

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

October 6th, 2023 – Volume 3, Number 19

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

October 1st, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$1,271.14

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$1,768.00
Vanco General: \$99.47
Special Offering: \$90.00

Attendance:
Shelbyville UMC:
Worship: 39
Martin UMC:

September 24th, 2023
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:
General Collection: \$1,295.72
Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:
General Collection: \$1,840.00
Vanco General: \$199.38
Food Pantry: \$230.00
Building Fund: \$60.00

Attendance:
Shelbyville UMC:
Worship: 35
Martin UMC:
Worship: 30

The Connection -
Next issue
Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
October 18th, 2023.

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martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

How Do You Serve?

Mark 10:45 - "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."

This verse is a statement made by Jesus Himself, explaining the purpose of His earthly ministry.

In this verse, Jesus emphasizes that His mission was not to be served by others, but rather to serve them. He came to offer Himself as a sacrifice, giving His life as a ransom for many. This highlights Jesus' selflessness and His willingness to serve and sacrifice for the salvation of humanity.

The verse also serves as an example for believers, encouraging them to adopt a similar attitude of service and selflessness. It reminds Christians that their purpose is not to seek personal gain or recognition, but to serve others and follow the example set by Jesus.

Christian service is the act of serving others in a selfless and compassionate manner, motivated by your faith in Jesus Christ. It is an expression of love and obedience to God, as well as a response to the teachings and example of Jesus.

Christian service can take various forms, including acts of kindness, charity, volunteering, and ministry. It involves meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others, with the intention of bringing glory to God and spreading His love and message.

What would Jesus do? He would serve! We have many opportunities to serve in our local churches. Please join a committee and help transform the world!
Blessings, Pastor Maggie

*All Saints Sunday will be observed on October 29, 2023.
Pastor Chris Lane will be preaching.
We will be lighting candles in honor of our loved ones.*

*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, October 19th and November 2nd
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. We are also working on scarfs,
hats and mittens for winter.*

**Food Pantry
Month of October
Canned Meat**

***Martin Sunday School*
*Sunday School for all
ages immediately
following fellowship
each Sunday!***

**Martin & Shelbyville UMC
Youth Group**

UPCOMING DATES:

October 1, 2023

October 15, 2023

October 29, 2023

**6:00 P.M.
AT MARTIN
UMC**

Prayer Concerns:

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

Updated October 4, 2023

- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Online Ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery.
- Youth Ministries
- Emma - Leukemia
- Renate Monata - Health
- Naomi Martin - health
- Sandy VanWormer - Cancer Diagnosis
- Ernie Sunnerville- Health
- Larry Mattox - Cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ronda Kelly pray for healing
- Jimmy Fugate - Car Accident
- Children being hurt during custody battle
- Thurlan Meredith - Health
- Young man with mental health issues
- Doris Hawkey - Heart issues
- Bill VanSpentak – Cancer Diagnosis
- Dick Boyle – Health
- Don & Nan Darrow – Mobility issues
- Aiden Zeinstra – Injury
- Terry Christman – Broken Foot
- Dan Lawrence – Cancer treatment
- Bobbie Jean Moss – Broken wrist
- The family of Norm Smith – Norm passed away recently
- The family of JJ Slagter – JJ passed away recently
- Haley Jenkins – Issues with her back
- The family of Juanita Ellis – Juanita passed away recently
- The family of Marilyn Kent – Marilyn passed away recently
- Willard Campbell – Health
- Kim – Cancer diagnosis
- Elvin Vanderploeg – Hospice Care
- Henderson Mission Trip

Important Dates

Food Pantry Items for October
Canned Meat

- October 11th – United Women In Faith Shelbyville 10:00 a.m./ Potluck
- October 11th – Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 11th – MUMC Ad Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- October 13th – Missions Meeting Martin 11:30 a.m.
- October 15th – Charge Conference 1:00 p.m. – Shelbyville
- October 15 – SPRC – 12:30 p.m. – Shelbyville
- October 15th – Youth Group Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 18th – Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 19th – The Chosen Season 3 & Popcorn at Martin 9:00 a.m.
- October 19th – Knit, Pray & Crochet Martin – 10:30 a.m.
- October 25th – Shelbyville Play-Day 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 26th – The Chosen Season 3 & Popcorn at Martin 9:00 a.m.
- October 29th – All Saints Sunday
- October 29th – Youth Group Martin 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat – Martin
- November 5, 2023 – Daylight Savings
- December 13th – Charge Conference – 8:00 p.m. – Martin Fellowship Hall

2023 Charge Conference: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- SPRC meets with DS at 7:30 p.m. at Martin
- MUMC & SUMC Charge Conference 8:00 p.m. at Martin

Book Club 2024

January Book: The Shack by William P. Young (meets January 27th, 2024)

February Book: Room of Marvels by James Bryan Smith (meets February 24, 2024)

March Book: The Reason for God by Timothy Keller (meets March 2, 2024)

All are welcome!

Gift Cards - Henderson Trip

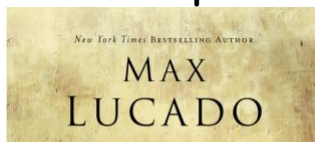
Walmart Gift Cards are needed to help with the children's programming and the Christmas program at Henderson Settlement – Please consider helping us with this project. Any denomination is appreciated. Please turn in gift cards no later than October 13th to the office or to a member of the mission team.

We need candy donations for Trunk or Treat!

- Please consider donating bags of candy!
- Would you like to be a sponsor for Trunk or Treat? Please see Pastor Maggie if you or your business would like to sponsor this event!

Martin Adult Sunday School

Each Sunday following
fellowship time!



LIFE LESSONS from
ROMANS



Henderson Settlement Mission Trip October 15-21, 2023

The Martin Missions Committee is pleased to announce that we have 6 ladies who will join the folks from Wayland UMC for a mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. It's not too late. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, contact Sharon Buys. Would you like to support this mission trip even though you are unable to attend? A few fundraisers have already begun raising monies for the trip. T Shirts will be available commemorating the trip.

Cash donations are appreciated. Please pray for the mission trip, the people attending, and the people of Frakes, KY who will receive their assistance.

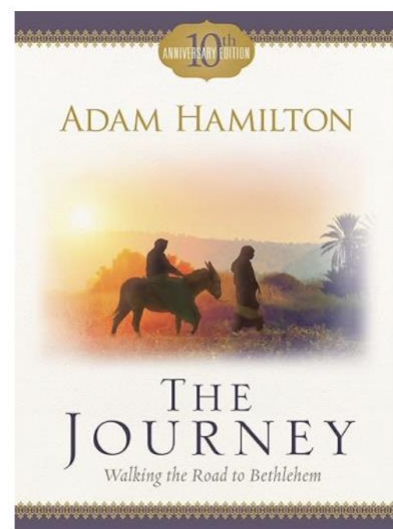
Advent Study The Journey to Bethlehem

Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. or Thursday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at MUMC Fellowship Hall in person. Zoom will be available for the evening class

- November 16th
- November 30th
- December 7th
- December 14th
- December 21st

Please let Crystal know by calling or emailing the office if you would like to be part of this study.

Books are available for \$12.00 each.



Please join us for the
**MARTIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
TRUNK OR TREAT

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OCTOBER

5:00-7:00 PM
969 E. Allegan Street
Martin, MI. 49070

RSVP for your spot to Church Office
by Oct 25th @ 269.672.7097

Trunk or Treat is a great way for us to interact with our community!

Trunk or Treat will be coordinated by Lou Phelps this year. Please contact Lou to sign up or sign up thru the church office.