

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

October 19th, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 29

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

October 10th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$825.17

Local Missions: \$50

Property: \$50

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,271.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 27

Martin UMC: 29

In Case You are Wondering:

October 17th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$872.17

Local Missions: \$40

Property: \$100

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$800.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 26

Martin UMC: 30

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!

Hi Church Family!

This week I am wondering....where are our young people?

Where are our teenagers? What would we need to look like to have youth consistently and willingly coming thru those doors to hang out with us? How do we offer them a sense of belonging? What can we do to not only get them to come, but get them to come a second and third and fourth time?

Where are our 20-to-40-year old's? What happened to those kids after they left youth group? Are they going to church somewhere else? Are they not interested in church? What would we need to look like to have new people consistently coming thru those doors to hang out with us? How do we offer them a sense of belonging? What can we do to not only get them to come, but get them to come a second and third and fourth time?

Do you guys see where I am going with this? Why are we not seeing multi-generational groups sitting in our pews?

Do your kids come to church? Do their kids come to church? If you are a parent of an adult child, please do me a favor and ask them "hey why don't you come to church?" "What could we do differently at church to get you to come to church?"

I would be interested in the answers that you may get from your kids.

I pray that we will become a church that people of all ages enjoy and want to be part of.

I pray that we will be flexible and open to making changes that will bring other generations to our church families.

I pray that we will love and appreciate all of those who come thru our doors.

Growth is so important to the health of our churches. It's great when people "come back", but let's not get too caught up in that-sometimes people need to move on for reasons that we will never know or understand....let's make sure that we are inviting people to our churches. Let's make sure that when people visit that they are greeted appropriately, and they walk away from us thinking....now those are some people of God that understand what love is!!

Love first,

Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Liberation

OCTOBER 18–24, 2021
STEPHANE BROOKS

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Sometimes we can look back and see why challenging things happened to us, but this is not always the case. Job never fully understood his story but finally submitted his life to God in humility. In Job's case, God restored with abundance. The psalmist also rejoices that although the righteous may suffer, God brings ultimate restoration. The reading from Hebrews continues celebrating Christ's role as the compassionate high priest. Unlike human high priests, who serve only for a time, Christ remains our priest forever. A man without sight in Jericho knows of Jesus' compassion and cries out for it, despite attempts to silence him. He asks Jesus for mercy, physical healing in his case, and Jesus grants his request because the man has displayed great faith.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Embrace the New

OCTOBER 25–31, 2021
CHARITY M. KIREGYERA

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Ruth and Psalm 146 share a thematic connection. Ruth is a foreigner who decides to follow the God of the Israelites, and the psalmist praises God for being the trustworthy God who cares about the poor, the oppressed, and the foreigner. In Ruth, Boaz will demonstrate this kind of care for her.

The New Testament readings focus on sacrifice. Hebrews teaches us that Christ was both the greatest high priest and the eternal sacrifice. A scribe in Mark receives praise from Jesus, for he understands that the sacrificial system is less weighty than the act of loving one's neighbor. Ruth and this scribe are examples of those, named and anonymous, who have come before us in the faith.

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Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

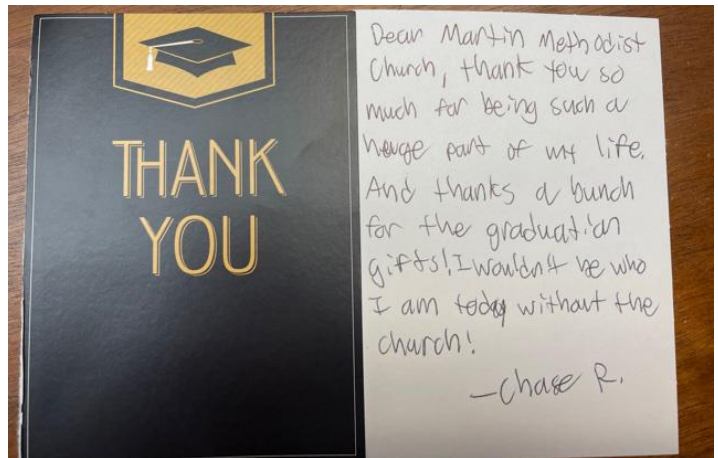
October – Jelly and Jam
November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

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

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 24th, 2021
"Now My Eye Sees"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 31st, 2021
"Not Far From the Kingdom"

Thank you note from Chase
Rummler



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
November 1st, 2021

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October – Jelly and Jam
November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

Please place items in the grocery cart outside of fellowship hall.

SUMC & MUMC Men's Fellowship

October 23th – 10:00 a.m.

Martin UMC Fellowship Hall

Doughnuts & Coffee will be served.

Please RSVP by calling the church office or messaging Pastor Maggie!

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

Nov. 10 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Sack 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!

Meet our new Administrative Assistant!

Crystal McWilliams is a long-time resident of the area. She attended and graduated from Martin High School and has lived nearby ever since. She is the mother of 5 beautiful daughters, the grandmother to 11 awesome kiddos and wife to Terry.

Crystal is excited to be part of the team for Martin and Shelbyville United Methodist Churches and is looking forward to getting to know each one of you.

Please be sure to welcome Crystal!

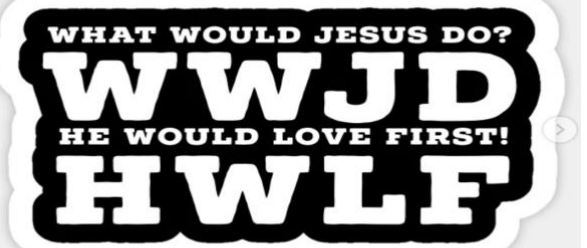


Testimonies are an important way that we can share our faith with others. Through Christian testimony, we can give witness of God's love, His grace and His faithfulness to us. Each of us has a unique testimony. Different things have happened in our lives that make each story unique. And by telling these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

Important Events

- October 23 – 10:00 a.m. MUMC and SUMC Men's Fellowship – Martin Fellowship Hall – Please RSVP by calling the church office or messaging Pastor Maggie
- October 30 – 5:00 to 7:00 – Trunk or Treat – MUMC parking lot
- October 31 – All Saints Sunday
- November 7 - Daylight Savings Ends
- November 21 – Thanksgiving Feast – Martin Fellowship Hall
- 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



Prayer Concerns:

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

- Updated: October 18, 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
- Orié Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- The family of Chris Davis - Chris passed away on October 17, 2021
- 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
- Mark Ondersma - upcoming knee surgery
- Krystal Klintworth - Healing/Recovering from a car accident
- Helene Genther-Todd - Health
- Danny Genther - health
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Rose Haaksema - Broken arm
- Molly Metzner - continued healing and test results
- Tarin Kubiak - Pregnancy/Covid
- Dick Davis - Stroke
- Patti Jarvis - Knee
- Frieda Schwab - Heart Cath
- Mike Peckins - Stroke symptoms
- Sally Peckins - anxious/very difficult with Mike being ill for Sally
- Bonnie and Bill Dutton - Santa Barbara Fires
- Raina Oldebeken - Health
- Dody Watkins - Stomach cancer
- Amy Boniface and Dave Mouw - Health
- Martin Card Ministry
- Outreach
- The friends and family of Steven Rosema - Steven passed away on October 4, 2021
- Mary Lou Boyle - hip

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**