

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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### “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

#### In Case You are Wondering:

January 22, 2023

Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$832.49

Local Mission: \$2,000.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$605.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 22

#### Martin UMC:

Worship - 24

January 29, 2023

Offering:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,382.01

#### Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$935.00

Attendance:

#### Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 18

#### Martin UMC:

Worship: 30

### Lent/Easter Services 2023

#### Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Shelbyville UMC

#### Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Martin UMC

#### Good Friday

April 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Shelbyville UMC

#### Easter

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunrise – 6:30 a.m.

Martin UMC

Worship

Martin UMC – 9:30 a.m.

Shelbyville UMC – 11:00 a.m.

### Now is the time....

I always say that 90% of getting what you want is making it known, I believe that. Quite often I will put a plea out on Facebook or via email and people always show up! Many of you in our church family will come forward and donate items or donate money.

Just this morning at 5:30 a.m. someone showed up at my house to drop off a case of peanut butter in response to the peanut butter drive that we have been posting. For Vacation Bible School we had a toilet paper drive and I would get in my car sometimes to find that someone had filled it with toilet paper for me to bring to church. People love to help and they come thru when you ask them.

Right now, we are seeing a change, a big change. There are movies on the big screen about Jesus, there are whole seasons that you can watch about the gospels....and people are excited about them! NFL players and coaches are praying together on live television! Sports casters are stopping their report to pray for a player that is hurt. People are praying on national television! The Superbowl will be airing two commercials during the game about Jesus. That has never happened before! People are changing, times are changing. Now is the time that we need to be disciples, making disciples....

Are you inviting people to church? Are you asking them to participate in some of the work that we are doing? Are you inviting them into fellowship? NOW IS THE TIME! People need Jesus, people need people like us to be their church family!

BE BOLD! Prepare yourself to answer questions....invite people to Come and See!

Psalm 66:5 says, “Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!” People want to come and see what Jesus is all about....we just have to invite them. The experts say that the most effective way to get people to come to church is to invite them....So, invite your friends, your family, your neighbors to come and see what it’s all about!

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

#### **Pastor Maggie will be on vacation February 7 – February 13, 2023**

*She will be out of the country and may not have access to email or voicemail.*

*If you have an urgent need or an emergency, please contact Crystal during normal office hours. If outside of office hours please contact Sharon Buys or Deb Boniface, they will contact the covering pastor.*

#### 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](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more information.

### **Knit, Crochet & Pray**

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> & February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 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 Online Ministry**

SUMC needs 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 February Personal Hygiene Products**

### **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 your interested!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Updated prayer concerns can be found at: [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org)

### **Allegan County Food Pantry Collaboration**

We are excited to launch the annual Peanut Butter Drive for the Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative (ACFPC). The drive will kick-off on National Peanut Butter Day January 24<sup>th</sup>!

Our goal is to collect 5,000 jars of Peanut Butter to distribute amongst participating ACFPC members and families in need. By donating online or at one of the physical drop sites around the county, you are directly impacting a neighbor in need.

Your past support has made a significant impact in our communities. Due to your past support – in 2022 we were able to procure more than 10,000 cans of soup, nearly 4,000 jars of peanut butter, 8631 boxes of cereal and 1,728 pounds of ground beef for the ACFPC pantry members. We couldn't do it without you!!!

**Peanut Butter can be dropped off at the Martin UMC and the Shelbyville UMC!**

***The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/ testimonies are due February 1, 2023. Email to: [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com)***



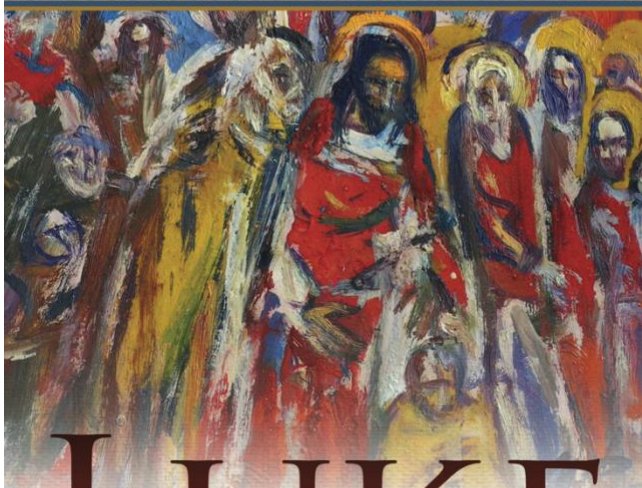
Check out these awesome Souper Bowl decorations at Shelbyville UMC! Thanks to those who created this great display!

### **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.

# ADAM HAMILTON

Author of *John*, *The Walk*, and *24 Hours That Changed the World*



## “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws”.

You can look up information about the study

at: <https://www.adamhamilton.com/books/item/9781791025045>

Books can be purchased on Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.com/s?i=stripbooks&rh=p\\_66%3A9781791025045&ref=sr\\_adv\\_b](https://www.amazon.com/s?i=stripbooks&rh=p_66%3A9781791025045&ref=sr_adv_b)

We will begin the study the prior to Ash Wednesday - February 15, 2023. I will offer an afternoon study at 2:00 p.m. (this will be in person at Martin) and an evening study at 7:00 p.m. (this will be in person at Martin and also on Zoom)..

Please let Crystal know if you are participating if you are buying your book on Amazon.

There is a Facebook group that is available for those that are participating in this study. You can find it by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/985745962384124>. This group is for people who would like to share insights or discuss the study outside of the normal meeting times.

Schedule:

Week one, February 15, 2023: Lifting Up the Lowly

Week two, March 1, 2023: Simon, Do You See This Woman?

Week three, March 8, 2023: Parables from the Underside

Week four, March 15, 2023: On the Journey to Jerusalem

Week five, March 22, 2023: The Final Week

Week six, March 29, 2023: Crucified with the Outlaws

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Since it began in 1989, the Souper Bowl of Caring has provided over \$100 million worth of food and money to local hunger charities across America. Every year young people collect donations through their churches, schools and other youth organizations for local food banks, soup kitchens and other charities for those experiencing poverty and homelessness. The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers young people - and often the adults who support them - to lead the way in combating hunger. Our Youth will be collecting donations of money or cans of soup on February 12<sup>th</sup>. 100% of the proceeds will go to the [Martin & Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry](#).

**We will be serving soup during fellowship time on February 12, 2023. Be sure to plan on staying and enjoying soup.**



**SAVE THE DATE  
Ladies Fellowship  
February 18, 2023  
MORE DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW**

## Ladies Fellowship

Would you like to host ladies fellowship? Please contact Jessica Cole with your ideas and to sign up for a date!

## **Important Dates**

- Food Pantry Items for February – Personal Hygiene Products
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./Potluck
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Missions Meeting Martin 11:30 a.m.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl of Caring – Soup Served @ Fellowship Hall
- February 15<sup>th</sup> - Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws - 2:00 p.m. in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Shelbyville
- February 19<sup>th</sup> -Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. - Shelbyville UMC
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Knit, Crochet & Pray – Martin 10:00 a.m.
- Food Pantry Items for March – Jam/Jelly
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – SUMC – Ad Council – 5:45 p.m.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Luke Lenten Study – 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
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- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Luke Lenten Study – 2:00 in person only at Martin and 7:00 p.m. in person and offered via Zoom at Martin
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Community Breakfast 8-10a.m. Martin
- March 19<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group /6 -7:30 p.m. Martin
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Luke Lenten Study
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Luke Lenten Study
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 Martin
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service – 7:00 Shelbyville
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m. Martin

## **Newsletter Editor**

Do you have an interest in working on the newsletter? Please contact the church office to discuss the position as “editor” of our newsletter.

The editor would be responsible for laying out the information submitted for the newsletter twice per month. The editor also seeks out information for articles, notices, etc.

We would love to have you on the newsletter team!

## **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.

