

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

August 5th, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 16

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
July 17th, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$608

Food Pantry: \$250

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,123

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 39

Martin UMC:

Worship - 24

In Case You are Wondering:
July 24th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,073

Property: \$40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$745

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 53

Martin UMC:

Worship: 18

In Case You are Wondering:
July 31st, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,243.27

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$621

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 25

Martin UMC:

Worship: 27

Does It Feel Like the World is On Fire?

We live in such a crazy time. A crazy time for our communities, a crazy time for our families, a crazy time for our finances and a crazy time for the church.

Here we are on what I hope is the “tail end” of the pandemic. Housing is almost impossible to find for those that are seeking. People are still wondering what is going to happen to the “Church” when a General Conference finally happens. People are living with a lot of fear.

It hurts my heart that our children have lived thru the time. It has impacted their education, it has impacted their social development, and many other things. I am wondering what the long-term effect will be for them will be.

There are so many things that seem to be out of our control. But nothing is out of God's control. When there seems to be flames all around us, look to God. Don't be anxious, don't be afraid.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus Christ knew that his time to die was approaching. As he prepared his disciples he left them with the promise of his legacy - peace. The Gospel of Jesus is peace, both eternal peace through His death and resurrection and peace on earth. By faith in Jesus we find relief from our worries and fear. Any peace the world offers is temporary and fleeting, the peace that Christ offers is lasting and solid. We can trust a loving God who would offer up His son as a payment for our sins in exchange for eternal and earthly peace.

If you look around and the world seems to be on fire...look to God.

Imagine those folks that don't know God...what do they do? Invite them to church...share your story...Share the Good News!

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

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.

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 7th, 2022
"Learn to Do Good"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 14th, 2022
"Yielding Wild Grapes?"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 21st, 2022
"I Knew You"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, August 28th, 2022
"Cracked Cisterns"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 3rd, 2022
"Counting the Cost"

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due August 17th, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Martin UMC
Building Fund
Be prepared for
exciting news this
Sunday!

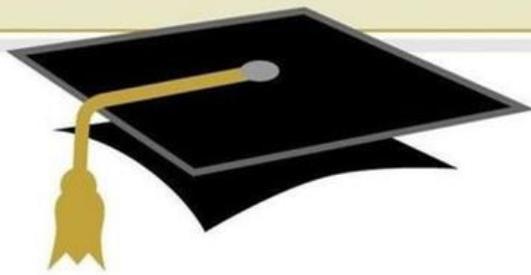
Sunday School for all ages at
Martin UMC returns
September 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
Please plan to attend and to invite a
friend!



Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the gift bag full of goodies and the celebration Sunday. I will definitely be able to use the gift cards, washcloths, snacks, and inspirational items. It's nice to know that I have a church family who will support and pray for my future. I have so many good memories in this place. And Pastor Maggie, thanks for the years of fruit snacks! :)

*In gratitude,
Javier Guevara*



Please join us at graduation!
Margaret (Maggie) Stoken
will be graduating from
Michigan School for License as a
Local Pastor

November 6th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd,
Okemos, MI 48864



Important Dates

August – United Women in Faith = Rada Cutlery Fund Raiser
August 10th – Martin - Ad Council 6:30 p.m.
August 10th – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck
August 20th – Bake Sale/Craft Sale – SUMC-
August 28th – Christian Education Sunday Special Offering
September 7th –Shelbyville - Ad Council 6:00 p.m.
September 8th – The Chosen and Popcorn – Martin – 9:00 a.m.
September 10th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin 9:00 a.m.
September 11th –Sunday School Kick Off! 11:00 a.m. - Martin
September 14th – United Women in Faith – Shelbyville – 10:00 a.m./Potluck
September 14th –Martin - Ad Council 6:30 p.m.
September 17th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin 9:00 a.m.
September 17th – Women's Book Study – Well Watered Woman and Lineage of Grace, Novella 1, 2, 3, Martin – 11:00 a.m. – Martin
September 17th – Community Breakfast – Martin 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
September 24th – Men's Study Chosen- Martin 9:00 a.m.
October 1st – Men's Study Chosen- Martin 9:00 a.m.
October 1st – Women's Book Study – Lineage of Grace, Novella 4 and 5, Martin – 11:00 a.m. N- Martin
November 6th – Pastor Maggie's Graduation at Okemos Community Church – 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: August 4th, 2022

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Stacy Knorr - Cancer
- Sandy Meyers - Cancer
- Sue Arnsman - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Mary Lou Boyle - Cancer
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Dick Boyle - Strength
- The family of Jessie Rasnake - Jessie passed away on July 26, 2022
- Mayson Campbell - Health
- The DeManns - a new baby!!
- The family of Merry Ondersma - Merry passed away on August 3, 2022
- Ann Wells - Health
- Trudy Wells - Health
- The family of Beverly Burrows - Beverly passed away on July 22, 2022
- Betty Barden - Cancer
- Lora Scalia - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Letty Sherry - Health

Food Pantry
Month of August
Canned Goods -
Fruits and Vegetables

Don't forget about the
United Women of
Faith
Rada Fundraiser!