

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 16, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 19

“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
September 4, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,365.14
Local Mission: \$1,000.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,890.00
Food Pantry: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 30

Martin UMC:

Worship - 11

In Case You are Wondering:
September 11, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$644.47
Building Fund: \$30

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,645.00
Building Fund \$25.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 21

Scammers/Hackers/Phishers

Recently some of our church email addresses were picked up by hackers/phishers. They accessed the email addresses on a computer that was not properly protected with current virus software. It is an old computer and was overlooked.

We have resolved the issue and will be working to get protection on that desk top computer.

I will never ask you to buy anything in an email.

What these scammers did was take our addresses and then went to our website and built an email address that looks almost exactly like mine. They then sent emails with my name and address and asked for a favor. If you responded they asked you to buy gift cards. Please never buy anything or send money to anyone at our request with out calling the church office to verify. These people are experts at scamming and they know that church people love to help others.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

OUR MISSION

**IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE
WORLD.**

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

Office Hours:

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

Important Dates

September 17th – Men's Study-The 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 23rd – Food Pantry Volunteers luncheon – Noon - MUMC

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

September 28th – Musical Extravaganza – Music Barn- 6:30 p.m.

September 30th – Seniors Bible Study and Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. Martin Reformed Church

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

October 1st – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 4 and 5, Martin – 11:00 a.m. N- Martin

October 31st– Trunk or Treat

November 6th – Pastor Maggie's Graduation at Okemos Community Church – 3:00 p.m.

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

**Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 25th, 2022
"Gulf is Crossed"**

**Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022
"Rekindle the Gift"**

**Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 9th, 2022
"Rekindle the Gift"**

**Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 16th, 2022
"Present Yourself to God"**

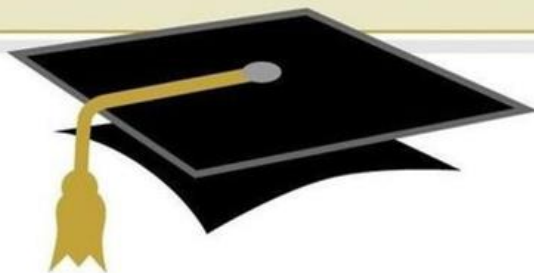
**The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due September 28th, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com**

Knit, Crochet & Pray

Pastor Maggie would like to start a group that makes prayer shawls and prayer lap blankets. Are you interested in being part of this ministry? Please contact Crystal or Pastor Maggie and let us know. We would like to find out if people are interested in working on them at home or getting together for prayer, fellowship, etc. We are also looking for people that might like to teach others.

There has been a large donation of yarn at the Martin church. Please stop in and help yourself!

**IN SEARCH OF TRUNK OR TREAT
COORDINATOR AT MUMC**
Trunk or Treat is so much fun! Would you like to coordinate Trunk or Treat for us? Please let Pastor Maggie know if you are interested!



**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**





Musical Extravaganza



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th

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 with Shelbyville UMC Choir,
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

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: September 16th, 2022

- 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
- Betty Barden - Cancer
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Letty Sherry - Health
- Ray (Chip) Brenner - Health
- Fay Risner - Cancer
- Ryan Welcher - Automobile Accident
- The friends and family of Joyce Mead - Joyce passed away on September 12, 2022
- The Warner family - suffered several losses recently
- Stephen Jones step father Larry - Seizures
- Carolyn Buskirk - health
- John Kling - brain tumors and heart attack
- Letty Sherry - health, upcoming surgery
- Devaughn Rose - in need of prayer
- Hank Banas - Health
- Youth Ministries



TO OUR MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Whether you pick up, load and unload, sort, separate, or stock food, recycle cardboard, serve our pantry clients or any other tasks that help keep our pantry running smoothly

We couldn't do it without you!
Please join us at the church for lunch
Friday, 9-23-22 at noon

Please RSVP to 269 672-7097
Or
Mumc.sumc.pantry@gmail.com



Shelbyville UMC Local Mission Fund

At SUMC we maintain a local mission fund. This fund is used for families in crisis. It may be spent on gas cards for people to get to work or to the doctor, help with rent, a light bill, a gas bill, etc. This fund is spent with the person in need in mind, but it is also spent prayerfully and wisely.

We so appreciate those of you that give to it regularly. At this time the fund has become depleted due to the high needs of people in the recent past.

Are you interested in helping out? You can give to this fund on line or placing in the offering plate with the designation "local mission fund".

Shelbyville UMC On Line Ministry

SUMC is in need of a team of people that would be interested in being part of the online ministry that we would like to launch.

Please let Pastor Maggie know if this is an area that you feel called to serve in this area!