

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

Important Dates

- *June 10 – United Women in Faith – June 10 – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m.*
- *June 13 – Kendra Goddard Graduation Open House, MUMC 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
- *June 20 – Community Breakfast – Martin UMC 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*
- *June 20 – Beverly Pike Memorial – Martin – 10:30 a.m.*
- *July 3 – Office Closed*
- *July 8 – Office Closed*
- *July 9 – Office Closed*
- *July 10 – Office Closed*
- *July 10 – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m.*
- *July 21 – Bible and Brew Potluck & Baptisms – 1:30 p.m.- Schnable Lake Family Campground- All are welcome!*
- *August 3-7 Vacation Bible School – MUMC*
- *August 9 – VBS Sunday @ MUMC and SUMC*

Dear Church Family,

Summer is upon us! I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the I Michigan United Methodist Annual Conference 2026, held at the Grand Traverse Resort.. It was a meaningful gathering where we worshiped, served, learned, shared, and discerned together God’s call upon us to Love Boldly. Guided by the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39), we opened ourselves to the Holy Spirit’s work within and through us. We were reminded that we are to strive to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

This year’s conference was a powerful reminder that we are Christ’s disciples by our love for one another (John 13:34-35). Across our gatherings, we celebrated our United Methodist identity—a people always poised and ready to love boldly in the name of Jesus Christ. We engaged in meaningful conversations about our Social Principles, reflecting on how these guiding truths shape our lives, our churches, our communities, and our world. As we listened and learned, we sought wisdom for embodying bold, compassionate love in daily actions and in our shared ministries.

I am grateful for the encouragement, courage, and shared vision that emerged at this conference. I look forward to bringing back the insights, prayers, and renewed energy to our church family, and I invite you to join me in translating these blessings into action: deeper discipleship, stronger hospitality, generous stewardship, and courageous outreach in our community.

I love summer and I am looking forward to long summer days and time with our families. I know that summer brings a busy schedule with graduations, reunions, and time with family. I encourage you to find time to rest, relax, rejuvenate and to worship!

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the church calendar for things like VBS, Chicken BBQ, and other opportunities to spend time with your church family!

Happy summer!
Blessings, Pastor Maggie



KINGDOM KIDS
Every Sunday following the
Children's Sermon!

Martin UMC Kingdom Kids

The first Sunday of each month children and leaders will remain in the sanctuary for worship, this will give them an opportunity to experience worship with their families as well as participate in communion.

Kingdom Kids is available for children thru the 5th grade.

Please reach out to Kristen Ash or Hannah Tanner if you have questions.

Martin UMC Nursery Care:

Nurse care is available during worship – Infant to 4 years of age – please sign your child in and supply your phone number to nursery care in case they need to contact you during the service.

Please plan for children over the age of 4 to remain in the sanctuary or they are welcome to be part of Kid's Kingdom worship.

Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Office will be closed:

July 3, 2026

July 8, 2026

July 9, 2026

& July 10, 2026

Office Hours:

Closed Monday

Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Martin UMC Sunday School for all ages will resume September 13, 2026

May 3, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,546.67

Mission: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,484.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 38

Martin UMC:

Worship: 60

May 10, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,051.21

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,387.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 46

Martin UMC:

Worship: 78

May 17, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$576.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,185.00

Food Pantry: \$381.99

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 44

Martin UMC:

Worship: 69

May 24, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,213.25

Building: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$629.00

Food Pantry: \$1,130.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 36

Martin UMC:

Worship: 66

May 31, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$625.00

Mission: \$30.00

Special Offering: \$22.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,115.00

Special Offering: \$120.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 38

Martin UMC:

Worship: 42

**In Case You
Were
Wondering**

2026 CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR SOUP SUPPER



Dear Church Family, May 25, 2026
 Christian Neighbors is forever grateful to you for supporting us with funds generated from the recent Soup Supper you held.
 Thank you to all involved in making this event successful on our behalf...

Blessings of
 Gratitude,
 Jane Adams,
 CT Board Secretary

Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$1,029.25 to Christian Neighbors

MUSIC & WORSHIP

BAPTISMS

BIBLE & BREW SUMMER POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish, beverage of choice & enjoy great company!

SCHNABLE LAKE FAMILY CAMPGROUND

📅 July 19, 2025

🕒 1:30 p.m.

📍 1476 115th Ave,
 Otsego, MI. 49078
 Pavilion

Bring the family!

We will have access to the lake and the splash pad!

MUSICAL NOTES FOR MUMC

JUNE 2026

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME INTO HIS HOUSE WITH SINGING. COME JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ONE SUNDAY OR FOR THE YEAR OR FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU.

WE PRACTICE AFTER WORSHIP ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. WE SING ON THE THIRD SUNDAY. IN JUNE THAT'S THE 14TH FOR PRACTICE AND ON FATHERS DAY, JUNE 21ST WE WILL SING: "HYMN OF PROMISE AND "JOY IN THE MORNING."

(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8:50 A.M. ON THE 21ST FOR WARM UP.)

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Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Beverly Pike

AUGUST 21, 1939 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

A celebration of her life will be held 10:30 AM, Saturday, June 20, 2026 at the Martin United Methodist Church with a luncheon to follow.

SHARON BUYS RETIRING FROM
FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR
POSITION
THANKyou

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your years of devoted service as the Food Pantry Coordinator, and for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community. Your heart to feed others, your compassion, and your unwavering dedication have blessed so many lives.

Thank you for the countless hours of hard work, planning, organizing, and serving with grace and humility. Your leadership has created a lasting impact, and your legacy will continue to inspire us.

As you retire from this position, please know that you have been deeply appreciated and cherished. May this next chapter bring you joy, rest, and abundant blessings.

With sincere gratitude, The Martin & Shelbyville United Methodist Churches

25th ANNUAL READY OR NOT 5K RUN/WALK

14th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHURCH CHALLENGE

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Place: Memorial Park in Otsego -- Start time: 8:00 a.m.

(1 K Fun Run -- 7:40 a.m. -- Anyone under age 12)

Registration Fee: \$30.00

Proceeds: Support of local running community and Otsego Cross Country teams.

This year's milestone event will feature WWMT's Jessica Harthorn, Keith Thompson and our own Julie Williams.

IN SIGNING UP BE SURE TO GIVE THE NAME OF THE CHURCH YOU ARE REPRESENTING

Church Awards: The Fastest Pastor -- Most Participants -- Fastest Time -- Still Kickin' (Senior Challenge)

ON LINE REGISTRATION: Otsego Ready or Not 5K -- RunSignup

For more detailed information go to the following:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Otsego/OtsegoReady or Not5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Otsego/OtsegoReady%20or%20Not5K)

Thank you!

Rev. Dan Minor, Legacy Running, Community Liaison

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ODE TO PREACHERS

And now a word about our preachers
From one of God's most humble creatures.
If God had given the task to me
I would've made the differently.
I would have made a radar mind,
Automatic, you know the kind,
That could remember who was who
While producing sermons new -
Not too shallow, not too deep,
Never putting one to sleep.
I'd have made a special ear
So all the gossip they could hear.
Yet with a filter the eyes would see
Nothing but the good in me.
The lips would always form a smile
So I'd feel happy all the while.
The right arm I would've made a spring
To shake all hands and help us sing.
The feet I'd have made extra strong
To go out calling all day long,
While never leaving the office chair
So I could always find 'em there.
I'd have made a suit of stainless steel
To look well-dressed, but not well-heeled.
I'd have made a heart that couldn't be hurt
But loving enough to give me its shirt.
And when I had this first one done
I'm make a pile of 'em just the fun.

-Rhawke

*Written for a Ministers' Appreciation Dinner
circa 1980 and reprinted now with deep
appreciation for Pastor Maggie.*

MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI

INVITES YOU!

2026 ALUMNI BANQUET

AT THE COMMON ROOM
(BETWEEN THE AUDITORIUM AND NEW
GYM)

BRING A DISH TO PASS & TABLE SERVICE

Saturday, June 6, 2026 • 6pm

MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL
1556 CHALMERS STREET
MARTIN, MI 49070

It's a Blessing to BE a Blessing

Lorrie and Summer put together a project for the food pantry recently. What a blessing! They put together meal bags for meals like Fettuccini Alfredo and Spaghetti. The bags included items needed for the meal and the instructions for preparation. What a great way to serve our community!

Thank you Lorrie and Summer!!



Food Pantry News

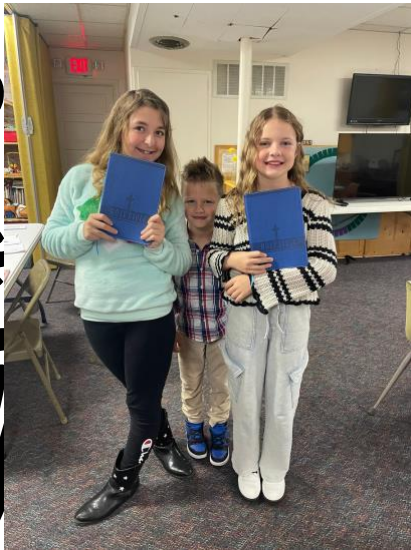


As Sharon Buys retires, we transition to a “team approach” to fill the position of Food Pantry Coordinator. Effective July 1, 2026 we will have a three-person team for the Food Pantry Coordinator role: Della Bellgraph, Crystal McWilliams, and Denice Pettee.

After a thorough review of the job responsibilities, and much prayer, the team prepared a proposal for the board to consider this collaborative approach. This position is demanding, yet highly rewarding, and this team believes that, as a team, they can collectively fulfill the Coordinator duties.

Della, Denise and Crystal are excited to serve God in this capacity. With Sharon Buys guiding them to meet the job responsibilities and supporting this approach success is almost guaranteed! Please keep this team in your prayers as they strive to be the Hands and Feet of Christ, as He desires.

2026 BIBLE Presentations





COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

MARTIN United Methodist Church

June 20, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

ALL DONATIONS TO MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY

969 E. ALLEGAN STREET, MARTIN, MI. 49070

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!

June Birthdays

- 1 - Crystal McWilliams
- 8 - Tiffany Mattox
 - Rich Hilsbos
- 10 - Owen Cuba
- 11 - Lindsey Folk
 - Warren Kimmel
- 15 - Gus Scott
- 17 - Michelle Rose
- 22 - Katherine Hilsbos
- 24 - Letty Sherry
- 25 - Trudy Martin
- 26 - Jim Town
- 27 - Ri Smith
- 29 - Deb Hilsbos



July Birthdays

- 1- Dan Boniface
- 4 - Cameron Curtis
- 7 - Zoe Belka
- 9 - Jessica Cole
 - Betty Farmer
- 11 - Todd Boulter
- 13 - Elaine Jeblonski
 - Tony Verhage
 - Mary Warner
- 15 - Don Rambadt
- 16 - Albert Hoekstra
- 23 - Scott Warner
- 24 - Aubrey Curtis
- 26 - Ozzie Guevara
- 28 - JJ Jenkins
- 31 - Nancy Nicolai
 - Sawyer Tanner

Save the Date Vacation Bible School



❄️ August 3-7, 2026 ❄️

❄️ Martin UMC ❄️