

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors”

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GOD IS SO GOOD!

Jeff Oldebeken's scooter arrived! Thanks to all who had a hand in making this happen!

Happy Birthday Pearl Shook -
95 years young!

Happy Birthday Trudy Wells -
90 years young!

Itinerancy in the United Methodist church

Our unique system of deploying clergy has its roots in the earliest days of Methodism. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, preached up to 40,000 sermons in his lifetime. He was an "itinerant" preacher, traveling from town to town in England, setting up Methodist societies.

"John Wesley believed that itinerant preachers who moved from place to place were more effective than those who settled in, grew comfortable, and wore out what they had to say," says the Rev. Belton Joyner.

In a letter to the Rev. Samuel Walker in 1756, Wesley wrote, "We have found by long and consistent experience that a frequent exchange of preachers is best. This preacher has one talent, that another; no one whom I ever yet knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing, and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation."

In the early days of Methodism in America, a pastor — most often a circuit rider — might be appointed to half of a state or more. His appointment might be for only three months, after which he moved to another circuit. Thousands of the oldest United Methodist congregations today trace their history to a circuit rider.

These riders traveled from place to place to begin Methodist societies. Eventually, especially after the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, most of these societies became congregations. This practice continued and became the basis for the itinerant system The United Methodist Church uses today.

United Methodist pastors are sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them. "Appointment" is the action taken by bishops. These are different, yet related.

While bishops make appointments, they incorporate a consultative process outlined in The Book of Discipline that includes district superintendents, clergy and pastor/staff parish relations committees. The needs and desires of clergy are considered, but the mission of the church comes first.

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“By faith, we can make our way through this pandemic, trusting that our efforts to mitigate the virus, to get vaccinated will allow us space to learn and grow as church. By faith, we can make our way through this time of separation, of uncertainty of anxiety. By faith, we move forward to live more lovingly, including engaging in difficult work to change an unloving world. We may not be able to resolve or remove the world’s suffering forever, but we can make some difference, and we are called in Christ to make the difference we can.”

Bishop David Bard

Bishops Blog

<https://bishop.michiganumc.org/category/bishops-blog/>

PASTOR COREY & ELLYN FAREWELL RECEPTION

- **JUNE 13, 2021 AT THE SHELBYVILLE UMC**
- **OUTDOOR DINING**
- **WE WILL SAFELY BE SERVING:**
- **SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGES**
- **IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS A GIFT FOR THE SIMON’S, PLEASE GIVE TO CAROLYN, SHARON OR MAGGIE**

Pastor Corey’s Message

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

Scripture Reading: John 15:9 – 17

“We’re Still On Love”

Holy Communion will be served.

Congratulations on your College Graduation to Kayleigh Collins!! Good luck in your teaching career! You will be an amazing teacher!

Congratulations on your College Graduation to Benjamin Andrews! Good luck in Chapel Hill, NC as you earn your master’s degree!

IF YOU HAVE NOT LOGGED IN TO SERVANT KEEPER AS OF APRIL 27, 2021:

You will receive an email that says:

Martin / Shelbyville UMC has given you access to manage your family profile online - Please log in by May 15, 2021; if you have not logged in by May 15th, 2021 you will no longer receive church-wide emails and you will not have access to the online church directory.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?

EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM

WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

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Summer Book Club for Women 2021

Month	Book	Club Meeting; Book Review & Fellowship
May	Giddy Up Eunice	May 22, 2021 9:30 a.m.
June	Get Out of Your Head	June 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.
July	Legacy of Mercy	July 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.
August	If You <u>Wanna</u> Walk <u>On</u> Water	August 28, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Small Group Ideas:

Bible Study

Book Study

Craft Group/Fellowship

Prayer Groups

Zoom or In Person

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!

TESTIMONY

I have been "A Christian" all my life. I attended church as a child with or without my parents. I was lucky to have a church close by even when they did not attend. I have always felt the presence of God in my life. It wasn't until a few years ago when my world was falling apart, and I was experiencing fear like no fear I had ever experienced that I recognized that the Holy Spirit is right there! Right next to me! Never out of reach. When I realized that prayer without ceasing is prayer that takes place throughout the day both planned and randomly. Giving thanks to God for the blessings that he has rained down on me! Each and every day I grow and learn. This kind of prayer has been a game changer....It has changed my life and changed my relationship with God. "Keep trusting in the Lord and do what is right in his eyes. Fix your heart on the promises of God, and you will dwell in the land, feasting on his faithfulness." Psalm 37:3 & 4.

Maggie Stoken

Important Events

- Shelbyville UMC Ad Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:00 p.m.
- Martin UMC – Grounds Clean Up – Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mother's Day – Sunday May 9th, 2021
- Summer Book Club Meeting – May 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
- Pearl Shook 95th Birthday – May 5th, 2021
- Trudy Wells 90th Birthday – May 6th, 2021
- Graduation Sunday June 13th, 2021 Martin & Shelbyville
- Pastor Corey & Ellyn Farewell Reception – June 13th, 2021 Noon at Shelbyville UMC

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer - COVID
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Tara Oldebeken - COVID
- Terry Chrisman and family
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Dina Goodrich - Home - Recovering from COVID
- Deb Hilsbos & Deb's Mother
- Dorothy Levett - Dorothy is in a long term care facility
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Jamie Dunklee - Hospitalized due to COVID
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment - Chemo pill started this week
- Wes Madison - Receiving Hospice care
- Dominic Lawrence - 6-year-old boy fighting cancer
- Pastor Sean -broken ankle
- Jason & Joanna Beeman - Jason is heading home!!
- Bobbie Rae Straub - Health
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Jean - neighbor to Linda Creviston - Cancer
- Neola Martin - Deb Boniface's Mother - Health/Homecare
- Makala Goddard - Softball injury
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Irene Boulter - Arm Injury
- Ron Katjie - Recovering
- Jennifer Holland - COVID
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Raelynn Elkins – Newborn in NICU for breathing problems