

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

August 20th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$824.47
Food Pantry: \$100.00
Christian Education: \$63.50

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$900.00
Christian Education: \$76.00
Building Fund: \$60.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 38

Martin UMC:

Worship: 38

August 13th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$570.00
Food Pantry: \$100.00
UMCOR Sunday: \$5.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$988.36
Building Fund: \$20.00
Christian Education: \$56.00

Food Pantry: \$550.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 13

Martin UMC:

Worship: 36

August 6th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$685.60
Food Pantry: \$30.00
Local Mission: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,104.00
Food Pantry: \$100.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 40

Martin UMC:

Worship: 48

How Can You Get More Involved?

No pastor can do it alone. No Administrative Council can do it alone. So, what does that mean for you and for our churches?

Being part of a church family means more than simply attending weekly services. Regular attendance is absolutely important, but volunteering for church functions; performing outreach duties, such as visiting others who are in the hospital; or leading classes or workshops for our churches is also so vital.

Community is a major pillar of worship, being part of a church family means sharing your time and skills with others in your faith community and the community we live in. True spiritual growth happens when you become an active participant, instead of a passive follower.

Ways to Get More Involved with YOUR Church and Your Church Family:

There are plenty of ways to serve your church. Your choice of service usually comes down to the amount of time you can commit and where your passions lie.

First, consider your personal interests and skills. Were you born to teach? Are you great with children? Do you have a knack for community outreach? Are you a natural at public speaking?

As you attend worship services and move through your faith community, keep your eyes and ears open to the needs of others. Perhaps someone is having trouble making it to church every week — can you volunteer to drive them? Maybe there's growing interest in a weekly women's Bible study group — would you be interested in leading one?

Often, the key to becoming more involved is simply being present and attuned to the needs of your church community.

Consider these opportunities for serving your church and your church family.

- **Show Up for More Than Just Worship** - Even if you don't know exactly how you can help out, start by attending activities outside of worship services. Check out or get involved with the "extracurricular" events like picnics, study groups, crafting groups, or volunteer days.
- **Become Part of Weekly Worship** - Be the liturgist, be a greeter, share your talents
- **Work with our kiddos** - Help with Sunday School, Lead Children's Sermon, Lead Children's Church. Get involved with Youth Group.
- **Be a leader/teacher** - Leading a Bible study group. Teaching is the best way to learn, and leading others in studying Scripture can deepen your own connection to your faith. 5. Lead Lay Ministry
- **Help organize or attend a Small Group** - Bring our church families together!
- **Help with church events** - funerals, luncheons, picnics, fundraisers
- **Join a committee** - Missions, Trustees, Evangelism, Tech Support.....there are many others to choose from!
- **Share your talents!** Can you sing? Play an instrument? Share those things during worship!

There are so many ways to get involved! As Christians we have work to do!!!

I put as many opportunities out there as I can and announce them in the church newsletter but sadly, I get very little response from people. It makes me wonder, "are they reading the newsletter?", "are they just not interested?", "are we wasting our time developing opportunities for people to get involved?" I need your help to answer these questions.

We need to come together and build...build...build...Build the Kingdom of God here on earth!

No one can do it alone and no one can do it for us.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

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, September 7th & September 21st
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. We are also working on scarfs, hats and mittens for winter.

Food Pantry
Month of September
Household Cleaning Products

Food Pantry
Month of August
Zip Lock Baggies

The Connection -
Next issue announcements/articles/
Testimonies are due
September 6th, 2023.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Martin & Shelbyville UMC Youth Group

UPCOMING DATES:
September 17, 2023
October 1, 2023

6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN
UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated August 23rd, 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 - Recovering from cancer treatments
- Emma - Leukemia
- Renate Monata (Anita's sister)
Recovering- Treatment will begin in August
- Naomi Martin - health
- Jerry Oker - Health
- Sandy VanWormer - Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Meagan Rose - Health
- MUMC/SUMC Youth Group
- Clark Beard - Heart Issues
- Larry Mattox - Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Jim Koterba-Health
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Jimmy Fuguate - Car Accident
- Children being hurt during custody battle
- Mary Ellen - Health
- Doris Brown- Health
- Ron Holcomb - Health
- Jim Koterba - Health
- Dan Chrisman - Health
- Judy Shafer - Vision
- Thurlan Meredith - Health
- Victims of Fire in Maui
- Victims of Hilary
- Adam - Health
- Young man with mental health issues
- Tony - Skin cancer
- Students and school staff returning to the classroom
- The homeless
- The family of Heidi Moneta - Heidi passed recently
- Doris Hawkey - Heart issues

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for August –
Zip Lock Baggies

Food Pantry Items for September –
Household Cleaning Products

- September 3rd – Holy Communion
- September 6th – SUMC Ad Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- September 7th – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin – 10:00 a.m.
- September 8, 2023 – 2nd Annual Food Pantry Appreciate Luncheon – Martin
- September 13th – Women In Faith-Shelbyville 10:00 a.m. – Potluck
- September 13th – MUMC Ad Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- September 16th – Community Breakfast Martin FH – 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.
- September 17th – Youth Group Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- September 20th – Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- September 21st – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin – 10:00 a.m.
- September 27th – Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 1, 2023 – Path Walk – Otsego
- October 6 – 8 – Women's Grace Adventure Retreat



Musical Extravaganza



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

at The Big Rock Music Barn,
1125 - 122nd Ave. Martin, Michigan

To Support the:

**Martin Lions Club
WEEKEND BLESSINGS PROGRAM**

Live Music

Basement Jam 696, Thirsty Land Bluegrass Gospel Band,
St Cyril's Joyful Noise, And Soloists Performances

Starts at 6:30 PM

With refreshments to follow

Weekend Blessings is a weekend food program for children in need who are attending Brandon Elementary

A Free Will Offering will be Appreciated

**We Need Hostesses
for Women's
Fellowship!
September, October
November,
December.**

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study

Spiritual growth best occurs within the context of relationships, and we see that modeled throughout the New Testament. The first step is to commit to being an active member of a group.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Are you being called to lead Bible Study? Do you want to talk about being a leader of men's fellowship? If so, Pastor Maggie would love to talk to you! Please get ahold of her to discuss.

I would love to see a couple of men partner to lead this small group. It is so important!

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

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 Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry 2 ANNUAL FOOD PANTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Friday, September 8, 2023

Devotion

Lunch

Meeting:

Safe Serve Updates

Sharon Buys

Feeding America Updates

Our Pantry

Thoughts, Ideas, Concerns

Appreciation



In these times, we must go back to the basics of discipleship. Prayer is one of the most crucial things we do as Jesus' disciples.

The essential spiritual practice of discipleship will bring you closer to Christ through encountering God's grace in prayer.

Prayer Group:

Are you interested in being part of this prayer group? Please email or call the church office if you would like to be placed on the list.

We are very excited about the interest that has already been shown!

The power of prayer! Life Changing!

Please let us know if you would like to participate or if you would like to get more information prior to signing up.!

Be part of a collective group of people praying!

Pilot Prayer Partner Project Launches Fall 2023

BY MOTOE YAMADA FOOR

Do you pray? How often do you pray? Do you want to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ? Do you want to have someone you can trust and with whom you can share? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, sign up for the Pilot Prayer Partner Project! You can register as an individual, or as your church or your church group, such as United Women in Faith, a Bible study group, a craft team, and so forth. You will pick a prayer partner (a friend, co-worker, family member, or neighbor within or outside of the church). You and your prayer partner will decide how often you will pray for one another and how often you will communicate.



Are you interested in helping out with Feeding the Hungry? Let the office know if you would like a packet for Path Walk! Martin and Shelbyville will be combining efforts in this year's walk!

**Grace Adventure - Women's Retreat
October 6 – 8, 2023**

Please Review the email information. Go in to the site and complete your registration.

The \$25 deposit should be paid to Martin UMC for holding the spots for the retreat!

If you have questions, please see/contact Jessica Cole.

Thank you!

**Henderson Settlement Mission Trip
October 15-21, 2023**

The Martin Missions Committee is pleased to announce that we have 6 ladies who will join the folks from Wayland UMC for a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky

It's not to late. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, contact Sharon Buys.

Would you like to support this mission trip even though you are unable to attend? A few fundraisers have already begun raising monies for the trip. T Shirts will be available commemorating the trip.

Cash donations are appreciated. Please pray for the mission trip, the people attending, and the people of Frakes, KY who will receive their assistance.



**8th Annual PATH Walk for Stabilization
Walker Packets Available!**



Walker Packets Available NOW!
Walk with us Sunday, October 1st, 2023!
This years' walk will be held in Otsego.

Please join us for the
**MARTIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
TRUNK OR TREAT

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OCTOBER

5:00-7:00 PM
969 E. Allegan Street
Martin, MI. 49070

RSVP for your spot to Church Office
by Oct 25th @ 269.672.7097

Trunk or Treat is a great way for us to interact with our community!

We are in need of a Trunk or Treat Coordinator for 2023!

Can you help us out?
Please let Crystal know if you are interested!