

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

August 1, 2026 – Volume 5, Number 7

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

Important Dates

- *August 3-7 Vacation Bible School – MUMC*
- *August 9 – VBS Sunday @ MUMC and SUMC*
- *August 15 – Book and Bake Sale – SUMC*
- *Sept. 2 – SUMC Ad Council*
- *Sept. 9 – Family Fun Night – MUMC*
- *Sept. 16 – MUMC Ad Council*
- *Sept. 19 – Community Breakfast – MUMC*

**The MUMC
Chicken BBQ was
a huge success!
Raising more than
\$5,000 for the
parking lot
project!! Thanks to
all who made this
happen! You are
loved and
appreciated!!**

The Lord Sets the Boundaries of the Seasons

Dear Church Family,

As summer winds down, many of us feel the shift—vacations ending, school calendars filling up, and routines returning. While the world moves season to season, God’s Word reminds us that He is still at work in every change.

Psalm 74:17 says, “**It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.**” God orders time and governs change. Summer doesn’t merely end—God brings transitions into alignment with His plans.

Summer’s Good Gifts – and It’s Gentle Ending: Summer brings rest, travel, and family moments. Even the winding down can be a gift. Let’s carry gratitude into the transition instead of rushing past it.

Back to School: A Reminder That Life Forms Us: As students head into classrooms, formation is happening everywhere. Parents, teachers, guardians, and students—please know we’re praying for you. May God give wisdom, steadiness, and courage, and honor Christ in every school day.

The Seasons of the Church: If God sets boundaries for the earth, the church has seasons too. Our ministries and rhythms often follow the year—faithfully serving in the moments God places before us:

- **Summer:** lighter schedules, travel, renewed appreciation
- **Fall:** renewed momentum and ministry opportunities
- **Winter:** prayer, reflection, deeper dependence
- **Spring:** hope and preparation for what’s next

Giving Through the Cycles: Giving often shifts with the calendar. As fall approaches and expenses rise, remember: God remains God in every season. He calls us to faithfulness when life is busy and budgets are tight. Bring your time, prayers, service, and giving to Him, trusting He uses obedience to strengthen His work.

How Fall Affects the Church – and Your Week: As summer ends, worship rhythms and events restart. Your schedule may look different soon. You don’t have to do everything—just stay faithful to what God is calling you to do. Consider:

- **Plan ahead** for key dates
- **Protect worship** and return intentionally if you’ve been irregular
- **Connect to a ministry** through service
- **Keep giving with faith**, even consistently

An Invitation as Fall Approaches: Because God sets the boundaries of seasons, we can face change with trust. Transition can be renewal, not loss.

Please pray with me: “Lord, order my steps in this new season. Help my family remain faithful. Strengthen our church through these changes. Use this cycle to grow our love for You and our commitment to one another. Amen”

Thank you for showing up through every season—with steady hearts and generous spirits. I am grateful for you, and I am excited to see what God will do as the year turns.

With love and prayers,
Pastor Maggie



KINGDOM KIDS
Pre-school – 5th Grade
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:

Nursey 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.

Would you like to coordinate Trunk or Treat this year? Reach out to Pastor Maggie if you are interested!

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

July 5, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,295.85

Mission: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$911.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 29

Martin UMC:

Worship: 38

July 12, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$933.21

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,587.00

Food Pantry: \$900.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 42

Martin UMC:

Worship: 55

July 19, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$532.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$781.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 40

Martin UMC:

Worship: 48

July 26, 2026

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,718.17

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,213.00

Food Pantry: \$130

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 42

Martin UMC:

Worship: 47

In Case You Were Wondering

SPIRIT

It is the Spirit
who goes with us
in green pastures.
It is the Spirit
who stills us
in swirling waters.
It is the Spirit
who restores us
in our brokenness.
It is the Spirit
who accompanies us
in our wilderness.
It is the Spirit
who comforts us
in our loneliness.
It is the Spirit
who gives us life
and who in death
carries us Home.

-RHawke

MUSICAL NOTES FOR MUMC

AUGUST 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 (AUGUST 9TH). WE SING
ON THE THIRD SUNDAY. ON AUGUST 16 WE WILL
SING: "REVIVE US AGAIN"

MUSIC IS AVAILABLE ON THE PIANO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRACTICE AT
HOME.

(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8:50 A.M. ON THE 16TH FOR
WARM UP.)



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
FUND RAISER

BOOK & BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS
GO TO LOCAL,
NATIONAL &
INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS

SATURDAY
15
AUGUST

10:00 AM -
2:00 P.M.

Shelbyville UMC
938 124th Ave.,
Shelbyville, MI.
49344

BOOKS, COOKIES,
BROWNIES, PIES,
CAKES, CUPCAKES,
AND MORE!

Thank you for your support!

A colorful poster for a Book & Bake Sale. It features a large wooden spoon, a whisk, a cupcake, and a cake. The text is in various fonts and colors, including teal, brown, and white. The background has a light blue and white pattern.

Vacation Bible School
August 3-7, 2026
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Find Your Strength in God

Contact the church office or
Kristin DeMann if you would
like to volunteer!

A poster for a Vacation Bible School event. It features a cartoon wolf character in a red jacket and green hat, holding a microphone. The background shows a snowy mountain with a ski lift and a sign that says "SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE". The text "Find Your Strength in God" is written on a small sign.

Martin UMC kiddo's at Wesley Woods!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Josh Cole
- 1 - Hayden Swinney
- 2 - Lennon DeMann
- 3 - Sheila Hinline
 - Haley Jenkins
- 4 - Remi VanZile
- 7 - Levi DeMann
 - Marisa Hilton
- 9 - Susan Coburn
- 10 - Delores Bos
 - Ruth Schrier
- 13 - Ronnie Collins
 - Leslie Pohl
- 15 - Everly Hassing
- 16 - Terry McWilliams
- 17 - David Mouw
 - Marlene Rose
- 20 - Jill Anderson
 - Tracy Good
- 23 - Lawson DeMann
- 26 - Dale Noteboom
- 27 - Deborah Staub
- 28 - Doris Hawkey
 - Maggie Stoken
- 30 - Shirley Noteboom



**COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST**

MARTIN United Methodist Church

September 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

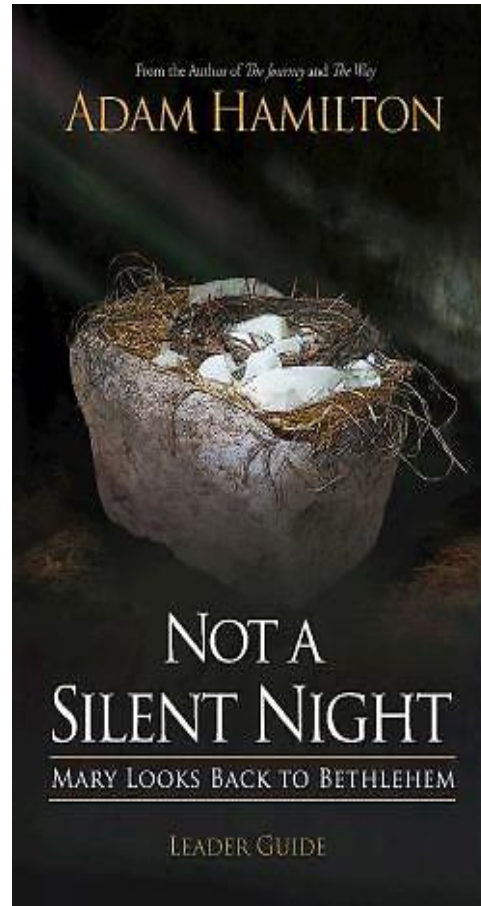
ALL DONATIONS TO MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY

969 E. ALLEGAN STREET, MARTIN, MI. 49070

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Alexis Jankowiak
- 4 - Joyce McAllister
- 7 - Charlie Morris
 - Summer Shook
- 8 - Joe Morris
- 9 - Nancy Drake
- 12 - Laura Foster
 - Pyper Pohl
- 13 - Matt Clark
- 14 - Della Bellgraph
 - Jane Clark
- 16 - Kayleigh Collins
- 21 - Luesettie Phelps
- 25 - Sonia Town
- 27 - Dana Hall
- 28 - Kim Stevens



Advent
Bible
Study!

Thursday
mornings
and
Thursday
evenings!

Starts
November
20, 2026



ANNUAL SPRC/
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
AT 4:00 P.M.

TEEN/YOUTH GROUP
COMING BACK FALL
2026!!

DO YOU HAVE AN
IDEA FOR A BIBLE
STUDY OR SMALL
GROUP?
LET' TALK ABOUT IT!