

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

February 10th, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 3

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
January 30th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,221,24
Property: \$25

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,090

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 17

Martin UMC:

Worship - 30

Sunday School - 5

In Case You are Wondering:
February 6th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$318.17

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,188

Memorial Fund: \$50

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 24

Martin UMC:

Worship: 36

Sunday School: 3

Help Wanted:

Food Pantry Drivers – Volunteers to pick up food on Friday's (as needed-supplement to our regular drivers).

Pick up truck or large van is required.

Please see Patsy Hoekstra or Sharon Buys if you have additional questions.

Hearing God's Voice

John 10:3-5. *“The doorkeeper opens the gate for this man, and the sheep hear his voice and pay attention to it. And know that they listen he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out to pasture.*

When he has brought all his own sheep outside, he walks on ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice and recognize his call.

They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

How do we know that the voice in our head is giving us direction or that those nudges are God? How can we be sure it's now our own mind wanting us to go in a particular direction?

As believers it is our right and our privilege to know God's voice. The Bible tells us that we can know his voice and distinguish it from others. We can discern if it is God, our own will or if it is the voice of deception.

John 10 tells us about the sheep and the voice of their shepherd. The sheep know their Shepard's voice. They know their Shepard's voice because they are with him all the time. They are listening to and for him all the time. They are trained to run from another voice.

If we want to be sure that we are hearing God's voice we have to “train our ear”. We have to be constantly listening for God. We need to be spending time in the Word of God. The Word of God is where we learn God's nature. We learn about who He is.

If we want to have confidence that we are hearing God's voice we have to develop our relationship with Him.

If you want to hear God and avoid the spirit of error...get into God's word. Pray. The more we study and learn, the more the power of God will flow through our lives.

The more time we spend with God....the easier it is to hear Him. Read your Bible, get a devotional, join a study, lead a study...look for opportunities to get to know God better and be in His presence.

Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

The CHOSEN

Men's Fellowship and Video Study
The Chosen
Starting Saturday, February 12th,
2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Martin UMC
Please RSVP by calling or emailing
the office.



The Chosen Reviews

It's an interesting approach to telling the story of the New Testament, and one that relies on a lot of creative license.

Jan 5, 2022 | Rating: 3/5 | Full Review...



Melissa Camacho
Common Sense Media

The eight-part saga offers an invigorating look at Jesus Christ and his future disciples.

Apr 18, 2020 | Rating: 3.5/4 | Full Review...



Christian Toto
HollywoodInFoto.com

[Dallas] Jenkins' passion and belief is admirable, both in his ability to skewer a narrative that seems so structured and in his determination to have that narrative be heard.

Apr 16, 2020 | Rating: 3/5 | Full Review...



Peter Gray
The AU Review

The Chosen is must-see, even if you're not into Christian or historical programming or particularly religious. It's an extraordinarily created piece and a labor of love in motion.

Apr 15, 2020 | Rating: 4.9/5 | Full Review...



Jasmine Blu
TV Fanatic

The Chosen is one of the most engaging Bible-inspired productions I've seen. Surprisingly funny and relatable, we continue watching episode after episode not because we feel obligated to support it as a dutiful Christians, but because it's compelling.

Apr 15, 2020 | Rating: 4/5 | Full Review...



Megan Basham
WORLD

I highly recommend it for anyone of faith that is looking for quality storytelling.

Apr 12, 2020 | Rating: 8/10 | Full Review...



Rachel Wagner
rachelsreviews.net

Dallas Jenkins does a great job at putting a unique spin on a somewhat popular story, known characters and familiar 'historic' situations that many have argued to be fictional.

Apr 1, 2020 | Rating: 7.5/10 | Full Review...



Tony Asankomah
GhMovieFreak

The Chosen struck gold with some key casting decisions and as a result, delivers a wholesome and enjoyable retelling of Jesus' story.

Mar 12, 2020 | Full Review...



Mark Goodyear
Battle Royale With Cheese

MUMC Cross Wall
Would you like to
donate a cross for
this wall? Please feel
free to drop it off in
the office.



The Lenten Season in 2022

Ash Wednesday: March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. at Martin UMC (joint service)

Palm Sunday: April 10, 2022

Maundy Thursday: April 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. at Shelbyville UMC (joint service)

Good Friday: April 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. at Martin UMC (joint service)

Easter Sunrise: April 17, 2022 – 7:00 a.m. at Martin UMC (joint service)

Easter Sunday: April 17, 2022

Due to high number of cases of COVID-19 locally we will limit face-to-face meetings –
Necessary meetings will be held via Zoom whenever possible until further notice.

Becoming the Body of Christ

FEBRUARY 14–20, 2022

KATHY KHANG

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Joseph had experienced betrayal by his brothers and then had been sold into slavery. At the time, he no doubt felt abandoned by God. However, after God raises up Joseph in Egypt, Joseph is able to provide for his family in a time of drought. Although others have acted with evil intentions, God uses those actions for good. The psalmist offers a similar encouragement. We struggle in the real challenges that face us, but we believe in a God who can carry us through them. In First Corinthians, Paul explains that God carries us even through death to resurrection glory on the other side. Jesus teaches us to respond to evil with mercy. Because we believe in a God who will ultimately bring justice, we do not need to serve as judge and executioner.

Taken from: The Upper Room Disciplines 2022

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, February 13, 2022
"The First Fruits"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, February 20th, 2022
"Raised in Glory"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, February 27th, 2022
"Seeing the Glory"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
"These 40 Days"

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due February 23rd, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

The Call to Love and Serve

FEBRUARY 21–27, 2022

MARY C. EARLE

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: God's glory is always revealed, even if never completely. When Moses encounters God on the mountain, his face undergoes a physical transformation as a reflection of God's greater glory. The psalmist reminds us of how great God is and how even Moses and Aaron bow before God's throne. Paul refers to the story of Moses, but because of Christ, God's glory is now more openly revealed. There is no need to wear a covering as Moses did, for Christ reflects openly the divine radiance. Luke recounts the Transfiguration, when the face of Jesus, like that of Moses, begins to shine. God's voice reinforces the revelation of the Transfiguration, declaring Jesus to be God's Son and the revelation of God's glory.

Taken from: The Upper Room Disciplines 2022

Call Upon the Lord
FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 6, 2022

WILL WILLIMON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: As we begin the season of Lent, the readings provide several images of how we might prepare our hearts. Deuteronomy focuses on gratitude with a recitation of the history of God's faithfulness. The people are instructed to offer their gifts to God as a response to God's generosity. The psalmist focuses on faithfulness. If we put our confidence in God, God will protect and sustain us. In Romans, Paul emphasizes faith. Our confession of faith from the mouth should come from the heart, and this heart confession saves us. The story of the temptation of Jesus admonishes us to know biblical truth. The devil tempts Jesus with half-truths—even scriptural quotes—but Jesus counters with correct understanding of God's Word and God's character.

Taken from: The Upper Room Disciplines 2022

Women's Fellowship -
February 19, 2022
10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville UMC
Coffee Cup Craft
Hosted by Jessica Cole and Kameo Halford



Materials
provided.
Refresh-
ments will
be served!
Invite a
friend!

Did you know you can give thru
our website? Go to
martinumc.org or
shelbyvilleumc.org for more
information.

Important Dates

February 16 – 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study Via Zoom
February 19 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Video Study – The Chosen –
at Martin
February 19 – Ladies Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. at Shelbyville
February 23 – 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study Via Zoom
February 26 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Video Study – The Chosen –
at Martin
March 2 – Ash Wednesday Joint Service – Martin, 7:00
p.m.
March 3 – SUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
March 5th – 9:00 a.m. Men's Video Study – The Chosen –
at Martin
March 9th - 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting at Shelbyville – Sack
Lunch
March 9 – 6:00 p.m. MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
March 9 – 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study Via Zoom
March 12th – 9:00 a.m. Men's Video Study – The Chosen –
at Martin
March 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 16 – 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study Via Zoom
March 19th – 9:00 a.m. Men's Video Study – The Chosen –
at Martin
March 19 – Ladies Fellowship – 11:00 a.m. at Shelbyville

Sunday School for All Ages at Martin UMC

**Every Sunday we have
Sunday school for kids
and adults.**

**Sunday School Begins at
11:00 a.m.**

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection February - Cereal

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

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection February – Cereal

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

Confidential Pastor Email - umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

**Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday! Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com**

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: February 11, 2022

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma - Heart Surgery
- Orie Perry - Cancer
- Megan Rose - Cancer
- Linda Kay Perry - Loss of vision
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Helene Genther-Todd - Health
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Joyce McAllister - Health
- Stacy Knorr - Cancer
- Carol LaDuke - Heart Problems
- The Family of Marion Meyers - Marion passed away on February 3, 2022
- Sandy Meyers - Cancer
- Baby Margaret - Continued Healing
- Betty Farmer - Healing from fall
- Sherlene Junker - Health - hospice care
- Edna Chene - 2 broken legs - pray for healing
- Pat Kimmel - Healing - Answers
- Hope Wassenaar - Cancer
- On line ministry
- Hope Carter - Recovering from surgery due to broken wrist
- Nancy Pardee - Fall
- Mike Christianson - COVID - Critical Condition due to oxygen issues
- The Family of Jane Allen - Jane passed away
- The Family of Donna Hobson - Donna passed away
- The Family of Larry Smith - Larry passed away
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- The family of Sandra MacVean - Sandra passed away on January 28, 2022
- Terry Chlebana - Bone Cancer
- Rachel Hilton - Illness
- Lexi Cronen - Broken hip
- Esther Bird - Health
- Penny Fret - Healing

UMCOR Sunday

March 27, 2022

UMCOR SUNDAY

TOGETHER
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

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The people of The United Methodist Church*



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that **100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.**



MUMC is happy to welcome
Jim & Vickilee Miller back!

Recently we received paperwork for the transfer of membership for Jim and Vickilee Miller's back to MUMC.

We are so excited to welcome them home!

If you would like to send a note or card to say hi and to welcome them, you can find their address in Servant Keeper or you are welcome to send them directly to Jim Miller at: 50 Sanderson Lane, Coldwater, MI 49036

Jim and Vickilee are also excited to be returning to the MUMC family (doesn't seem like they ever left!)

