

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

April 28th, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 9

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

April 21st, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$525.00
Building Fund: \$49.47
Local Misson: \$1,000.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1058.63
Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 30

Martin UMC:

Worship: 68

April 14th, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$415.00
Building Fund: \$49.47
Special Offering: \$40.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,697.00
Building Fund: \$10.00
Special Offering: \$111.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 32

Martin UMC:

Worship: 76

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

Dear Church Family,

It is so exciting when we see new people coming into worship with us!!! Each person who joins our community brings unique gifts, talents, and experiences that enrich our congregation and strengthen our bond in faith.

In the book of Romans, chapter 12, verse 5, we are reminded that "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." As we embrace new members into our church family, we are reminded of the unity we share in Christ and the importance of welcoming and supporting one another in love.

One of the greatest blessings of being part of a church community is the opportunity to grow in faith together. As we welcome new comers, we are called to journey alongside them, offering our support, encouragement, and prayers as they deepen their relationship with God and discover their place in our church family.

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, verses 19-20, Jesus teaches us, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Let us come together in prayer and fellowship, united in our commitment to serve God and one another.

My heart is so full when I see so many of you extending your hand and opening your hearts to new worshipers in our churches! Let's invite them to share their stories, talents, and aspirations with us. Together, let's continue to grow in faith, love, and unity as we journey as one body in Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

*Birthday Card Shower
Georgia Young turns 97 on
May 12, 2024
Please send cards to:
Georgia Young
C/O Liz Warren
1521 Arnold Court
Traverse City, MI. 49684*

*50th Wedding Anniversary
Liz & Scott Warren
May 12, 2024
Please send cards to:
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Traverse City, MI. 49684*

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
May 1st, 2024.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



Food Pantry Items

May – Canned Goods

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 April 28, 2024

- Molly Mentzer – Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken – Health
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox – Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly - pray for healing
- Patti Jarvis – Health/Cancer Diagnosis
- Sherri Fewless – Health Issues
- Chip – Recovering from seizures
- Les Lynema – Leukemia
- Randy Yeo – Blood disorder
- Stan Town – bladder cancer
- Linda Reese – cancer diagnosis
- Shaylee Elkins – Cancer diagnosis
- Martin UMC – Children's Church
- Judy Shafer – Health
- Tracey Buskirk – Health
- Greg Cowan – Liver Transplant
- Remy Jane Colburn – Brain Tumor
- Ron Conley – Heart issue
- Jeremy Gilkison – Brain Surgery
- James Cole - Health
- Renata Moneta -Health
- Bruno Moneta - Rehavilitation
- The Family of Mike Kidd – Mike passed away recently
- John Fenner – Health
- Samantha and Tony
- Wayland student who lost their mother
- Outlook Academy Students and Staff
- The Family of Barb Little – Barb passed away recently
- Kathy Scobey – surgery
- Jason Arnsmen – knee injury
- Whitey Meyers – Under Hospice care
- The family of Kim Burky – Kim passed away recently
- Terry Thompson – Health
- Karen Baker – Health
- The family of Joyce Nauseida – Joyce passed away recently
- Lindsey Folk – India Mission Trip
- Jim Stoken – Surgery recovery
- Catherine Blanchard – Health
- Chery Tuinstra – Health
- Elaine Ondersma – Cataract Surgery

Important Dates

April Food Pantry Items:

Cleaning Products

May Food Pantry Items:

Canned Goods

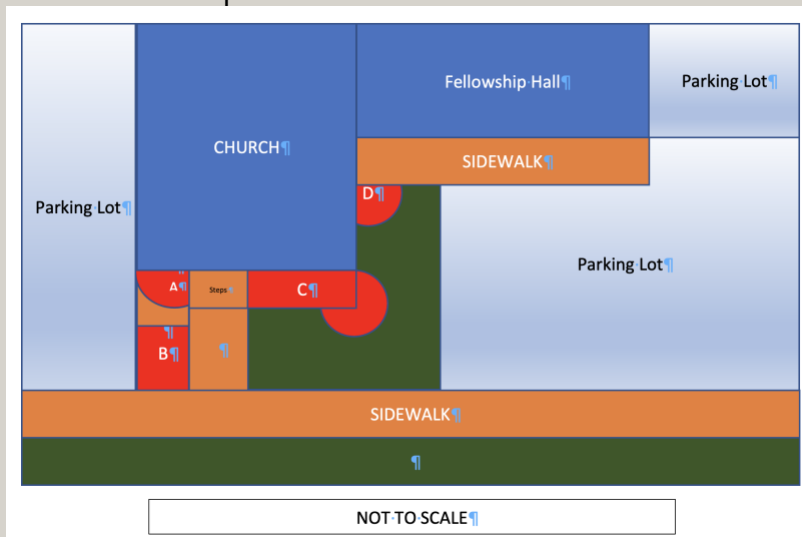
- April 28th – Youth Group Grades 6-12
Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Allegan Co. Food Pantry Collaboration
Cereal Drive – Month of May
- May 1 – Christian Neighbors Soup Supper
Martin 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 8th – United Women in Faith – 10:00
a.m. Shelbyville/Potluck
- May 11 – Stamp Out Hunger/Postal Drive
- May 12th – Special Offering – Peace with
Justice
- May 19th – Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red
- May 19 – May 26 – Pastor Maggie
Vacation
- May 29 – June 1 – Annual Conference
- June 2, 2024 – Graduation Sunday
- June 8 – Don Darrow Memorial service at
Martin 9 – 11:00 a.m. visitation – noon
service

SAVE THE DATE!

Chicken BBQ
MUMC
July 20, 2024

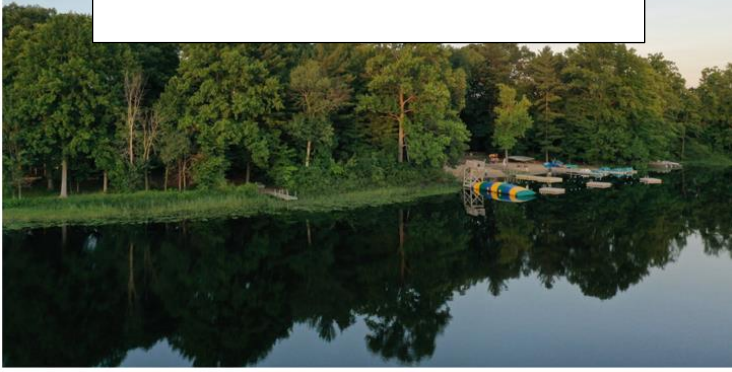


Adopt a Flower Bed at Martin UMC



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.

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!

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



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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 Tison
Camp Coordinator

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!

SON-Life Camp is seeking a Part-time Maintenance Assistant to lend a hand a few mornings a week this summer. For more information contact Laura at 269-792-2081 or larua@son-lifecamp.org

Lindsey Folk NEEDS YOUR HELP! 2024 Mission Trip to India

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to tell you about an amazing opportunity that I have been given to serve the Lord once again on a mission trip to minister to children in India from July 24th to August 5th this year. I will be traveling with an organization called Orphan Outreach and they are committed to serving orphans and vulnerable children around the world. In 2018 I served on my first mission trip with Orphan Outreach. You can learn more about the ministry of Orphan Outreach on their website at www.orphanoutreach.org.

As a mission trip participant, I will serve children and their families by providing essentials of care and sustainable support to ensure the children and families are strengthened. Our main purpose is to build relationships to show each child that he or she is loved unconditionally and is special in the eyes of our Heavenly Father.

I can't do this on my own. I need the support of friends and family in my life to make this happen. I am thankful for your influence in my life and would love for you to be a part of this mission trip with me. One of the ways you can help me is to pray for the ministry we will perform and for me personally. Please pray that all work would be done according to God's will and for His glory. Also pray for the children we will serve, for unity among my team, and for the details of our travel and itinerary.

If you would like to give financially, the individual cost of the trip is \$5300. This includes airfare, food, bottled water, lodging, ground transportation, interpreters, travel insurance, sightseeing and cultural events, etc. If you are able to make a gift to Orphan Outreach to assist with expenses you can go directly to my Mission Trip page at: <https://my.orphanoutreach.org/trip-donation/m24-07/Lindsey-Folk> Or you are able to donate using the QR Code at the bottom of this page.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and willingness to be a part of God's work in India. I pray that my team will be God's faithful servants on this trip and hope that you will prayerfully consider joining me through your prayers and/or financial support. May God bless you richly as you consider your involvement in this mission trip!

In Christ,

Lindsey Folk

Trip Itinerary:
 Jul 24th - Jul 25th-Depart USA, Arrive India
 Jul 26th - Travel to Alzawi; Orientation at Hotel
 Jul 27th - Jul 29th Ministry at Gan Sabra
 Jul 30th - Depart Alzawi; Arrive Delhi!
 Jul 31st - Rest; Shopping in Delhi; Museum and cultural experiences
 Aug 1st - Travel to Manali; Visit Dar-Ul-Fazl
 Aug 2nd -4th Ministry at Dar-Ul-Fazl
 Aug 5th - Travel to Delhi; Depart to USA
 Aug 6th - Arrive USA



Drop Boxes for Cereal Drive
 can be located near the
 entrances at Martin &
 Shelbyville UMC

Allegan County
Food Pantry
 Collaborative
 A Program of the Allegan County Community Foundation

Cereal Drive

Ways to Donate:

- alleganfoundation.org
- Scan the QR code
- Text CEREAL to 44-321
- Send a donation to:

ACCF at 112 Locust St,
 Allegan, MI 49010

MAY 1-31

*We can maximize your
 dollars through bulk
 purchasing!*



**BECAUSE HUNGER
 DOESN'T TAKE A
 SUMMER VACATION!**



Allegan County Community Foundation
 Inspiring Community, For Good, For Ever.



Outlook Academy

Class of 2024

Join us as we celebrate and embrace 13 graduates from Outlook Academy with love and gifts, showcasing the compassion of Jesus Christ. Let's come together to shower these graduates with blessings and support as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on these young individuals as they transition into the next phase of their journey. Let's spread love, joy, and faith as we uplift and empower these graduates in the name of Christ.

3 girls and 10 boys make up the graduating class of 2024. MUMC Missions Committee are putting together graduation gift bags and snack boxes for each graduate. MUMC & Bible and Brew have purchased a Bible and a necklace for each of them.

Please join in this celebration by taking a tag from the bulletin board in fellowship hall and provide one or more of the following:

- Graduation Tumblers
- Socks
- Jolly Ranchers
- \$25 McDonalds gift card

Please fill the tags and bring to church no later than May 12, 2024

About Outlook Academy: Outlook Academy offers Middle and High School education for students who are suspended, expelled, court-ordered, or placed through the IEP process. These students are often from broken homes, dysfunctional homes, or homes that lack parental guidance.

Outlook Academy Mission: To empower our students to reintegrate into their communities and graduate as competent learners and responsible citizens through having the freedom to make positive choices

Outlook Academy Believes: A safe, orderly, and positive environment is necessary for learning. Diversity is key to meeting the unique needs of all students. Community service builds belonging. The ability to self-monitor leads to healthy minds, bodies, and lifelong learning



MARTIN AND SHELBYVILLE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCHES

PRESENTS

**CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS
SOUP SUPPER**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024
4:30 to 7:00 pm**

**6 TYPES OF SOUP, SALADS, DESSERTS,
BEVERAGES
ALL HOMEMADE!!**

Donations accepted to benefit

Christian Neighbors

Feed the hungry, Care for the needy, Help the poor, Spread the Good News!!



Held at the:
Martin United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
969 E. Allegan St.
Martin, MI