

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

July 15th, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 15

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

In Case You are Wondering:  
July 3rd, 2022

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,342.27

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,305

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship - 28

**Martin UMC:**

Worship - 22

In Case You are Wondering:  
July 10th, 2022

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$552

Picnic: \$400

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,865

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship: 30

**Martin UMC:**

Worship: 21

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more information.

### EVANGELISM

What does evangelism even mean? I am reading a great book right now called Transforming Evangelism. By Henry H. Knight III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr. It's a great read and has an awesome message about evangelism...it really much easier than it sounds.

According to this book the key to Wesley's way of sharing the faith is to relate to others in love, compassion and gratitude for God's divine grace. Although the authors ideas are very simple – Love God and neighbor, relate to others, and talk about the ongoing transformation of your life.

True evangelism is **R.E.L.A.T.I.O.N.A.L.:**

**Renewal; Enter; Listening; Acceptance; Testimony; Inviting; On-Going; New Beings; Assurance; Live-It.**

As Christians, we are to live out what we have learned by inviting others into this grace. Evangelism should not be viewed as an ugly word or act that we fear, but as a way for one friend in Christ to welcome another friend in Christ to the faith.

We don't need to be mega-churches – we have wonderful churches that are technically defined as “small” but that does not mean that we should not be reaching out and sharing our faith. Evangelizing! We should be working on programming that will appeal to those that do not have a church home. We should actively be trying to “grow” our church family.

Think about the amazing things that God does in your life. Wouldn't you like to see him doing the same things in the lives of your family, friends and neighbors?

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 17th, 2022  
"Living in a Bitter Day"**

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

**TBD  
Sunday, July 31st, 2022**

**Pastor Maggie's Message  
Sunday, August 7th, 2022  
"Learn to Do Good"**

**Pastor Maggie's Message  
Sunday, August 14th, 2022  
"Yielding Wild Grapes?"**

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

**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

**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**

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

**UNITED METHODISTS DAY**  
HOMER STRYKER FIELD  
SUNDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
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 returns. All persons 3 years of age or older require their own ticket.



## Important Dates

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Women's Book Study – Well Watered Woman (Make Up Date) Martin – 9:00 a.m.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 1, 2 and 3 Martin – 10:00 a.m.  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic  
July 24 – July 30 – Pastor Maggie Licensing School  
August – United Women in Faith = Rada Cutlery Fund Raiser  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shelbyville Ad Council 6:00 p.m.  
August 10<sup>th</sup> – Martin - Ad Council 6:30 p.m.  
August 10<sup>th</sup> – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale/Craft Sale – SUMC-  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 4 & 5 – Martin – 10:00 a.m.  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – Christian Education Sunday Special Offering

## Prayer Concerns:

Email [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to update or to add!

Updated: July 15th, 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
- Dick Boyle - Strength
- The family of Jerry Curry Sr. - Jerry passed away on July 1, 2022
- The Family of Kaiden Wood - Kaiden passed away on June 23, 2022
- The Family of Denise Krai - Denise passed away on June 23, 2022
- Stephen's Cousin Gina - Health
- Mayson Campbell - weight
- Lawson DeMann - Health
- Della's Grandson Creed - RSV
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- The Family of Pat McLoughlin - Pat passed away on June 29, 2022
- Beverly Barrows (Royal's sister) - pneumonia

**Next Newsletter will be  
Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Due to Pastor Maggie being out the week of July 24, 2022

Deadline for Newsletter will be August 3, 2022



**Food Pantry  
Month of July  
Laundry Products**  
Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, etc.

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