

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 28th, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 27

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

September 19th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$624.17

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,079

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 22

Martin UMC: 33

In Case You are Wondering:

September 26th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,093.17

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,108.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 34

Martin UMC: 31

Did you know you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information or you are welcome to give in person in our sanctuaries or drop your gift in the mail!

Colossians 1:11 – “We want you to be very strong, in keeping with his glorious power. We want you to be patient. We pray that you will never give up.”

Patience is so easy right? It's so easy when life is good....when things come on time....when things are going our way. When patience becomes hard is when something is late (for me it is toner for the copier-it has me all riled up today), when someone pulls out in front of us in traffic, when we feel like our rights have been violated, when something doesn't go according to plan. Some people go through life being impatient-they act like it's their right to be impatient! We get upset when we are faced with irritations or trials.

Most people consider someone who is patient a person who is passive or gentle or tolerant. I don't necessarily think that's the case. I think a person who is patient works at it. It's not just their nature.

Patience does not develop overnight. God's power and goodness are crucial to the development of patience. The Bible tells us that we are strengthened by Him to “great endurance and patience”. Remember James encourages us to know that trials are His way of perfecting our patience.

Church, try to be patient. Try to be patient with one another – we don't know what is going on in someone's life when they maybe are behind or unable to do the things they normally do. Be patient....it is a fruit of the Spirit.

Pastor Maggie



SUMC & MUMC Men's Fellowship

October 23rd – 10:00 a.m.

Martin UMC Fellowship Hall

Doughnuts & Coffee will be served.

God Is Present Even in Suffering
SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 3, 2021
KERRI HEFNER

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: This week we read about Job, an upright man who faces severe trials but never loses his faith. Job's story brings us face-to-face with the fact that living a godly life does not make us immune to suffering. Like Job, the psalmist wonders why he suffers, even though he lives according to God's standards. Hebrews presents Jesus as the ultimate example of unwarranted suffering, yet because of his perseverance he is ultimately glorified. In Mark, some Pharisees test Jesus on the interpretation of the law concerning divorce. Jesus makes strong statements about marriage, but his larger concern is that their hearts have become hard. He contrasts them with little children, who model faith by receiving God with an open heart.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Lament and Grace
OCTOBER 4–10, 2021

J.R. Daniel Kirk

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Faithful people still have questions for God. Job wishes he could sit down with God and plead his case because he wants God to justify what has happened to him. The psalmist also feels abandoned by God and wonders why God is not coming to his aid. God can handle our questions. Job wanted an advocate, and Hebrews says that Jesus now fills that role for us. He is our great high priest and understands our sufferings, so we may boldly approach him for help. In Mark, Jesus deals with the challenge of money. It is a powerful force and can come between us and God if we cling to our resources instead of holding them loosely with thanksgiving for God's provision.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection
October –

Please place items in the container and they will be transported to the pantry.

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 3rd, 2021
"Tough Faith"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 10th, 2021
"Hard Questions"

Thank you to all that made the welcome dinner for me and my family so special! The meal was amazing!

I appreciate all of you that made it such a great afternoon!

Love, Pastor Maggie

Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday!

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Confidential Pastor Email:
umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/testimonies are due October 11, 2021

Email to:
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Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection
October –

Please place items in the grocery cart outside of fellowship hall. We have lots of peanut butter and need Jelly!

SUMC & MUMC Ladies Fellowship

October 16th – 10:00 a.m.

Martin UMC Fellowship Hall

Doughnuts & Coffee will be served.

This will be a paint party – you don't need to be an artist to have fun with this craft – it's paint pouring!

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

Oct. 13 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Sack Lunch
Nov. 10 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch
Dec. 8 Cookie Plates, 1:00pm (No Potluck)

Martin UMC MISSION PROJECT – NOVEMBER 2021 BLANKET AND QUILT DRIVE

We will be helping those that are in need of blankets and quilts during the month of November.

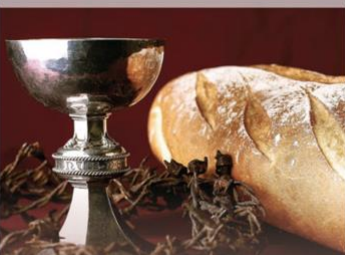
Please plan to participate in this important mission! More information to come!

Testimonies are an important way that we can share our faith with others. Through Christian testimony, we can give witness of God's love, His grace and His faithfulness to us. Each of us has a unique testimony. Different things have happened in our lives that make each story unique. And by telling these faith testimonies we have the rare opportunity to inspire and encourage those who hear our stories—possibly even leading others to Christ.

Important Events

- Christian Neighbors Path Walk – October 3rd – If you would like to give you can give at Martin or Shelbyville UMC
- World Communion Sunday – October 3rd – you can give using the envelopes provided
- October 13 – UMW Meeting 10:00 a.m. to Noon – Sack lunch - Shelbyville
- October 16 – 10:00 a.m. MUMC and SUMC Ladies Fellowship (we are planning a paint party details to follow) Martin Fellowship Hall
- October 23 – 10:00 a.m. MUMC and SUMC Men's Fellowship – Martin Fellowship Hall
- October 31 – All Saints Sunday
- November 7 - Daylight Savings Ends
- November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



TOGETHER OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

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WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD?

We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God's children. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

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Thank you to
Jean Holley and
Katherine Blanchard
for the beautiful
flowers that we have
all been enjoying on
the alter at Martin!

Thank you to Stacy
Stoken and
Tustin's Asphalt for
cleaning up the
parking lot at
Martin!

It is appreciated!

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Updated: September 27, 2021
- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Edie Kilmer - Under Hospice Care
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Orie Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Chris Davis - Cancer - Receiving Hospice Care
- Jennifer Deidrich - Strength
- Deb Hilsbos & family - caring for mother
- Caroline Buskirk - Health
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Jessie Rasnake - Heart & Cancer
- Vonda Christman - Under Hospice care
- Oz Guevara - Health
- Sally Thompson & Family - Heart Problem
- Bobbie Thompson - Strength and comfort
- Tracy Shifflin - Brain Bleed due to a fall
- Mark Ondersma - upcoming knee surgery
- Marge Solomon - Injuries due to a fall
- Those recovering from Hurricane Ida
- Jim Miller - Pain/Transition to care facility
- Porter Family - loss of a loved one to a bee sting
- the Klintworth Family - Brian Klintworth passed Away due to a car accident
- Krystal Klintworth - Healing/Recovering from a car accident
- Candy Herson - Pregnancy issues
- The family of Jim Fugate - brother to Herma Dehn - Jim passed away August 31, 2021
- Rick Richmond - Kidney surgery
- Steven Rozema - Cancer Battle - Hospice Care
- Helene Genter-Todd - Health
- Foote Family - House Fire
- Mary McGee - Surgery on her neck on Friday, October 1
- Chris Hoffbeck and family - loss of Chris' mother
- Danny Genter - health
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer

If there is anyone you would like to see added to our prayer list, please send an email to umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

Shelbyville UMC – Children’s Church Leaders and Nursery Worker’s – Please see Deb Boniface if you are interested in working in this important ministry. Sign-up sheet hanging in sanctuary.

Shelbyville UMC – Would you like to be a member of the trustees committee? Please see Dan Boniface if you would like to serve!

Martin UMC – FACEBOOK LIVE TECH! Setting up the Live and making sure that it runs properly during the service – Can train!

Worship Leaders – Martin UMC

- Sunday morning musicians
- Sunday morning song leaders
- Sunday morning Worship Leader /Announcements
- Special Music Providers
- Video and Sound people (we can train!)

Worship Leaders – Shelbyville UMC

- Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements
- Special Music Providers

Please See Pastor Maggie to discuss any of these positions that you may be interested in.

SUMC Cares and MUMC Cares Teams: Care Team Members – People with a heart for checking in, caring for and showing love to others! We have had our first meeting – you can still join if you are interested! Give Pastor Maggie a call!

Martin UMC: Additional Worship Committee members and Team Leader! Help to develop, plan and schedule worship activities.

Jesus Freaks willing to share their testimony.... contact Pastor Maggie