

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 2nd, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 18

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
August 21st, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,276,80

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$ 1,030.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 56

Martin UMC:

Worship - 31

In Case You are Wondering:
Aug 28th, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$886.70

Building Fund: \$40.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,200.00

Christian Education \$83.79

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 19

Martin UMC:

Worship: 35

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

The Perfect Life

When Jesus was asked by someone, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God? Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent’ (John 6:28-29). People want to know what they have to *do* to be right with God. We want lists. We want the a process to follow. We want something that will give us a sense of accomplishment and achievement to show that we have somehow earned good standing with God. But Christianity is not about what we must do, it’s about what God has done.

Jesus lived a perfect life and then paid the full price for our redemption through His death on the cross on our behalf. Ultimately, any sacrificial love we show for one another on this earth is simply an echo of the kind of love God has for us in giving us His Son.

How do we live a perfect life? We don’t, we are just humans, however, we can be more Christ-like. How do we do that?

- Christ loved all people, even the people that hated him.
- Possessions come and go, money comes and goes...knowledge is forever. Learn more about Jesus, study His word.
- Be patient, respond with love and faith rather than anger when someone differs from you or disagrees with you.
- Forgive – even during his greatest suffering Jesus forgave easily.
- Be humble – Christ is the only perfect person, yet when he walked the earth he was not prideful. Humility is a sign of spiritual power, not weakness.
- Obey God’s commands, follow when the spirit prompts you. Act on your faith and obey God.
- Be generous, support ministry. Help others.

Those are just a few of the things that we can do to be more “Christ-like”. Christ-like attributes are a gift from God. You already possess many of them....all you need to do is to be focused and work at them. God will help you with them if you just ask and you are willing to work at them.

Each and every day if we work at it we will become more and more Christ-like. One day at a time, one decision at a time.

Blessings,
Pastor Maggie

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Office Hours:

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

A God Story

A month ago I began asking people to pray for the Martin Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry and the need for drivers who have a truck. Since that time God has sent 2 drivers!

I asked our newest volunteer to join us in praying for Friday drivers. Her question was "what does it take?" I explained the process. Her response was "I have a van, I would be happy to help with pick up and delivery." GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

My grandson, Michael, has purchased a cargo van to start his own business. He is committing to the every Friday Allegan run, with the understanding he may occasionally have to work. ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD!

We now have a weekly driver and 4 subs (1 whom has committed to the Hamilton run for the next 3 months) who are willing to fill in!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Patsy

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 4th, 2022
"Counting the Cost"

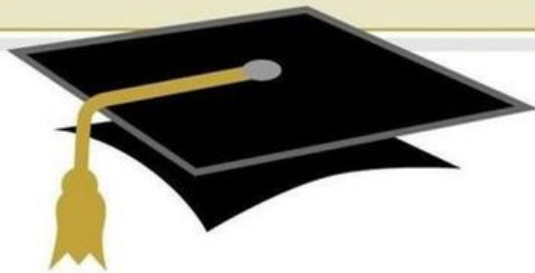
Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 11th, 2022
"Finding the Lost"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 18th, 2022
"Debts are Tossed"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, September 25th, 2022
"Gulf is Crossed"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, October 2nd, 2022
"Rekindle the Gift"

The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due September 14th, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



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



THANKS

thank you
Dear church family, for letting
me go the wesley woods.

Thank YOU

From Abbie

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone who made me feel so loved and supported at the time of my father's passing. There are no words to describe the way you all made me feel. I thank you for the prayers, the love and all the work that people did to assist with the service and luncheon. My brothers and I are humbled and very grateful
Love, Pastor Maggie.

Knit, Crochet & Pray

Pastor Maggie would like to start a group that makes prayer shawls and prayer lap blankets. Are you interested in being part of this ministry? Please contact Crystal or Pastor Maggie and let us know. We would like to find out if people are interested in working on them at home or getting together for prayer, fellowship, etc. We are also looking for people that might like to teach others.

IN SEARCH OF TRUNK OR TREAT COORDINATOR AT MUMC

Trunk or Treat is so much fun! Would you like to coordinate Trunk or Treat for us? Please let Pastor Maggie know if you are interested!



TO OUR MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Whether you pick up, load and unload, sort, separate, or stock food, recycle cardboard, serve our pantry clients or any other tasks that help keep our pantry running smoothly

We couldn't do it without you!
Please join us at the church for lunch
Friday, 9-23-22 at noon

Please RSVP to 269 672-7097
Or
Mumc.sumc.pantry@gmail.com



Thank you to Jean Holley for all of the beautiful flowers all summer at MUMC! We appreciate you!

Thank you for all of the birthday wishes! I certainly felt the love this year!
Pastor Maggie



Madelynn and Owen Hoekstra would like to thank the Martin UMC Oetman Fund for sponsoring them to Son Life Camp. They attended church to share their experience. Madelynn's friend, Lillie, also attended Son Life. They shared the Bible verse that was the focus this summer. "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you." -Isaiah 43:1-2

Important Dates

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-The 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 15th – The Chosen and Popcorn – Martin – 9:00 a.m.
September 17th – Men's Study-The 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 23rd – Food Pantry Volunteers luncheon – Noon - MUMC
September 24th – Men's Study-The Chosen- Martin 9:00 a.m.
October 1st – Men's Study-The 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.

SAVE THE DATE

WEEKEND BLESSINGS PROGRAM FUND RAISER
Music Extravaganza
September 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
At the Music Barn

Food Pantry Month of September

Personal Hygiene Supplies

Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated: September 2nd, 2022

- 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
- Mayson Campbell - Health
- Ann Wells - Health
- Trudy Wells - Health
- Betty Barden - Cancer
- Lora Scalia - Health
- Deb Rambadt - Health
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Letty Sherry - Health
- Maxine Smith - Health
- Sandy Conklin Health
- Renada - Health
- Students, Teachers and Staff returning to school
- Ray (Chip) Brenner - Health
- Fay Risner - Cancer
- Troops in Syria - Perry Carter
- Nancy Nicolai - Health
- Dee Boss - Health
- Sheila Hinneline - Health
- Shirley, Dave and Rosemary - Health
- Joyce Mead - Health
- Jeff Share - Health
- Ryan Kaminiski & Rising Star
- Ryan Welcher - Automobile Accident
- The Family of Ed Broadhurst - Ed passed away on August 18, 2022
- The Family of Rick Van Eck - Rick passed away on August 20, 2022
- The Family of Winfield "Win" Matteson Jr. (June DeForest's husband) - Win passed away on August 31, 2022
- The Family of Trudy Wells – Trudy passed away on September 2, 2022

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!