

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 14th, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 26

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
September 5th, 2021

Offering:
Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection \$881.67

Martin UMC:
General Collection \$2,103.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 36
Martin UMC: 31

In Case You are Wondering:
September 12th, 2021

Offering:
Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$ 689.17

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$665.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 40
Martin UMC: 34

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!

Romans 15:7

“Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God.”

Do you ever imagine what God is thinking or imagine the expression on his face? Lately I have been imagining God looking down at this world and shaking his head. I imagine he is thinking “when will they get it?” “When will they hear me?”

God wants us to love one another, expects us to accept one another. He tells us “don’t judge!” But here we are...we look at our neighbor and we think what is wrong with that guy? How can he live that way? We cannot agree to disagree on certain subjects or beliefs.

We lash out on social media – we are emotionally reactive, chronically angry, and mean to others...if they see something differently than we see it. How can we be so angry when we read just a blurb....how can we be so aggressive to a simple post that someone posted. We go out of our way to make people feel ignorant, uncaring, or naïve because they see something different than we do?

Often times we convince ourselves that we are standing up for our beliefs when we are really standing up for our opinion on a particular subject. I am not suggesting that we accept hate, I am suggesting that we react to it in a way that does not cause more hate; combat hate with love.

We are better than this....we are Christians.... we are Disciples of Jesus Christ. If social media is causing you to behave in a manner that is inappropriate, take a break from it or re-think why you use it.

Let’s lift one another up! Let’s share the love of Jesus Christ on our pages....let’s show the world some grace....and let’s show them the amazing grace of Jesus Christ in all that we do!

Pastor Maggie

The International Day of Peace (September 21, 2021) was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is “Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world”. We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world. Celebrate peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover.

Walking in Spiritual Wisdom

SEPTEMBER 13–19, 2021 •

ANGELA SCHAFFNER

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Proverbs describes the noble wife and sets a standard that can seem impossible. This woman is capable and respected but also generous and wise. She serves but is not weak. Is she a “superwoman,” and do all women need to be “superwomen”? No, she is noble because she follows the counsel of the psalmist and is deeply rooted in the teachings of God. Therefore, she represents a standard for everyone to emulate, not just women. James, another teacher of wisdom, encourages believers to show these same characteristics by following the wisdom given by God. In Mark’s Gospel, the disciples display a lack of wisdom by arguing over who is the greatest. Jesus reminds them that greatness in God’s eyes comes through service, not through seeking recognition.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Jesus Is an Experience

SEPTEMBER 20–26, 2021

VONA WILSON

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: The Jewish people have faced possible destruction numerous times. The story begins not with the Holocaust in Europe but far back in history during the time of Esther. The wicked Haman plots to wipe out God’s people, but God saves the people through Esther’s courage. The psalmist praises God for this kind of salvation from seemingly impossible circumstances. Although we may not face genocide, we have our own struggles. James encourages us to pray with faith, believing that God can and will answer. Our prayers are powerful, James assures us. Jesus teaches us the importance of letting nothing stand between God and us. Using vivid hyperbole, he admonishes us to put the pursuit of God above everything else and to support others in that same pursuit.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday!

Email to:

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 19th, 2021
“Root of Conflict”

Pastor Maggie’s Message
Sunday, September 26th, 2021
“Power of Prayer”

Missions Report

The Missions Committee is working to complete projects that have been neglected due to COVID. We started by assembling some back-to-school packets that were given through the food pantry and another 10 for UMCOR disaster relief. Thank you to Pearl Shook, Patty Jarvis, and Lou Phelps under the direction of Patsy Hoekstra.

We are planning to assemble Hygiene bags in October for the UMCOR disaster relief. See list below for items that are needed. They are very specific on what needs to go in the bags. We will also be putting cleaning kits together at a later date. There will be more info to follow.

In November we will do a blanket drive to distribute to tent cities and homeless shelters in December.

Please see the bulletin board in the pass-through room. We will be posting new info there as it becomes available.

UMCOR Hygiene Kit

- One hand towel (15 x 25 – 17 x 27 inches)
- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels One washcloth
- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels One comb
- Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- No pocket combs or picks
- Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable - must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
- No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
- No Ivory or Jergen’s soap
- Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush
- Do not remove from packaging
- Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)
- Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

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The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/testimonies are due
September 27, 2021

Email to:

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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
WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

2021 Schedule UMW

Meetings take place at Shelbyville UMC

- Oct. 13** Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon
Sack Lunch
- Nov. 10** Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon
Potluck Lunch
- Dec. 8** Cookie Plates, 1:00pm (No
Potluck)

Testimonies are an important way that we can share our faith with others. Through Christian testimony, we can give witness of God's love, His grace and His faithfulness to us. Each of us has a very unique testimony. Different things have happened in our lives that make each story unique. And by telling these faith testimonies we have the rare opportunity to inspire and encourage those who hear our stories—possibly even leading others to Christ.

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

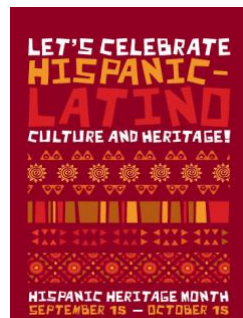
Weekend Blessings is a weekend food program for children in need who are attending Brandon Elementary

A Free Will Offering will be Appreciated



Church is a hospital for Sinners.
Church is not a club for Saints.

Thank you to
Jean Holley and
Katherine
Blanchard for the
beautiful flowers
that we have all
been enjoying on
the alter at Martin!



Hispanic Heritage Month is an official celebration of people whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Hispanic Heritage Month "pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society," according to HispanicHeritageMonth.gov.

The festival now lasts from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 every year, but it first started out as just a weeklong celebration in 1968. Twenty years later, it expanded to dedicate a whole four weeks for the celebration of being Hispanic.

The celebration starts in the middle of the month, as opposed to the end, because the 15th marks the independence days of five Latin America countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile, and Belize follow shortly after, on Sept. 16, 18 and 21. Source: Time

Important Events

- Sign-up Sheet for Worship Leaders – Please sign for dates you would like to lead!
- September 21, 2021 – International Day of Peace
- September 22, 6:30 p.m. Musical Extravaganza – Big Rock Music
- Christian Neighbors Path Walk – October 3rd
- October 31 – All Saints Sunday
- November 7 - Daylight Savings Ends
- November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- 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: September 14, 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 - Receiving Hospice Care
- 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
- Vonda Christman - Under Hospice care
- Oz Guevara - Health
- 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
- 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 - Pain/Transition to care facility
- Michael - passed away recently - prayers for comfort for Dianne his mother
- Prichard/Anderson Family
- Porter Family - loss of a loved one to a bee sting
- Steve Rozema - health
- Marissa's baby brother and family - Arrived on Sunday, September 5, 2021
- The Martin and Boniface family - The loss of Paula Kay
- Char and Rick
- Jackie and Jan

If there is anyone you would like to see added to our prayer list, please send an email to umcpastormaggs@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

Shelbyville UMC – Children’s Church Leaders and Nursery Worker’s – Please see Deb Boniface if you are interested in working in this important ministry. Sign-up sheet hanging in sanctuary.

Shelbyville UMC – Would you like to be a member of the trustees committee? Please see Dan Boniface if you would like to serve!

Martin UMC – FACEBOOK LIVE TECH! Setting up the Live and making sure that it runs properly during the service – Can train!

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.

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!

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

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