

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

August 31st, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 25

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

In Case You are Wondering:

August 22th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection \$1,068.17

Property: \$140.00

Mission: \$80.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection \$1,353.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 35

Martin UMC: 25

In Case You are Wondering:

August 29th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$ 1,725.27

Property: \$25.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$760.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 35

Martin UMC: 24

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

#### LET'S PUMP IT UP!

##### Does Your Soul Need a Workout?

Many people go to the gym or they make specific time to work out their body. To gain muscle, to remain flexible, to increase stamina; to improve their physical health. Physical health is very important!

Are we doing things that will improve or increase our spiritual health? Does your soul get a workout?

I have been working on some spiritual disciplines that I don't generally focus on and it's been good!

Spiritual disciplines are habits, practices, and experiences that are designed to develop, grow, and strengthen certain qualities of our spirit — to build the “muscles” of our character. Spiritual Disciplines are the “workouts” that train the soul.

Theologians and philosophers have come up with many different practices that are considered spiritual disciplines! Here are some examples of spiritual disciplines.

Meditation	Prayer	Fasting
Fellowship	Journaling	Stewardship
Simplicity	Study	Evangelism
Contemplation	Confession	Solitude
Gratitude	Self-Examination	Silence

Which ones do you practice? Which ones would you like to learn more about?

Working out our soul gives us that muscle memory that we need to be more like Jesus. When our soul is in good shape our reflex becomes love, compassion, kindness, gratitude.

**Make your soul strong! Workout!**

**Pastor Maggie**

## The Maker of All

AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: It is sometimes an uncomfortable subject for many, but God does have ethical standards. The author of Proverbs declares that those who act unjustly, particularly if they oppress the poor, will provoke God's judgment. The psalmist repeats the refrain that God blesses the righteous but is not pleased with those who choose a consistent lifestyle of rebellion against God. James challenges us practically on this point. Do we judge people by their wealth or status? This is not from God. True faith shows no partiality and prompts action. Jesus models this in Mark when he heals two Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles generally remained separate (an ancient form of racism), but Jesus did not discriminate based on their ethnicity. He cared only about their hearts.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

## How Then Shall We Live?

SEPTEMBER 6–12, 2021

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Through the scriptures and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God shows the paths of righteousness and warns against the ways of destruction.

The writer of Proverbs describes this as the voice of Wisdom crying out, yet some refuse to listen—to their peril.

The psalmist rejoices in the law of the Lord, for God's decrees teach us how to live well. Living a godly life includes paying attention to our speech. How can we, James asks, praise God with our lips and then curse others with those same lips? Peter is tripped up by his words in Mark. He declares Jesus to be the Messiah, yet in the next scene he recklessly rebukes Jesus for speaking of his death. Our words matter, and God desires purity and consistency.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

**Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday!**

**Email to:**

**[martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com)**

**Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection**  
September – Jam & Jelly

We have lots of peanut butter and need Jelly!  
Please place items in the container and they will be transported to the pantry.

**Pastor Maggie's Message**  
**Sunday, September 5th, 2021**  
**"Playing Favorites"**

**Pastor Maggie's Message**  
**Sunday, September 12th, 2021**  
**"Bite Your Tongue"**

## RECOGNITION CELEBRATION OF MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC

September 12, 12:30pm, at Martin UMC



Our church families have so much to be thankful for.

This will be an opportunity for our church families to unite and welcome Pastor Margaret Stoken as our leader. Jim (her husband) and their families will be joining us.

We also will be recognizing our volunteers. This has been a very difficult year. Many people have done things that you may not be aware of. We will honor them! Have you seen someone doing extra? Please be sure and give Pastor Maggie a call with their names.

We will also recognize the many folk who help with the food pantry. This is a huge mission project of our church.

We want the volunteers to know how much we appreciate them!

***Sure hope you will join us!***

**Confidential Pastor Email:**  
**[umcpastormaggs@gmail.com](mailto:umcpastormaggs@gmail.com)**

**The Connection - next issue**  
**announcements/articles/testimonies are due**  
**September 13, 2021**

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**Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection**  
September – Jam & Jelly

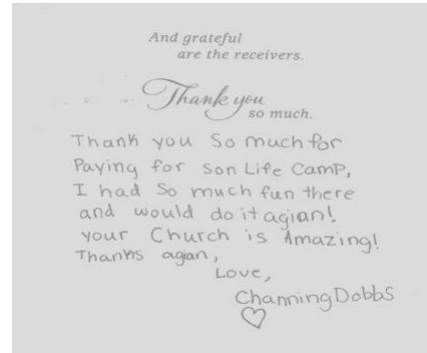
Please place items in the grocery cart outside of fellowship hall. We have lots of peanut butter and need Jelly!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?  
 EMAIL [MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM)  
 WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

**2021 Schedule UMW**

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

- 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)



Thank you  
 from  
 Channing  
 Dobbs



Martin UMC MISSION PROJECT – NOVEMBER 2021  
 BLANKET AND QUILT DRIVE

We will be helping those that are in need of blankets and quilts during the month of November.

Please plan to participate in this important mission! More information to come!



**Musical Extravaganza**



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

at The Big Rock Music Barn,  
 1125 - 122nd Ave. Martin, Michigan

To Support the:

**Martin Lions Club  
 WEEKEND BLESSINGS PROGRAM**

Live Music

Basement Jam 696, Bet Your Bottom Dollar,  
 Thirsty Land Bluegrass Gospel Band, And Soloists Performances

**Starts at 6:30 PM**

With refreshments to follow

**Weekend Blessings is a weekend food program for children in need who are attending Brandon Elementary**

A Free Will Offering will be Appreciated

THE NEWS-SENTINEL, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1941

**Mr. Billopp**

**Church Supper**

A church supper is a supper arranged for the benefit of the church. It immediately arouses prophets of disaster who point out that:

It should never have been scheduled for the evening selected as a lot of people on that night will be going to a concert, a lecture, a dance, a wedding or somebody else's church supper.

A lot of the ladies who usually work for it are sick, or engaged in war work, or will be out of town, or are busy with their children, or are undergoing an operation, or are

entertaining guests from out of town.

A sufficient interval has not been permitted to elapse between the last church card party and the present church supper.

The price to be asked for tickets is so high that there will be very few people willing to pay it, or the price is so low that they will go to all that work and trouble and not make a cent.

The people who ordinarily make donations are tired of making donations, or they have died or left the community, and it is very hard to find new people who are donation-minded.

The chances are that on the night of the supper it will hail or rain or sleet or snow or do something else meteorologically terrible, and then where will the church supper be? It would have been much more

sensible to have a play or tableaux or marionettes for the children, or almost anything rather than a church supper.

And so it would seem that the church supper is doomed to failure from the outset. But the surprising thing is that, in spite of the dreadful forebodings, there is no record of any church supper that, in the end, has not been declared a social, gastronomic and financial success.

**Discontent Caused By  
 Minority, Stambaugh**

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 27.—(A.P.)

—Lynn U. Stambaugh, American Legion national commander, says "less than 2,000,000 of the 40,000,000 working men in this country have caused all the discord and discredit that has

This article is dated November 1941 – Little has changed when it comes to the Church Supper!

**Did you know?**

1. John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts. He believed that god was deeply concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one.
2. John Wesley coined the term "agree to disagree."
3. John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.
4. Wesley taught that doubt was part of faith.
5. "Methodist" was originally a derogatory term.
6. Wesley counseled people to "eat a little less than you desire."
7. Wesley never intended to split from the Church of England.
8. Wesley taught you could not be a Christian on your own. He believed in "Social Holiness"
9. Methodism started as a "holy club" at Oxford – with four members. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley's lifetime.

# Important Events

- September 8, 6:30 p.m. Martin UMC Administrative Council
- September 12, 2021 – Sunday School Kick Off Martin UMC
- September 12, 2021 – Volunteer Recognition and Welcome Pig Roast 12:30 - Martin
- September 22, 6:30 p.m. Musical Extravaganza – Big Rock Music
- Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email [martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) with the details

## Prayer Concerns:

Email [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to update or to add!

- Updated: August 31, 2021

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment
- Edie Kilmer - Under Hospice Care
- Aerial Fox - Young woman diagnosed with lymphoma
- Ori Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Chris Davis - Cancer
- Jennifer Deidrich - Strength
- Deb Hilsbos & family - caring for mother
- Caroline Buskirk - Health
- Sandra Hoyt - heart valve replacement
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Jessie Rasnake - Heart & Cancer
- Jill Dussia - Health
- Vonda Christman - Under Hospice care
- Baby Jackson
- Oz Guevara - Health
- Marilyn Moore - Cancer/Surgery
- Sally Thompson & Family - Heart Problem
- Bobbie Thompson - Strength and comfort
- The Family of Victor Goddard - Vic passed away on August 27, 2021
- Matt & Shannon Goddard and family - strength and comfort/travel mercies
- Andy & Megan Lawson
- Richard Jones - Health
- Tracy Shifflin - Brain Bleed due to a fall
- Maxine Garwald - Recovering from a fall and pneumonia
- The People of Afghanistan
- Americans in Afghanistan
- The family of Kayla Lynn Deneau - Kayla passed away on August 27, 2021
- James & Ellyn Deneau - strength and comfort
- Marilyn Moore - Recovering from surgery
- Mark Ondersma - upcoming knee surgery
- Marge Solomon - Injuries due to a fall
- Wes & Bella Meyers - Healing - Strength - Comfort
- Those recovering from Hurricane Ida
- Madison Family
- Jim Miller
- Billy Everett
- Jamie Everett
- Education of our children/Public School Staff

If there is anyone you would like to see added to our prayer list, please send an email to [umcpastormaggs@gmail.com](mailto:umcpastormaggs@gmail.com)

## HELP WANTED

**Martin UMC: Additional Worship Committee members and Team Leader!**  
Help to develop, plan and schedule worship activities.

**SUMC Cares and MUMC Cares Teams:**  
Care Team Members – People with a heart for checking in, caring for and showing love to others!  
We have had our first meeting – you can still join if you are interested! Give Pastor Maggie a call!

### 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
- Special Music Providers

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