

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

April 22, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 8

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
April 10th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$822.17

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$795

UMCOR: \$20

Building Fund: \$20

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 27

Martin UMC:

Worship - 28

In Case You are Wondering:
April 17th 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$857.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$825

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 38

Martin UMC:

Worship: 45

Men's Fellowship and Video Study

The Chosen

Join us on Saturday,
April 30th, May 7th,
May 14th, and May
21st at 9:00 a.m.

Martin UMC

Easter People Living in a Good Friday World

As Christians we are Easter people! We live this side of that first Easter. This side of the crucifixion. Christ has died, and Christ has risen! Because of that everything has been changed, for all time. A power has been released into the world, a power sufficient to change everything, to change all of us, for the better!

We know, because the Bible tells us, that it was through the power of the Holy Spirit that God raised Jesus from the dead. It also tells us this same power also abides in us as Christians, as believers of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul said that 'if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you' (Romans 8:11). Power to live victoriously and to witness effectively!

We have been given everything that we need to live a good and Godly life. We need to be who we are....Easter people.

We also live in a Good Friday world. In many ways that First Good Friday and everything that Jesus endured is reflected in the world around us today. The brokenness, the suffering, the pain, the hurt, the unfairness, the sin.....the deceit. Don't get me wrong, our world is beautiful in many ways, God made it after all. There are amazing people in this world. People who love and care and work hard to help others. People who do their best to be like Jesus.

But even the best of us are sinners who need a Savior. My heart tells me that majority of people, deep down, know that they are sinners, and could and should live more godly, useful lives, but don't know how to change. People need the Good News! People need to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. They need to see it in us and around us.

We have to ability to help people change their lives. We have a responsibility to help people change their lives. We are Easter people! Let's help people in this Good Friday world by telling them about the unending love of Jesus Christ. Let's tell them the Good News so that they too can experience the power of God in their lives.

Come on Easter people....let's testify....Let's witness to this world.

Blessings,
Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

Graduation Sunday-June 5, 2022!

Please contact the church office and let us know who if you have a graduate that you would like to be honored. Please send us their name, degree/diploma, and school that they are graduating from.

Would you like to contribute to the "gift bag" to honor our graduates? Please let Pastor Maggie know! Gifts would be due by May 29, 2022

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, April 24, 2022
"Can I Get a Witness?"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 1st, 2022
"Who Are You Lord?"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 8th, 2022
"Get Up"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 15th, 2022
"What God Called Clean"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
"Opened the Heart"

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due May 4th, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Spring Clean Up
Inside and Out
Martin UMC -
Saturday,
May 21, 2022
10:30 a.m.



UPCOMING
SOUP SUPPERS
2022

To benefit the Christian
Neighbors Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 20, 5-7pm

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th Street
Plainwell

Wednesday, April 27, 5-7pm

Alamo Community Congregational Church
7925 N. 6th
Alamo

Wednesday, May 4, 5-7pm

Martin/Shelbyville United Methodist
Held @ Martin United Methodist
969 E. Allegan, Martin

Wednesday, May 11, 5-7pm

Otsego United Methodist
223 E. Allegan Street
Otsego

SAVE THE DATE

Shelbyville UMC
Community Picnic

July 24, 2022

All are welcome!

Please plan to come!

Details soon!

May 2022 Women's Book Club

April/May 2022 – Meeting will be: 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022 in person or 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022 - Zoom

Pray Confidently and Consistently: Finally Let Go of the Things Holding You Back from Your Most Important Conversation

Author: Valerie Woerner

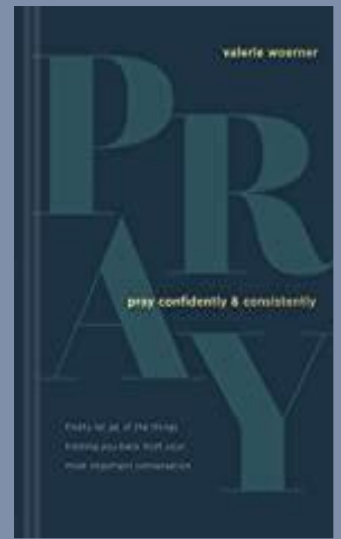
A vibrant, unstuck prayer life can begin for you right now.

*Why is it so difficult to pray without getting distracted?
Why don't I have this figured out by now?*

Pray Confidently and Consistently is for all of us who ask these questions and yearn for more. Join author and prayer journal creator Valerie Woerner in learning to pray boldly to the God of the universe who is beckoning us to come sit with him, share our hearts and needs, and simply know him.

Living in close communication with our Father has the power to transform even the most difficult moments of our lives. What weights do we need to throw off so they don't hold us back from a deeper connection with God? What distractions are keeping us from running freely with him?

When we release the burdens suffocating our prayer lives and leaving us gasping for Jesus, we can finally experience the truth that prayer changes everything.



Summer Camp Information

MUMC has scholarship funds available - Please contact the church office for the necessary forms.

Amount of each scholarship is dependent on the number of children that sign up (typically MUMC pays up to half).
5th graders receive full scholarship.
If you have questions, please contact Melinda Tison.

SUMC has scholarship funds available - Please pick up the camp information and forms just inside the entryway at SUMC.

Amount of each scholarship is dependent on the number of children that sign up. If you have questions, please contact Deb Boniface.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Martin UMC
JUNE 13 - June 17
SAVE THE DATE



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

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.

Important Dates

- May 1st** – Native American Sunday
- May 4th** – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Christian Neighbors Soup Supper Martin UMC.
- May 5th** – The Chosen & Popcorn 9:30 a.m. MUMC
- May 7th** – Men's Video Study 9:00 a.m. MUMC
- Mat 7th** – 9:00 a.m. Vendor/Craft Show and Lunch – Martin UMC Fellowship Hall
- May 8th** – Mother's Day
- May 11th** – MUMC Ad Council – 6:30 p.m.
- May 12th** – The Chosen & Popcorn 9:30 a.m. MUMC
- May 14th** - Men's Video Study 9:00 a.m. MUMC
- May 19th** – The Chosen & Popcorn 9:30 a.m. MUMC
- May 21st** - Men's Video Study 9:00 a.m. MUMC
- June 13 – June 17** – VBS – Martin UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: April 22nd, 2022

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- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Megan Rose - Cancer
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Stacy Knorr - Cancer
- Sandy Meyers - Cancer
- Hope Wassenaar - Cancer
- Terry Chlebana - Cancer
- Sue Arnsman - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Jason Sherry - healing/health
- Agnes Chlebana - Healing-recovering from a fall
- Amber Stephens - Brain Tumor
- Drew Rickert - Cancer
- Nancy Portice - Eye Surgery Recovery
- People of Ukraine
- Mary Lou Boyd - Health
- Jaryd Flick - Lymphoma
- Pearl Shook - Vision
- Billy Wine - Motorcycle Accident
- Stephanie, Al and Unborn Child - Healing Prayers
- Brent Hook - Recovering from surgery
- Gus Scott - Health/Awaiting answers for some issues
- Michael Guritz - Recovering from motorcycle accident
- Susan (Rhonda's cousin) Strength to care for family
- Sandy Conklin - Heart Issue

Spring is coming!! Martin UMC will be doing Spring Clean Up soon! Would you like to help out with \$\$\$ for flowers and freshening up the woodchips?

Please write a check or put cash in an envelope and note Spring Clean Up!

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