

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

March 15th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 6

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

March 10th, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$254.47
Special Offering: \$44.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,390.00
Building Fund: \$40.00
Special Offering UMCOR: 84.00
Food Pantry: \$80.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 29

Martin UMC:

Worship: 52

March 3rd, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,641.14
Food Pantry: \$30.00
Missions: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,688.47

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 38

Martin UMC:

Worship: 43

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

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Attending Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services is a meaningful way to observe and reflect on the events leading up to Easter Sunday. Here are some reasons why you might consider attending these services:

- Commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper: Maundy Thursday is when Christians remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. Attending the service can help you reflect on the significance of this event in the Christian faith.
- Reflection on Jesus' Sacrifice: Good Friday is a solemn day when Christians remember the crucifixion of Jesus. By attending a Good Friday service, you can reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for humanity and the profound love that he demonstrated through his death on the cross.
- Spiritual Preparation for Easter: Attending Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services can help you spiritually prepare for Easter Sunday, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. These services provide a time of contemplation, repentance, and prayer as you journey through Holy Week.

Attending Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services can deepen your understanding of the significance of Easter and help you grow in your faith as you reflect on the events of Jesus' final days. I hope to see you there! Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Congratulations to Shelbyville United Methodist Church New Roof is Coming!

How do you replace a 120 year old roof?

- You develop a plan
- You get some quotes
- You make the best decision that you can as to which quote is the best fitting for what our needs are
- Then you come up with the money to pay for it

GOD IS SO GOOD!

Shelbyville UMC approved a bid to replace the roof. Total cost will be approximately \$55,000. Thankfully there was \$25,000 available in the building fund to do this work.

\$30,000 has been raised since October 2023. What an amazing group of people! The generosity is incredible! How you ask? Prayer and faithful giving by the Shelbyville UMC church family!

Thank you to all that have made replacing the roof possible! Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet

March 21st at 10:00 a.m.

This will be our last meeting for Crochet for the Spring/Summer season. We will resume in the Fall. Blessings, Crystal

The Connection -
Next issue Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
March 20th, 2024.

Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



Food Pantry Items
March – Jam and Jelly

HERMA DEHN BIRTHDAY CARD PARTY

Let's spread some love and cheer to Herma for her birthday, March 20th. She would be so tickled if we flooded her mailbox with birthday cards. Herma's address:
Herma Dehn
4160 W. Joy Rd,
Shelbyville, MI. 49344



Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated March 15th, 2024

- Raina Oldebeken – Cancer
- Molly Mentzer – Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken – Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Sandy VanWormer – Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox – Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Doris Hawkey – Heart issues
- Nan Darrow – Mobility issues
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Dick Mattox - cancer diagnosis
- Kenny Martin – Recovering from Cancer Treatment
- Jimmy Fugate – health
- Tim Hoyle – knee replacement recovery
- Harry Tucker – Bone Infection
- Christ Boyle Montes – Stroke Recovery
- June DeForest – Stroke Recovery
- Kirk Jones – Heart Issues
- Sherri Fewless – Health Issues
- Pamela Cook – Health
- Brenda Vandenburg – Bladder Cancer
- Prayers for Kelinda's friend Jim
- Chip – Recovering from seizures
- Les Lynema – Leukemia
- Randy Yeo – Blood disorder
- Stan Town – bladder cancer
- Linda Reese – cancer diagnosis
- Donna – Biopsy
- Brad – Recovering from head injury
- Shaylee Elkins – Blood disorder
- Lynn – Hospice Care
- Martin UMC – Children's Church

Important Dates

March Food Pantry Items: Jam & Jelly

- March 14th – Herma Dehn Birthday Card Shower
- March 17th – Youth Group Grades 6-12 – Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- March 20th – Lenten Study 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Martin Fellowship Hall – Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 24th – Palm Sunday
- March 27th – OUMC – Ladies Lenten Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
- March 28th – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m. – Shelbyville UMC
- March 29th – Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. – Martin UMC
- March 31st – Easter Morning Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Martin UMC
- April 3rd – Membership Class – Martin 7:00 p.m.
- April 14th – Receiving New Members

The United Methodist Church Special Offering – May 20, 2024

Human Relations Day is one of our churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offerings benefit neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Book Club 2024

- **March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller**
 - Review will be March 23rd, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. MUMC

All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

April 3rd – 7:00 p.m.
Martin UMC

Are you interested in joining the Martin or Shelbyville UMC? Join us for this class to learn more about what it means to become a member.

We will be accepting new members on April 14, 2024, during our regular worship services!

Vacation Bible School Martin United Methodist Church



Save the dates
June 24-28, 2024

SON LIFE CAMP



Spring Work Week

May 6-10, 2024

Come out and help us get ready for another amazing summer of ministry! Fellowship with others, do some projects, and camp for free (must provide your own camping unit).

We will start Monday at 10 am and ends Friday after breakfast. Meals are served all week.

The schedule is flexible - serve one day or all 5, we'd love to have you here! Please contact the office to get registered or for more details!

SUMC SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp information is available! Please see Deb Boniface for information on camps. If you need assistance with camp tuition there are forms available!

Winter Weather

The office will be closed if Martin Public Schools is closed for weather.

Church activities/meetings will be cancelled if Martin and/or Wayland Public Schools are closed for weather.

Sunday morning service cancellation will be announced on WWT channel 3 and on our Facebook page.



MUMC Summer Camp Opportunities

It is time to think about summer camp. Martin United Methodist Church has been committed to sending children and teens to camp for many years through money donated to our church from the Oetman family. The Michigan United Methodist Conference has several camps around the state that offer so many opportunities for youth to participate in adventures.

We will update you on the activities for the summer of 2024 as the brochures and information come into our office or online. Students can also choose to attend other Christian camping experiences such as SON-Life camp.

Please remember to completely fill out the request form for each individual student who is attending camp so that we can properly inform each camp who we are paying for.

Thanks
Melinda Tisron
Camp Coordinator

SON-Life Camp and Retreat Center:

Sign up for summer camp! Camp sessions are filling up fast!

SON-Life Camp is hiring: Looking for lead staff members and high school staff. Please email Ben Bartels at ben@son-lifecamp.org for more information.

Thank you,
Kate Kuehn
Office Administrator

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 28 – **Maundy Thursday Service** – 7:00 p.m. - Shelbyville UMC
- March 29 – **Good Friday Service** 7:00 p.m. – Martin UMC
- March 31 – **Easter Sunrise Service** -7:00 a.m. Martin UMC
- March 31 – **Easter Breakfast** – 8:00 a.m. – Martin UMC
- March 31 – **Easter Worship** - 9:30 a.m. MUMC
- March 31 – **Easter Worship** - 11:00 a.m. SUMC