

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

August 19th, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 17

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
August 7th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$405.17
Funeral Luncheon: \$50.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,364.00
Building Fund: \$430.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 36

Martin UMC:

Worship - 23

In Case You are Wondering:
Aug 14th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$709.00
Food Pantry: \$250.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$797.00
Building Fund: \$25.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship:

Martin UMC:

Worship: 20

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

Why is Sunday School/Christian Education Important?

If we don't give our children a Christian education, how do we expect that they would know Jesus? If we don't train them in the ways of the Lord, who will?

Someone is going to teach our children. They are going to develop a foundation in the world, or they are going to develop a foundation in Jesus Christ. They will be taught.

We have to focus on getting our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren, the kids in our neighborhood, our nieces and nephews, any children that are not attending church into a church. A place that will teach them about Jesus Christ. We need our children to understand the personality, the life and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

What if you didn't know Christ? What would your life look like? Would it be ok just bumping along and not know that we have a Savior that loves us and is with us ALWAYS? What would you lean into when times get tough?

Sunday School/Christian Education should be the most important ministry in our churches. We should be shaping future generations. We should be teaching new believers.

Here's what I would like you to think about

- Sunday School/Christian Education is for everyone. It's not just for children. It is for adults as well.
- Sunday School/Christian Education will help the entire family grow in grace. Parents and children learning the Bible at the same time will make the family much stronger spiritually.
- Sunday School will help you be like Christ faster than if you don't attend. Isn't that the goal of every serious Christian? If you are coming to church anyway why not pick up a kiddo or two and go to Sunday School?

Sunday School/Christian Education will strengthen the entire church.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

It is too important that we teach, that we learn, and that we make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Christian Education Sunday

August 28, 2022

HOW DO MY GIFTS SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY?

What are your favorite Sunday school memories? How did participation in youth group change your life? How do you engage in Bible study today? Our faithful gifts on Christian Education Sunday nurture growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through this offering, we support congregations and districts in providing educational and small-group ministries, teaching individuals of all ages about their Christian faith and motivating service in the church, the community and the world.

Christian Education Sunday is one of the special observances set by The Michigan Conference. This year it is celebrated on August 28.

There will be cans in the offering plates where you may place your support of Christian Education Sunday. Please give generously!

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 21st, 2022
"I Knew You"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 28th, 2022
"Cracked Cisterns"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 4th, 2022
"Counting the Cost"*

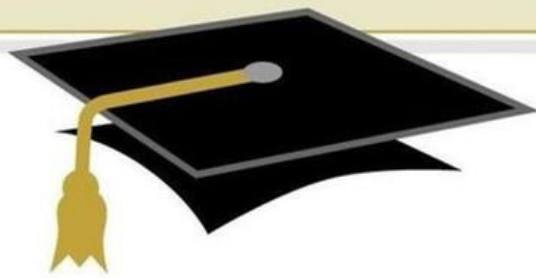
*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 11th, 2022
"Finding the Lost"*

*Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 18th, 2022
"Debts are Tossed"*

*The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due August 31st, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com*

**MUMC Building Fund
Challenge
Way to go Martin UMC!
In the month of July
\$15,512.00 was given
to the building fund!
ROCK ON!**

Sunday School for all ages at
Martin UMC returns
September 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
Please plan to attend and to invite a
friend!



Please join us at graduation!
Margaret (Maggie) Stoken
will be graduating from
Michigan School for License as a
Local Pastor

November 6th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd,
Okemos, MI 48864



Important Dates

August 20th – Bake Sale/Craft Sale – SUMC-

August 28th – Christian Education Sunday
Special Offering

September 7th –Shelbyville - Ad Council 6:00
p.m.

September 8th – The Chosen and Popcorn –
Martin – 9:00 a.m.

September 10th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin
9:00 a.m.

September 11th –Sunday School Kick Off!
11:00 a.m. - Martin

September 14th – United Women in Faith –
Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck

September 14th –Martin - Ad Council 6:30
p.m.

September 17th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin
9:00 a.m.

September 17th – Women's Book Study – Well
Watered Woman and Lineage of Grace,
Novella 1, 2, 3, Martin – 11:00 a.m. – Martin

September 17th – Community Breakfast –
Martin 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

September 24th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin
9:00 a.m.

October 1st – Men's Study Chosen- Martin 9:00
a.m.

October 1st – Women's Book Study – Lineage
of Grace, Novella 4 and 5, Martin – 11:00 a.m.
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November 6th – Pastor Maggie's Graduation
at Okemos Community Church – 3:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

WEEKEND BLESSINGS PROGRAM FUND RAISER

Music Extravaganza

September 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

At the Music Barn

Food Pantry Month of August

Personal Hygiene Supplies

Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste,
deodorant

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: August 19th, 2022

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- 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
- Mayson Campbell - Health
- Ann Wells - Health
- Trudy Wells - Health
- Betty Barden - Cancer
- Lora Scalia - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Letty Sherry - Health
- Maxine Smith - Health
- The family of Luella Warner - Luella passed
away on August 11, 2022
- Sandy Conklin Health
- The family of Charlie Flanagan Jr. - Charlie
passed away on August 10th, 2022
- Ron and Melinda Rynbrandt - Health
- Renada - Health
- Students, Teachers and Staff returning to
school

FOOD PANTRY NEED:

Volunteers who drive a truck. Each Friday we pick up a
supply of food for the Martin/Shelbyville UMC Food
Pantry. At 9am each Friday coolers and totes are picked
up at the Martin Church. The food warehouse is located
by the Allegan airport. Food is picked up and is
delivered back to the Martin Church where a crew of
volunteers will unload, stock and divide the food. It is
about an hour and half commitment. Please contact Pat
Hoekstra if you are willing to serve in this important
ministry.