. Some of that is attributed to online giving, which has proven to be a huge blessing. But the generosity is also a tribute to the spiritual maturity of a number of church members. Many have prioritized the Kingdom of God and given sacrificially even through times are tough.

This is true for some churches but not all. Shelbyville's on-line giving has worked very well for them. Martin stopped on-line giving at one point due to the fact that people were not interested. This made for difficult financial times throughout this pandemic. Martin will be rolling out on-line giving again in the near future.

Mark 12 records an incident when Jesus sat and watched people put their offerings into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts, and Jesus said nothing. But when a poor widow put in two very small copper coins—worth only a fraction of a penny—Jesus was impressed. He gathered his disciples and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on" (Mark 12:42-44).

We might expect Jesus to instruct the widow to keep her meager savings and use it for basic necessities. After all, her resources were so limited she could soon become a drain on her family. But the fact that Jesus praised her generosity teaches us that even when money is tight, everyone should give something and trust God to provide.

The prophet Elijah once asked a widow in Zarephath for something to eat when she had only enough food for one meal for her and her son. But Elijah urged her not to be afraid because God promised: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land" (1 Kings 17:4). When the woman shared what she had, miraculously, there was enough food every day for Elijah and the woman and her family. We taught this to our kiddo's at VBS this summer. It may be a lesson that adults need as well.

My point is that times are tough, gas prices, food, energy, etc. This article is a reminder that it makes for tough times for churches as well, not just in our households. Please pray about your tithing and contributions. Thank you all for all that you do!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

Closed Monday, Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Shelbyville United Methodist Church
Annual Community Picnic

Sunday, July 24, 2022
Outdoor Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Live Music!
Picnic from Noon to 1:30 p.m.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us for
food, fun and
fellowship!

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 3rd, 2022
"Wash and Be Clean"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 10th, 2022
"What Do You See?"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 17th, 2022
"Living in a Bitter Day"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 24th, 2022
"Pity on the House"*

*TBD
Sunday, July 31st, 2022*

*The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due July 13th, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com*

Next Book - Women's Book Club

Who would like to go to the game? Would someone be willing to be the point person and organize? Pastor Maggie thinks this would be a great afternoon with friends and family!!! Please let Pastor Maggie know if you are willing to coordinate!



PURCHASE ONLINE AT
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PROMO CODE: UMC
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

UNITED METHODISTS DAY

HOMER STRYKER FIELD
SUNDAY, JULY 31ST
FIRST PITCH | 1:35PM

TICKET + HAT

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

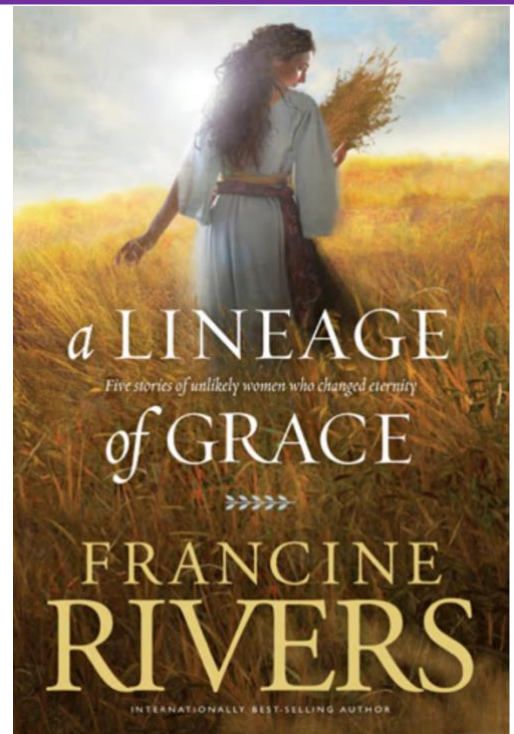
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

\$20 INCLUDES A RESERVED BLEACHER SEAT AND AN ALL INCLUSIVE BALLPARK BUFFET FOR 4 INNINGS

TICKETS AND INFORMATION

JUSTIN ZELDES- 269.492.7410
JUSTIN@GROWLERSBASEBALL.COM

All tickets are final. No refunds or credits. All persons 3 years of older require their own ticket.



Sunday School at Martin UMC will be suspended from Memorial Day to Labor Day!

May 22, 2022 will be the last week that Sunday School meets until end of Summer. Sunday school will resume September 11, 2022

Martin UMC – Please consider additional gifts to the MUMC building fund. Some areas of the church are forecasted to need significant update/repair in the near future. Thank you! MUMC Trustees

Important Dates

July 6 – Shelbyville Ad Council 6:00 p.m.

July 13th –Martin - Ad Council 6:30 p.m.

July 13 – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck

July 16 – Women's Fellowship – Pendant Making – 10:00 a.m. Hosted by Carolyn Buskirk

July 16th – Martin Hometown Days

July 23rd – Women's Book Study – Well Watered Woman (Make Up Date) Martin – 9:00 a.m.

July 23rd – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 1, 2 and 3 Martin – 10:00 a.m.

July 24th – Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic

July 24 – July 30 – Pastor Maggie Licensing School

August 3rd – Shelbyville Ad Council 6:00 p.m.

August 10th –Martin - Ad Council 6:30 p.m.

August 10th – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck

August 27th – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 4 & 5 – Martin – 10:00 a.m.

August 28th – Christian Education Sunday Special Offering

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: June 30th, 2022

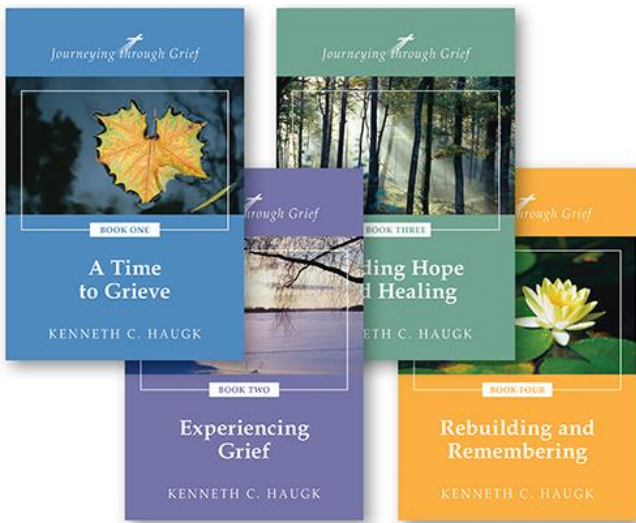
- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Stacy Knorr - Cancer
- Sandy Meyers - Cancer
- Sue Arnsman - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Mary Lou Boyle - Cancer
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Jason Sherry - healing/health
- People of Ukraine
- Dick Boyle - Strength
- Jenna Reinhold - Broken Back - Recovering from car accident
- The family of Jerry Curry -Jerry passed away July 1, 2022
- Jeff Anderson - Melanoma
- The Family of Kaiden Wood - Kaiden passed away on June 23, 2022
- The Family of Denise Krai - Denise passed away on June 23, 2022
- The Family of Pat McLaughlin - Pat passed away on June 29, 2022

Food Pantry Month of June Laundry Products

Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, etc.

Two Ministry Opportunities

I would like to tell you about two ministries that are very important. I am hoping that you will feel led to help out with either one or both of these opportunities. If you can help, I would really appreciate it! Blessings, Pastor Maggie



Journeying through Grief

A set of four short, easy-to-read books that offer words of comfort and hope to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Individuals and organizations send each of the *Journeying through Grief* books to grieving people at specific, crucial times during that first year after a loved one dies. Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that time and provides care, assurance, encouragement, and hope.

Journeying through Grief is a simple yet powerful way to extend care again and again during that difficult first year.

Although the books are designed to help those in the first year of grief, people whose loss was more than a year ago have also found them extremely helpful.

In the past year I have sent out about 15 sets of these books and had such wonderful feed back. More than half of the people that have read them have made contact with me saying how much they appreciated them, but more than that how helpful these books have been at this time in their lives.

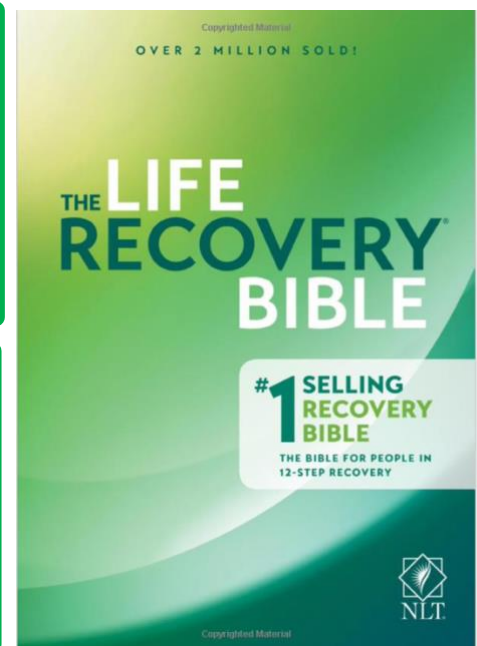
These books are so amazing! I am looking for 10 people that would be willing to pledge \$50. This would allow us to purchase 50 sets to have on hand to send to people that are suffering from a lost. These books are mailed out over a course of one year and give us an opportunity to reach out and let someone know that they are Loved by God and they are loved by us. Please let me know if you would like to be one of the 10 to help with this ministry.

NLT Recovery Bible (Second Edition)

Tyndale's *Life Recovery Bible* is the #1-selling recovery Bible with over 3 million copies in print. This Bible for addiction points to God himself as the primary source of recovery with essential tools and features that help free people from the grip of addiction. It is widely used in tangent with the 12 Step recovery programs, in correctional facilities, and by individuals seeking help taking their life back from behaviors and substances that have held them captive.

In the past 6 months I have sent out or given 4 of these Bibles to people that have entered rehab or that are battling active addiction – trying to get sober. I could have given out more if they had been available.

If you would like to help with the ministry please purchase one or more of these Bibles. You can find them on Amazon or from many other Bible/Book sellers. Please get the NLT/Second Edition. Prices range from \$22 to \$30. Let's face it - All addicts have a sober date....some are the dates on their headstone (let's be proactive and help to avoid death due to addiction). This is such an important ministry!



MUMC Building Fund

Wow! God is so good....he continues to answer prayers and to guide us. At Martin we have been talking about the building fund for several months and looking for ways to “boost” giving to that fund. For many years people have not been giving to that fund on a regular basis. At one point there was a need to place more fund into the general fund and then we never really got back in the habit of giving to that fund regularly.

So here we are needing to attend to our building and plan for some major projects that need to be addressed and a person comes to me and offers to match all contributions to the building fund in July 2022 up to \$5,000!!! See what I mean? God is so good!

What better way to build this fund back up? If you give in July to the building fund it will be doubled!

Thank you to our anonymous parishioner who listened and followed! Blessings! Pastor Maggie

THE BOOK WORM



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Summer Reading is going strong! We are excited to see so many participants this year! We have been enjoying awesome programs like the Kick-Off Luau and Surfin' Joe's Magic Show. Come in to sign up, read to earn tickets, and enter to win prizes!

Martin Hometown Day 2022

Martin Hometown Day will be held on July 16, 2022. There are even more festivities this year, and more ways to celebrate Martin!

10:00-12:00: Car Show

The car show will be held starting at the Clipper Cafe, and then spill over into the library parking lot. Entrance is \$10.

10:00-3:00: Craft Show

The craft show will be held at the Martin Township Hall. It will be held both indoors and outdoors. For more info contact sara.dehaan42@gmail.com.

11:00: Good Eats

Outside the Clipper Cafe, the Taqueria Tomatitos food truck will be open during lunch and dinner hours, and the Martin Historical Firefighters will be selling hotdogs.

1:00-2:00 Pie Baking Contest

Pie drop off behind Martin Township Hall; judging starts at 2:15. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and overall appearance.

12:30-3:00 Kids Activities

Outside the Martin Fire Station, kids can play carnival games and win prizes!

5:00-9:00 Concert Series

Dewsouth will be hitting the main stage along with special guests The Onion Kings and Eric Belka.

6:00 Cornhole Tournament

Head to the Clipper Cafe at 6:00 for a cornhole tournament. Registration begins at 5:30, and the cost is \$20. Text 269.484.4691.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday Family Day

