

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

December 4, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$823.74

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$3,129

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 31

Martin UMC:

Worship - 31

November 27, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,109.01

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,391.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 26

Martin UMC:

Worship: 30

November 13, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$640.47

Food Pantry: \$100

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,272

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 37

Martin UMC:

Worship - 36

November 6, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$661.47

Food Pantry: \$100

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,410

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 22

Martin UMC:

Worship - 28

New Year's Resolution Anyone?

We are nearing the end of 2022, it's hard to remember what I said all the way back in January that I wanted to accomplish this year.

Many of us set goals for ourselves, professional goals, fitness/health goals, financial goals...the list could go on and on. How many of us set spiritual goals?

I challenged myself in 2022 to pray more regularly, to make it a priority each and every day. It has been a wonderful experience for me. It has drawn me much closer to God, it has made me more open to the Holy Spirit and made me much more aware of His presence in my daily life.

Do you set goals that have to do with your spirit or with your commitment to God and your church? If not, think about adding some of these things to your list of goals in 2023.

- Invite a friend or acquaintance to church every week
- Join a group or committee that serves the church or the community
- Sign up for a Bible study
- Lead a Bible study or develop a small group
- Increased or more intentional giving
- Spend more time with God everyday
- Develop or follow a Bible reading plan

I get it, personal goals are important, professional goals are important, but I can't help but wonder why we don't talk about our spiritual goals.

Working on your spirit, working on your relationship with God is life changing. You will be surprised how easily your testimony will roll off your tongue if you take the time and strengthen your relationship with God. He's with you either way, your awareness of Him is what will change!

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, Crochet & Pray

December 15th, 2022 at 11:00 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.

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!

Food Pantry Month of December Peanut Butter & Jelly

Children's Moment

Pastor Maggie is looking for a few people that would commit to sharing the Children's Moment once a month at Martin and Shelbyville!

Please contact Pastor Maggie if you have questions or if you interested!

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- The family of Shirley Buskirk -
- The family of Fay Risner
- The family of Ron Katje
- The family of Shelly Buckhout-Ford
- The family of Lester Rasnake
- The family of David Ayers
- The family of Dennis Belka
- Pearl Shook - heart issues
- Youth Ministries
- Kenny Martin – Cancer Diagnosis
- Tracy Buskirk – Health
- Jim Stoken – surgery recovery
- Blaine & Robin – Health
- Scott Warner – Health
- Seth Wilson – recovering from car accident
- Marilyn Fenner – Recovering from broken hip
- Royal Boulter – Recovering from eye surgery
- Nancy Nicolai - Health

***The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due December 21, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com***

Fall Clean Up

Martin UMC wants to thank Anita Rambadt and Jean Holley for all of their hard work taking care of the leaves!

Liturgist

Would you like to sign up for a month in 2023 to be the liturgist? Please see Pastor Maggie or a worship committee member.

Important Dates

- Food Pantry Items for December – Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam
- December 14th – MUMC Ad Council – 5:45 p.m.
- December 14th – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./potluck
- December 14th - Advent Bible Study 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)
- December 15th – Knit, Crochet & Pray 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- December 17th – Community Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- December 17th – The Chosen – Men’s Study 9:00 a.m. Martin
- December 19th - Advent Bible Study 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. - Martin
- December 25th – Christmas Day Service – Martin 9:30 am. and Shelbyville 11:00 a.m.
- December 29th - Knit, Crochet & Pray 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

FLOOD BUCKETS FOR UMCOR

Thank you to all who participated in this project!

Who is UMCOR you say? United Methodist Committee on Relief. When there is a disaster, they are there!

Due to the hurricane disaster the MUMC Missions Committee challenged the congregation to fill 6 flood buckets...1 example is on display in the sanctuary. All 6 buckets have been completed.

The cost per bucket was \$75 to \$90 depending on your shopping skills. Thank you again for helping with this project!

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

The MUMC Missions Committee is preparing for Christmas gift giveaway in December.

It looks a little different than in the past. We have adopted 6 families with the theme of, "Want, Need, and Read."

Each person will receive something on their list that they “want”, something that they “need” and something to “read”! There is still time to participate! Check the bulletin board in fellowship hall or talk to a Missions Committee member.

Weather/Closings

When closing the churches due to bad weather.

Cancellations will be listed on WWMT Channel 3 News.

The church office will be closed if Martin Public Schools are closed due to weather.

Church activities will be cancelled if Martin Public and/or Wayland Public schools are closed due to weather.

BRING A FRIEND!!

YOUTH GROUP

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP SNACKS GAMES OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

GRADES 6 - 12

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY STARTING

JAN 8TH

6 - 7:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL - MARTIN UMC