

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

March 29th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 7

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

March 24th, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,158.25
Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,188.53
Building Fund: \$50.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 34

Martin UMC:

Worship: 57

March 17th, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$764.47
Food Pantry: \$200.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,130.00
Food Pantry: \$520.00
Building Fund: \$510.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 39

Martin UMC:

Worship: 65

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

What does John13:34-35 mean to you?

Jesus' commandment to love one another holds great significance in my heart and in the hearts of many people. The spirit or the essence of this commandment can be found in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus emphasized the importance of showing love, compassion, and kindness towards one another.

I see this commandment to love one another as the center of the teachings of Jesus. **John13:34-35: Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."** This message seems so simple...but, I feel that, it is absolutely the core of Jesus' teachings on love and compassion.

For me, as a believer, reflecting on Jesus' commandment to love one another brings a sense of humility, gratitude, and certainly a sense of responsibility. It reminds me to treat others with kindness, respect, and empathy, regardless of their background, their beliefs, or their circumstances. It challenges me to get outside my comfort zone and extend love to those who are different from me. It also challenges me to promote unity, understanding, and harmony in our community.

My goal is to **always** use this commandment as a guiding principle for ethical and moral conduct. It reminds me to practice forgiveness, mercy, and generosity towards others, and to represent the spirit of love and goodwill that Jesus exemplified in his life and teachings. I feel strongly that focusing on this goal can lead to a culture of love, peace, and unity in my relationships and interactions with others.

In a world that is marked by division, conflict, and hatred, Jesus' commandment to love one another stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration. It reminds me of the transformative power of love and the profound impact it can have on individuals and communities. By embracing this commandment, I find more opportunities to promote a more compassionate, inclusive, and harmonious world where love can reign supreme.

I accept this commandment to love one another as a call to action, a call to embody the love and compassion that Jesus showed to all people during his time on earth. I see it as a challenge to rise above my differences, prejudices, and biases and embrace the dignity and worth of every individual that I come across. I want to fulfill my responsibility to Jesus' commandment to love one another and contribute to a more loving and compassionate world for all.

What does Jesus' commandment to love one another mean to you?

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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



KINGDOM KIDS
Every Sunday following the
Children's Sermon!

The Connection -
Next issue Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
April 3rd, 2024.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



Food Pantry Items
March – Jam and Jelly
April – Cleaning Products

Graduation Sunday

June 2, 2024

We will honor graduates on June 2, 2024. If you have a graduate that you would like to see honored, please contact the church office.

We will be inviting our church families to donate gifts to go in the gift bags. We will let everyone know the number of graduates when we have a total.



Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated March 29th, 2024

- Raina Oldebeken – Cancer
- Molly Mentzer – Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken – Health
- 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
- Tim Hoyle – knee replacement recovery
- Chris Boyle Montes – Stroke Recovery
- Sherri Fewless – Health Issues
- 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
- Shaylee Elkins – Cancer diagnosis
- Lynn – Hospice Care
- Martin UMC – Children's Church
- Judy Shafer – Health
- Trace Buskirk – Health
- Jack Farmer – Cataract Surgery
- Greg Cowan – Liver Transplant
- Julie Kubiak – Surgery
- Hastings Students who lost a friend in the 1st Grade
- Remy Jane Colburn – Brain Tumor
- Odyssey of the Minds – Martin Students
- Ron Conelly – Heart issue
- The family of Anna Coster
- Eric Foster – Surgery
- Jeremy Gilkison – Brain Surgery
- The family of Spencer Kingsbury – Spencer passed away recently

Important Dates

March Food Pantry Items:

Jam & Jelly

April Food Pantry Items:

Cleaning Products

- April 3rd – SUMC Ad Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- April 3rd – Membership Class - Martin 7:00 p.m.
- April 10th – United Women In Faith 10:00 a.m.
Shelbyville/Potluck
- April 10th – MUMC Ad Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Mary Lou Winebarger Memorial Service – 11:00 a.m. at Shelbyville (visitation from 10:00 – 10:45) Luncheon following
- April 14th – Receiving New Members
- April 14th – Native American Ministries Sunday
- April 14th – Youth Group – 6:00 at Martin
- April 23rd – Collaboration Luncheon Martin
- May 8 – Christian Neighbors Soup Supper – Martin
- May 11 – Stamp Out Hunger



This is what \$629 looks like in soup...such a blessing for our food pantry. Thank you to all who participated in Souper Bowl of Caring.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

April 3rd – 7:00 p.m.

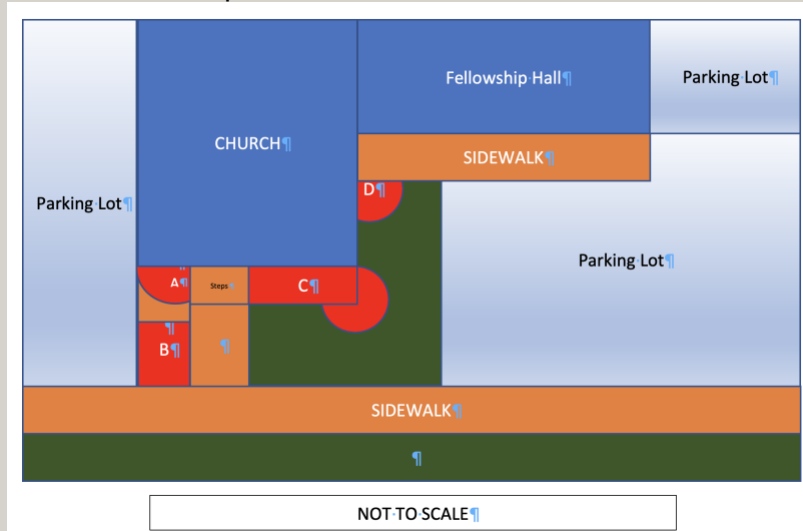
Martin UMC

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!



Adopt a Flower Bed at Martin UMC



It's that time of year! Time to take care of the grounds. Please let the office know if you would like to accept responsibility for one of the flower beds at MUMC. Flower Bed C will be a group effort and will be coordinated by the Trustees. We would like to complete all by Memorial Day.



KINGDOM KIDS
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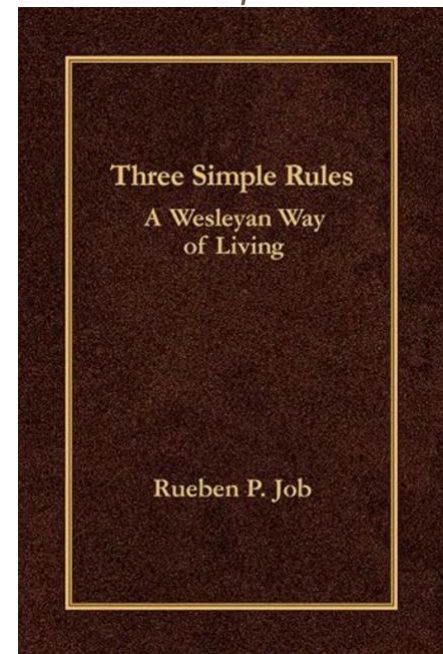
*Sunday School at Martin UMC will
be suspended from May 26th thru
September 1 –
Sunday school will resume on
September 8, 2024*

**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 to get on
the newsletter testimony schedule!

*New Sunday School Study for
Martin Adults
Three Simple Rules*



*Study Begins on Sunday, May 7th!
You don't want to miss this one!
Please let the office know if you
would like us to order a book for you!*

SON LIFE CAMP




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.

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!



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.

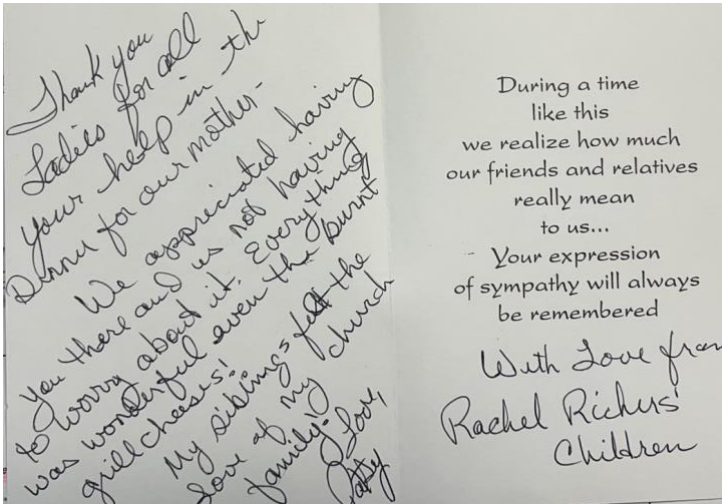
Please remember to completely fill out the request form for each individual student who is attending camp so that we can properly inform each camp who we are paying for.

Thanks
Melinda Tisron
Camp Coordinator

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!

Thank YOU!!



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
I would like to express my thanks to all of you for the many cards and love shown to me and my family during this difficult time.

Thank you Pastor Maggie for the time and love shown to us. So glad you knew how special our mother was.

Thank you to Sharon Buys for covering the food pantry for the past month as we grieved the loss of mom and I regained my strength.

Thank you Lue for organizing the "Hillbilly" dinner in her honor. We appreciated Sharon Buys, Pat Holland, Tiffany Maddox, Sue Zantello and Alice Kelsey serving.

We would also like to thank Gordon Ash and Crystal McWilliams for running the sound and the video. Her friends in Florida sure appreciated being able to watch her service.

THANK YOU! Thank you for your patience as I struggle thru this loss.

Sincerely, Patsy and the Children of Rachel Richer