

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 22, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 18

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

September 17th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$414.47

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$1,160.00
Vanco General: \$
Building Fund: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
Worship: 27

Martin UMC:
Worship: 31

September 10th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$555.47
Food Pantry: \$200.00
Special Offering: \$17.00

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$1,948.00
Vanco General: \$99.47
Food Pantry: \$150.00
Special Offering: \$169.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:
Worship: 21

Martin UMC:
Worship: 37

The Connection -
Next issue
Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
October 4th, 2023.

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Advent Bible Study

Summer is coming to an end and it is time to start thinking about the season of Advent.

The first Sunday of Advent is December 3, 2023. I am hoping that we have a wonderful Advent season full of worship and spiritual growth as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Advent study will be: The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem By Adam Hamilton. I am excited about this 5 week study and what we will learn together. In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Books will be available for somewhere around \$10 each. We will meet Thursday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. (November 16, November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21). Please let Crystal know by calling or emailing the office if you would like to be part of this study.

Since the Bible is God's Word, studying it is a way to know God better. Through His words we come to know not only the nature and attributes of God, but we also come to understand His plan for each of us. In a larger sense, we also come to know God's plan in history, His sovereignty, His providence, His love and more.

Join us for The Journey!

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, October 5th and October 19th
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 October
Canned Meat**

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

**Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group**

UPCOMING DATES:

October 1, 2023

October 15, 2023

October 29, 2023

**6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN
UMC**

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated September 22, 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) Treatment/ Recovery-
- 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
- Doris Hawkey - Heart issues
- Craig Vanderwier - Broken Leg
- Tim Hoyle – healing from knee replacement
- Rose Oglesee, Joan Melvin, Mike Adkins, Cathy Adkins – grief
- Carson Cuba – Broken Leg
- Bill VanSpentak – Cancer Diagnosis
- The family of Reece Plotts – Reece passed away recently
- Dick Boyle – Health
- Don & Nan Darrow – Mobility issues
- Aiden Zeinstra – Injury
- The family of Theresa Pitts – Theresa passed away recently
- Faith in California - Health

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for August –
Zip Lock Baggies

Food Pantry Items for September –
Household Cleaning Products

- September 27th - Shelbyville Play-Day
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- September 27th – Musical Extravaganza
– 6:30 p.m. The Big Rock Music Barn
- October 1st - Youth Group Martin 6:00 –
7:30 p.m.
- October 1st - 2023 – Path Walk/Otsego
- October 2nd – Henderson Mission
Meeting @ Martin 6:30 p.m.
- October 4th - Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30
p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 5th - Knit, Pray & Crochet
Martin – 10:00 a.m
- October 6 – 8 – Women's Grace
Adventure Retreat
- October 11th – United Women In Faith
Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./ Potluck
- October 13th – Missions Meeting Martin
11:30 a.m.
- October 15th – Charge Conference 1:00
p.m. – Shelbyville
- October 15 – SPRC – 12:30 p.m. -
Shelbyville
- October 15th - Youth Group Martin 6:00
– 7:30 p.m.
- 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!
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

2023 Charge Conference:

- SPRC meets with DS at 12:30 p.m. at Shelbyville
- MUMC & SUMC Charge Conference 1:00 p.m. at Shelbyville

Book Club 2024

January Book: The Shack by William P. Young (meets January 27th, 2024)

February Book: Room of Marvels by James Bryan Smith (meets February 24, 2024)

March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller (meets March 2, 2024)

All are welcome!

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip 2023



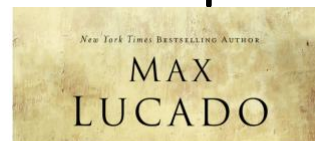
T-Shirt Fundraiser
Order forms are available at
both churches.

Great shirts for Path Walk!

Last day to order: Sunday, September 24, 2023

Martin Adult Sunday School

Each Sunday following
fellowship time!



LIFE LESSONS from
ROMANS



**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

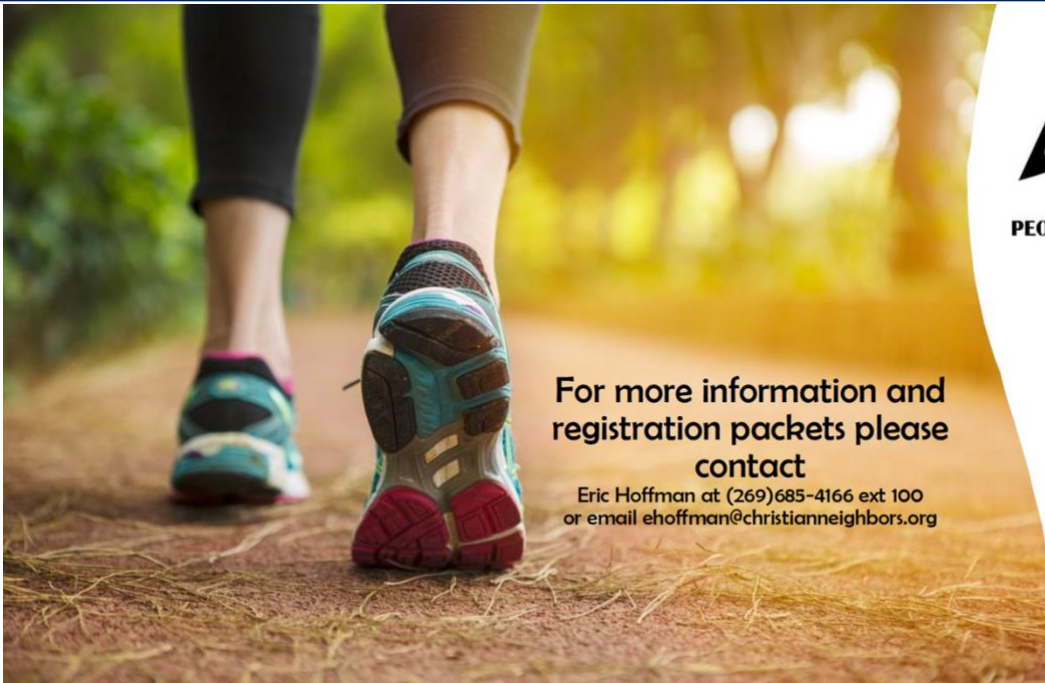
. It's not to late. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, contact Sharon Buys.

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.



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!