

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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“Open Hearts,  
Open Minds,  
Open Doors”

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## Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the clean-up of the Peace Park in Shelbyville and the grounds of the Martin Church! God is so Good – he has blessed us with beautiful properties for worship and fellowship!

## The Cost of Following Jesus

“As massive crowds followed Jesus, he turned to them and said, when you follow me as my disciple, you must put aside your father, your mother, your wife, your sisters, your brothers; it will even seem as though you hate your own life. This is the price you’ll pay to be considered one of my followers. Anyone who comes to me must be willing to share my cross and experience it as his own, or he cannot be considered to be my disciple.” Luke 14:25-27 The Passion Translation

Wow! Does he really want us to put aside our families? Jesus means what he says, and in this case, he wants us to understand the priority of relationships. I know, it seems hard, doesn’t it? It’s really not, it is simple; We can do what Jesus wants, or we can do what others want. We can take up the cross or choose not to.

When we take up the cross it is not a burden...it is a surrender...it is a choice to be what Jesus calls us to be...to put him first. Do you willingly share His cross? Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of my closest friends?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from my family?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of my reputation?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus if it means losing my job?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus if it means losing my life?

Being a disciple does not mean that all these things will happen to you, but notice it asks, “are you willing”. If there comes a day that you have to make a choice will you choose Jesus?

The price is high, but the reward is beyond compare.

*Maggie*

In Case You are Wondering:

Offering May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection \$543.17

Local Mission \$50.00

Property \$100.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection \$1,435.76

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

38

Martin UMC:

26

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

**ADVENTIST  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
OF OTSEGO**

218 South Farmer Street

269-694-4775

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and  
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Now Open For:

- Free clothes and small household items
- We have many newborn baby clothes

**PASTOR COREY & ELLYN FAREWELL  
RECEPTION**

- **JUNE 13, 2021 AT THE SHELBYVILLE UMC**
- **OUTDOOR DINING**
- **WE WILL SAFELY BE SERVING:**
- **SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGES**
- **IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS A GIFT FOR THE SIMON'S, PLEASE GIVE TO CAROLYN, SHARON OR MAGGIE**

*Pastor Corey's Message*

*Sunday, May 16th, 2021*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

"It's All in All, Y'all"

**Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection**

May – Canned Fruit

June – Tuna in water and pork and beans

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

**IF YOU HAVE NOT LOGGED IN TO SERVANT KEEPER AS OF APRIL 27, 2021:**

You will receive an email that says:

Martin / Shelbyville UMC has given you access to manage your family profile online - Please log in by May 15, 2021; if you have not logged in by May 15th, 2021 you will no longer receive church-wide emails and you will not have access to the online church directory.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?

EMAIL [MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM)

WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

**Martin & Shelbyville UMC**

**Summer Book Club for Women 2021**

Month	Book	Club Meeting; Book Review & Fellowship
May	Giddy Up Eunice	May 22, 2021 9:30 a.m.
June	Get Out of Your Head	June 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.
July	Legacy of Mercy	July 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.
August	If You <u>Wanna</u> Walk <u>On</u> Water	August 28, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Small Group Ideas:

Bible Study

Book Study

Craft Group/Fellowship

Prayer Groups

Zoom or In Person

**Your Testimony Is Powerful!! Would you be willing to share your testimony here in our newsletter?**

Acts 4:33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all.

Email [martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to get on the newsletter testimony schedule!

**TESTIMONY**

**1 John 5:6-11 (The Passion Translation)**

Jesus Christ is the One who was revealed as God's Son by his water baptism and by the blood of his cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms this with his testimony. So, we have these three constant witnesses giving their evidence: The Spirit, the water, and the blood. And these three are in agreement. If we accept the testimony of men, how much more should we accept the more authoritative testimony of God that he has testified concerning his Son?

Those who believe in the Son of God have the living testimony in their hearts. Those who don't believe have made God out to be a liar by not believing the testimony God has confirmed about his Son. This is the true testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life has its source in his Son.

# Important Events

- Summer Book Club Meeting – May 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
- Graduation Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Elyn Farewell Reception – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC
- Day of Pentecost – May 23, 2021 – Wear your red!
  
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email [martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) with the details

## Prayer Concerns:

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- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer - COVID
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Terry Chrisman and family
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Dina Goodrich - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Deb Hilsbos & Deb's Mother
- Rob Fales - Surgery
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Jamie Dunklee – Home recovering from COVID
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Jeff Mentzer - Surgery
- Wes Madison - Receiving Hospice care
- Dominic Lawrence - 6-year-old boy fighting cancer
- Pastor Sean -broken ankle
- Jen & Vince – dealing with a cancer diagnosis
- Bobbie Rae Straub - Health
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Jean - neighbor to Linda Creviston - Cancer
- Neola Martin - Deb Boniface's Mother - Health/Homecare
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Raelynn Elkins – Home from NICU prayers for continued improvement
- Family of Bret Sunnerville – Bret passed due to COVID
- Family of Gary Caron – Gary passed due to COVID
- Lou Phelps – Surgery
- Willard Campbell – Surgery
- Kelinda Scott's mother – healing from back surgery