

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

July 21st, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 14

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

July 16th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$694.47

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$722.00

Food Pantry: \$230.00

Henderson Mission: \$310.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 32

Martin UMC:

Worship: 30

July 9th, 2023

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$743.47

Mission: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,511.00

Food Pantry: \$250.00

Building Fund: \$110.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 39

Martin UMC:

Worship: 50

Worship

Martin UMC – 9:30 a.m.

Shelbyville UMC – 11:00 a.m.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

What is a funeral ministry? Why is it important?

“Pastor Maggie why do we have so many funeral services?” That’s a question I have been asked lately. This is my response: We live in a culture that has an increasingly secular view; we are living in a society that is more estranged from the Church than it has been for generations; a society that has increasing antagonism with all institutional life; a society that is highly distracted by the world, the flesh, and the snares of the devil. Christian funerals are services of worship. Worship is best offered from the church. (I also believe this to be true of weddings.) The memorial or funeral service is not just a service where the community comes together to remember and to celebrate the life of a loved one who is “no longer with us.” The Funeral Book states it starkly - it is the service for The Burial of the Dead.

The purpose of a Christian burial service is to remember the person who has died, but in the context of the knowledge that the person who died was made by God, has been redeemed by Christ through the waters of baptism and through faith, and is destined for glory. It is to give thanks to God for the life of the person, to commend to God in prayer the soul of the departed and to be encouraged by God in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. So...a funeral service is worship.

It is interesting that when people are estranged from the church that it is still very important to them that their loved one have a Christian Memorial Service or a Christian burial. This is a real opportunity for us, Christians, to lovingly lead them back to church. This is a time where they are thinking about mortality and where one is going after their death.

When we offer funeral services to those that are estranged or those that do not have a church/church family of their own, we are reaching out in Christian love to those that are vulnerable, heartbroken, and in need of support/love. These opportunities to show God’s love come around often. We are two of the few area churches that are open to extending that love to families that are estranged from church or who are not attending church. I hope this helps to explain why we have an active in funeral ministry. Is this a ministry that you are interested in? Helping during the service, planning, set-up or the funeral luncheon? I would love to talk to you about the opportunities to participate in this ministry.

I am hoping to put together a funeral planning committee in the near future. This committee would need folks that are available and flexible with their time due to the scheduling of these services.

This ministry has brought many people thru our doors that would not have come for any other reason...each time they come it is an opportunity for us to share Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

VBS July 31 – August 4

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at MUMC

The Connection -
Next issue
announcements/articles/
Testimonies are due
July 26th, 2023.

Email to:

martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Office Hours:

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

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

Knit, Pray & Crochet

*Thursday, July 27th & August 10th at 10:00 a.m.
Join us for fellowship, and to knit, crochet, & pray.
Want to learn? Come and learn how to make a prayer shawl or lap blanket.*



**Food Pantry
Month of July
Laundry Supplies**

**Food Pantry
Month of August
Zip Loc Bags**

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated July 21st, 2023

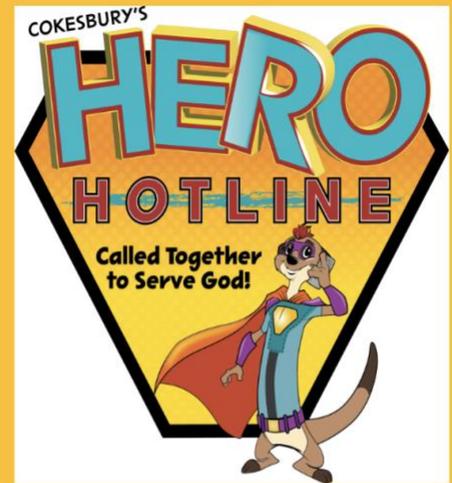
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Victims of gun violence & their families
- Kenny Martin - Cancer Diagnosis
- Justin Buskirk - Leukemia Diagnosis
- Darren Mulder - Health
- Emma - Leukemia
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Tim Hayes - Health
- Renate Monata (Anita's sister)
Recovering- Treatment will begin in August
- Naomi Martin - health
- Jerry Oker - Health
- Sandy VanWormer - Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Cheryl Tuinstra - Cancer Diagnosis
- Meagan Rose - Health
- MUMC/SUMC Youth Group
- MUMC/SUMC Summer Campers
- The family of Cheryl Tuinstra - Cheryl passed away July 16, 2023
- Jan Vernon - Health
- Clark Beard - Heart Issues
- Larry Mattox - Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Jim Koterba-Health
- Glenn Berens - New pacemaker
- The family of Alex Ray
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Dell Temple - Recovering from knee surgery
- Bayne Signeski Family
- The Family of Brian Gorton - Brian passed away recently
- Jimmy Fugate - Car Accident
- Children being hurt during custody battle

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for July – Laundry Supplies

- July 26th – Henderson Mission Meeting- Martin F.H. – 6:00 p.m.
- July 27th – Red Cross/Blood Drive Martin F.H. 10:00 a.m.
- July 27th – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin- 10:00 a.m.
- July 30th – Accepting new members Shelbyville
- Food Pantry Items for August – Zip Lock Baggies
- July 31st – Aug 4th – VBS Martin 6:00 p.m.
- August 9th – Ad Council Meeting Martin – 6:00 p.m.
- August 10th – Chair Exercise Class Starts - Fellowship Hall 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE!



Martin United Methodist Church

**Vacation Bible School
July 31 - August 4, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

VBS Update

Vacation Bible School is getting closer! We have some opportunities for you to be involved. There are tags on the fellowship hall doors in Martin that have food items on them. If you're able, you can grab a few to help provide the kids with a snack each evening they are with us. We also could use one more crew leader and 2 or 3 people willing to help with registration every night. Please contact Kristin or Pastor Maggie if you're able to help. We are very excited to shine God's light on these children and we thank everyone involved for helping us make it happen!

Dear Martin UMC Church Family,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAGA>

You can also find this link on our website: martinumc.org – upper right hand corner.

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie



Summer Camp! 2023



Dates for Chair Exercise

At Martin Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:30 am

August 10th

August 15th

August 17th

August 22nd

August 24th

August 29th

Come and join in the fun of
exercising....

CAMP GIFT BAGS

Owen and Madelynn Hoekstra would like to thank Bible and Brew for the great gifts for Son Life Camp. They each received canvas bags with their names on them, a camp journal and pen, bug spray, and a gift certificate for a Son Life Camp shirt.