

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

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**“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors.”**

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In Case You are Wondering:
July 18, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection \$610.17

Property: \$150.00

Local Missions: \$35.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection \$650.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 33

Martin UMC: 27

Did you know you can give thru our website? Go to martinumc.org or shelbyvilleumc.org for more information or you are welcome to give in person in our sanctuaries or drop your gift in the mail!

Making Disciples

We know that our job is to make disciples. The Bible clearly tells us that. Matthew 28:18 – 20 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Just telling people about Jesus Christ is a great start, but it is not enough. We still have a responsibility to teach them. To encourage them. To give them opportunities to learn about Jesus.

God takes every person's spiritual journey very seriously. Do we? Are we investing in the lives of our brothers and sisters by sharing our own experiences? Are we make opportunities for learning available?

Making disciples is a HUGE responsibility for Christians. It is also an honor given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He promises to be there with us.

How can we offer opportunities for learning?

- We make ourselves available
- We listen for the questions that our spiritual brothers and sisters are asking or in some cases, not asking. For some, especially seekers, it is hard to know what questions to ask
- We offer small groups
- We offer Bible or book studies
- We focus on making Disciples
- We make sure that our churches are warm and welcoming

Most of us learn, struggle, and learned some more until we understand the basics of living the life of a Disciple. Remember, no matter how long we've believed, we never stop needing advice and encouragement from those farther along in the journey.

-Pastor Maggie

Just As I Am
JULY 19–25, 2021
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: The Bible is filled with the stories of imperfect people. David is a classic case. In Second Samuel he uses his power to have sex with another man's wife, tries to cover it up, and then plots the murder of her husband. How can this be the same man who penned this week's psalm, which decries the foolishness of people who act in a godless way? Like us, David was a fallen person who needed God's extravagant mercy. In Ephesians we read of this same extravagance given through Christ, whose power can do what we cannot—namely redeem all of us who are also foolish and fallen. The Gospel author demonstrates the power of Jesus through what he describes as "signs," which Jesus performed not primarily to amaze the onlookers but rather to point them to his identity as the Son of God.

Toward Confession and Forgiveness
JULY 26–AUGUST 1, 2021
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: David thinks he has gotten away with his sins, but God sends Nathan to tell David a story. The story angers David, but Nathan reveals that the story is really about David's own behavior. Indeed, it can be tempting to condemn others' sin, while we justify our own. Psalm 51 is David's appeal to God for forgiveness and restoration. If we want to please God in our own lives, what does this look like? Ephesians tells us that the signs of a redeemed life include humility, love, patience, and building up one another (the opposite of what David displayed). In John, Jesus has crowds following him because they want a free meal. The lasting nourishment they truly need, Jesus teaches, comes through believing that God has sent him.

Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

July – Pancake Mix & Syrup

Please place items in the container and they will be transported to the pantry.

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

July – Toilet Paper

Please place items in box labeled Food Pantry in fellowship hall.

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 25th, 2021
"Rooted & Grounded in Love"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, July 25th, 2021
"A Life Worthy"

July 25, 2021
Shelbyville UMC
Community Picnic

Please join us for
outdoor worship, picnic,
fellowship, and a very
special time of
dedication for our dear
brother Bob Benedict

Correction from Bulletins
Confidential Pastor Email:
umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/testimonies
are due August 3rd, 2021
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

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

Thank you to Shannon, Makala and Kendra
Goddard for the beautiful flowers that were placed
on the alter at Martin UMC on Sunday, July 18th,
2021!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?
EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM
WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

June 9th Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

July 14 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 11 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Aug. 19 & 20 Basement Sale

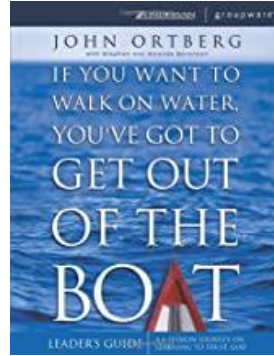
Sept. 8 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Oct. 13 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Nov. 10 Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon Potluck Lunch

Dec. 8 Cookie Plates, 1:00pm (No Potluck)

Women's Summer Book Club



August Book!
Order yours
today!
August book
review will be on
August 28th at
9:30 a.m. Martin
UMC

Would you like to be a worship leader?

If you are interested in getting involved on Sunday mornings by making announcements, lighting candles, helping with music, etc. we would love to have you!

We are looking for people that want to be involved in things like:

- announcements and be part of Sunday morning worship
- music – musicians of all kinds
- performing special music
- work with sound and video
- lead music
- greeters
- ushers

Please contact Maggie if you are interested!

Your talents are God's gift to you.... what you do with them is your gift to God!

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!

Shelbyville UMC Basement Sale August 19th and 20th

Items can be brought in after July 25, 2021

Pricing for clothes will be standard except for:

- Dresses
- Coats

Pricing for the following items will be:

- Toys - .50 or as marked
- Jewelry - .50 or as marked
- Stuffed animals - .50
- Games - .50
- Puzzles - .50
- Records and Tapes - .25
- CD's - .50
- VHS - .50
- DVD – 1.00
- Books - .50

All household items not included above should come in marked by the person donating. Please feel free to email the church office if you have any questions.

TESTIMONY

Why Testify? Why share your testimony? There are many reasons. I am going to share a few that in my opinion are very important.

- Your faith story is your story and yours alone. It is unique and no one else has a story like yours.
- You become a resource to others. Maybe your friend, your family, or maybe the person in the pew next to you is struggling with their faith. Maybe they are struggling with a situation in their life. By knowing your faith story, they can see that we all have trials, we all come from somewhere and we all are growing every single day.
- The Bible tells us to be prepared to – 1 Peter 3:15 (The Message) Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.
- It gives you courage. When you speak about your faith and your faith story it gives you courage and you become more bold and more willing to share your faith and the word of God. When Jesus' disciples thought back on all He had taught them, they were able to spread Jesus' Way to more and more people. Remembering their life before Jesus and comparing it to their lives after knowing Jesus spurred them on.
- BECAUSE IT GLORIFIES GOD!

Important Events

- July 24th – Women’s Book Club – 8:45 a.m. Martin UMC
- July 25th – Shelbyville UMC Community Picnic
- July 25th – Communion
- July 25th – Dedication for Bob Benedict at Shelbyville UMC
- July 14th – Ad Council Meeting 6:00 MUMC
- July 27th – Bulletin announcements due
- August 19th & 20th – Basement Sale at Shelbyville UMC
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here?

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Updated: July 20, 2021

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Al and Karen Kornaelje – Al is now receiving hospice care
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Gloria Shook - Health
- Joyce McAllister - Family Issues
- Dave Jager - Health Issues
- Dennis Mills – Heart Valve Replacement
- Edie Kilmer - Under Hospice Care
- Jack Washburn - Heart Issues
- Jackie Mclochlin - Health Issues
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Mary Warner (Shelbyville) – Recovering from bypass surgery
- Orié Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee – Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Ben Parker – Cancer diagnosis
- Bob Vanderploeg - Health
- Sharon Warner – Recovering from quadruple bypass
- Sandra Holbrook – struggling with physical issues
- Alice Boyce – Alice is receiving hospice care
- Dee Bos – Health
- Jacklyn Mclochlin – Issues with pregnancy/health
- Mike Kelly – Health
- Chris Davis – Cancer
- Mary McGhee – Testing/health
- Nephew of Missy Holden, Zack – recovery from injuries due to car accident
- Family of Don Guritz – Don passed away on July 12, 2021

HELP WANTED

Food Pantry Coordinator

The Martin and Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry is in need of a Food Pantry Coordinator (FPC). This person should have a heart for missions and helping those in need. FPC will serve on the MUMC mission committee (it is not required that they are a member of SUMC or MUMC). This position is a volunteer position.

Responsibilities: Schedule volunteers, ensure that volunteers are trained properly, order food, schedule food pick-ups.

Required skills: Excellent people skills, basic computer, and reporting skills (both online and paper documentation).

Contact Sharon Buys if you are interested in discussing this position.

Worship Leaders – Martin UMC

Sunday morning musicians

Sunday morning song leaders

Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements

Special Music Providers

Video and Sound people (we can train!)

Worship Leaders – Shelbyville UMC

Sunday morning Worship Leader/Announcements

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Please See Pastor Maggie to discuss any of these positions that you may be interested in.

Jesus Freaks willing to share
their testimony....contact
Pastor Maggie