

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

September 3, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$475.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Local Mission: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1568.47

Vanco General: \$99.47

Building Fund: \$

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 31

Martin UMC:

Worship: 23

August 27th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,324.57

Building: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$990.00

Building Fund: \$10

Special Offering: \$20

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 31

Martin UMC:

Worship: 34

The Connection -
Next issue
Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
September 20th, 2023.

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The Path - Upcoming Sermon Series

Very soon we will begin a sermon series called "The Path".

- Why is it that smart people with admirable life goals often end up far from where they intended to be?
- Why is it that so many people start out with a clear mental picture of where they want to be relationally, financially, and professionally and yet years later find themselves far from their desired destination?
- Why do our expectations about our own future often go unmet?

The Path of life is filled with many twists and turns, it is not an easy course to navigate on our own. This is exactly why God has not left us to ourselves. Instead, He has provided us with the perfect wisdom we need for the journey ahead through the infallible Word of God.

Using the book of Proverbs, this sermon series will encourage us to remember that it is not enough to have good intentions alone, but that wisdom counsels us to take action-steps in our lives that will bring those intentions and desires to fruition.

As we journey through this series together, we will learn that all of us have wandered from the path in one way or another and that course corrections and heart corrections are an essential part of what it means to lead a wise life. As we face obstacles that overwhelm us and fill us with uncertainty, we learn that the wise heart seeks counsel from other mature believers instead of trying to navigate the path on our own.

We will explore the difficulty of unmet expectations and unreach goals in life. From the counsel of scripture, we are reminded to fully lean on the wisdom of God, and not on our own limited understanding. By taking a fresh look at the Cross of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that even in the darkest hour, God is ruling in perfect wisdom over every detail of our lives.

This series is sure to be a tremendous blessing to all of us because it touches on the very foundation of what it means to walk the road of life with godly wisdom.

This series is based on the book "The Principals of the Path" is a book written by Andy Stanley. I am looking forward to sharing it with you!
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 21st and
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**

***Martin Sunday School*
*Sunday School for all
ages immediately
following fellowship
each Sunday!***

**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 September 7, 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 Fugate - Car Accident
- Children being hurt during custody battle
- Mary Ellen Wynerg- Health
- Doris Brown- Health
- Ron Holcomb - Health
- Jim Koterba - Health
- Dan Chrisman - Health
- Judy Shafer - Vision
- Thurlan Meredith - Health
- Young man with mental health issues
- Tony - Skin cancer
- Students and school staff returning to the classroom
- Doris Hawkey - Heart issues
- Tim
- Craig Vanderwier - Broken Leg
- Tim Hoyle – healing from knee replacement
- Rose Oglesee, Joan Melvin, Mike Adkins,
Cathy Adkins – grief
- Ashley - results

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for August –
Zip Lock Baggies

Food Pantry Items for September –
Household Cleaning Products

- September 13th – Women In Faith-
Shelbyville 10:00 a.m. – Potluck
- September 13th – MUMC Ad Council
Meeting **CANCELLED**
- September 15th, 2023 – 2nd Annual Food
Pantry Appreciate Luncheon – Martin
- 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
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat - Martin



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 15th, 2023

Devotion

Lunch

Meeting:

Safe Serve Updates

Sharon Buys

Feeding America Updates

Our Pantry

Thoughts, Ideas, Concerns

Appreciation

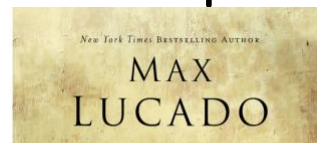


Henderson Settlement Mission Trip 2023



T-Shirt Fundraiser
Order forms are available at
both churches.
Great shirts for Path Walk!

Martin Adult Sunday
School
Each Sunday following
fellowship time!



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

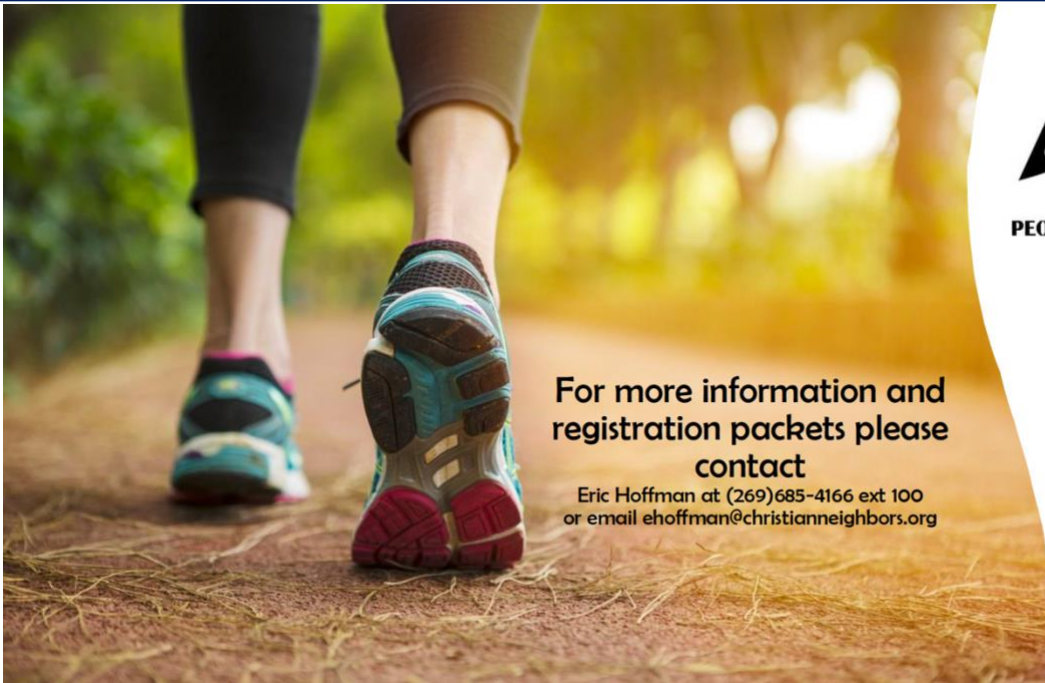
The Martin Missions Committee is pleased to announce that we have 6 ladies who will join the folks from Wayland UMC for a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky

- 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.

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! Walker Packets are available! Buy a tennis shoe to help out the youth group!



For more information and registration packets please contact

Eric Hoffman at (269)685-4166 ext 100
or email ehoffman@christianneighbors.org

October 1st, 2023
2:00pm Walk Start
(1:30pm - Registration)

Walk to start and finish at:

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 East Allegan Street
Otsego, MI 49078

Hot Dogs, Chips, and Ice Cream will be provided after the walk.

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!