

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

October 14, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 21

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:
October 2, 2022

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,140.34
World Communion: \$35.

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,364.50
World Communion: \$102
Building Fund: \$100
Memorial Fund: \$

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship - 28

Martin UMC:

Worship - 37

In Case You are Wondering:
October 9, 2022

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$820.47
Local Mission: \$1,099.38
Food Pantry: \$200

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1128.00
Food Pantry: \$25

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 37

Martin UMC:

Worship: 30

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

I Am Hopeful

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23 NIV).

When life's struggles and storms toss you about, set hope as your anchor. “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19, NIV).

So many churches are struggling right now. Struggling with numbers in the pews, struggling with finance, struggling with what the future is going to bring. We have many of the same struggles as others are having.

One thing I know though is that there are so many faithful people among us. So many that love others...love all others. The people at our churches know what it means to serve and want to see our ministries flourish and grow. These are the things that make me hopeful for our futures.

Let me ask you, are you hopeful? Are you praying for the ministries of our churches? Are you participating in service? Do you believe that all people deserve love and kindness?

Let's buckle down, let's invite people to church, let's give extravagantly, let's serve others and above all let's be kind to all kinds.

Your Very Hopeful Pastor,
Maggie

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

31
OCTOBER

5:00-7:00 PM

969 E. Allegan Street
Martin, MI. 49070

Food, Fun, Prizes and Games!

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

Office Hours:

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

Important Dates

October 15th – Men's Study-The Chosen-
Martin 9:00 a.m.
October 16th – Bible & Brew – 10th Street
Saloon – 1:30 p.m.
October 19th – Women's Book Club – 6:00
p.m.-Pizza and Salad at Martin
October 20th – The Chosen & Popcorn – 9:00
a.m. Martin
October 20th – Knit, Crochet, Pray Kick Off!
11:30 a.m. Martin
October 22nd – Men's Study - **CANCELLED**
October 27th – The Chosen & Popcorn – 9:00
a.m. Martin
October 29th – Men's Study – The Chosen –
9:00 a.m. Martin
October 31st– Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m. to 7:00
p.m. – Martin
November 2nd – Shelbyville Ad Council – 6:00
p.m. - Shelbyville
November 5th – Craft & Vendor Show - Martin
November 6th – Pastor Maggie's Graduation
at Okemos Community Church – 3:00 p.m.
November 9th – Martin Ad Council – 6:30 p.m.

Shelbyville UMC Local Mission Fund

At SUMC we maintain a local mission fund. This fund is used for families in crisis. It may be spent on gas cards for people to get to work or to the doctor, help with rent, a light bill, a gas bill, etc. This fund is spent with the person in need in mind, but it is also spent prayerfully and wisely.

We so appreciate those of you that give to it regularly. At this time the fund has become depleted due to the high needs of people in the recent past.

Are you interested in helping out? You can give to this fund on line or placing in the offering plate with the designation "local mission fund".

***The Connection - next issue
announcements/articles/ testimonies are
due October 26, 2022. Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com***

Knit, Crochet & Pray

KICK OFF

October 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Come and fellowship, knit, crochet, and pray.

***Want to learn? Come and hand out and learn how to
make a prayer shawl or lap blanket.***

Shelbyville UMC On Line Ministry

SUMC is in need of a team of people that would be interested in being part of the online ministry that we would like to launch.

Please let Pastor Maggie know if this is an area that you feel called to serve in this area!

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY

**Donations of candy are needed!
If you are able, please start bringing bags of
candy on Sundays to be used for Trunk or
Treat!**

Food Pantry Month of October

**Canned Goods
Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

Children's Moment

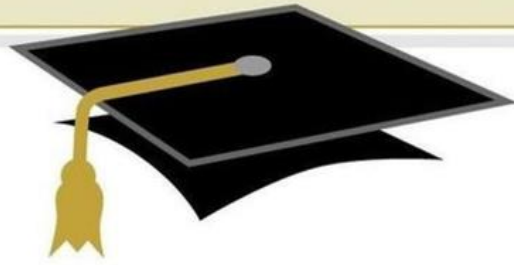
**Pastor Maggie is looking for a few
people that would commit to sharing the
Children's Moment once a month at
Martin and Shelbyville!
Please contact Pastor Maggie if you
have questions or if you interested!**

Old Halloween Costumes?

**We would love to have the old Halloween
costumes that you have laying around! We
plan to hang any costumes that we collect
out for food pantry clients to choose from.
No kiddo should have to worry if they will
have one!**

Prayer Concerns:

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



**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**

Updated: October 14th, 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
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Dick Boyle - Strength
- Mayson Campbell - Health
- Ann Wells - Health
- Betty Barden - Cancer
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Fay Risner - Cancer
- Ryan Welcher - Automobile Accident
- The family of Mary Lou Boyle - Mary Lou passed away on September 18, 2022
- Stephen Jones step father Larry - Hospice Care
- John Kling - brain tumors and heart attack
- Letty Sherry - health, upcoming surgery
- Joyce Nelson - suffering from RA
- Jeff Shafer - open heart surgery needed
- Family of Linda Mullins - Linda passed away on September 17, 2022
- Kelinda's mother & Gus' mother - both in need of prayer
- Ron Ketchy - health
- Earl Wykstra - stroke recovery
- Pearl Shook - heart issues
- Youth Ministries
- Albert Hoekstra - diabetes
- Victims of Hurricane Ian
- The family of Kathy Wykstra – Kathy passed away on October 11, 2022

MUMC - Moment for Mission

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. — Romans 8:14

Imagine not being able to enter a place of worship on a Sunday morning or not being able to participate in a Sunday school class or small group. Imagine not being able to participate or communicate during a worship service. These are things often taken for granted by most United Methodist churchgoers. We observe Disability Awareness Sunday each year so that we keep in front of us those among our congregations and communities who are differently abled.

Whether we are taking a look within at the needs of current members or looking out toward meeting the needs of our community, it is important that we consider what changes might be made so that all children of God can fully participate in the life of our United Methodist Church. That may mean updating the facilities or adding additional opportunities for study at varying levels. The Book of Discipline reminds us of this when it calls upon the church to be inclusive, making way for all persons, regardless of mental, physical or developmental needs or conditions.

Each year, as we observe Disability Awareness Sunday, it should be a call to action — a call to look around with new eyes, seeking ways that our congregations can ensure that all of God's children are welcome, that they have opportunities for discipleship and that they may fully participate in the activities of the church. On November 6, we will receive a special offering for Disability Awareness Sunday. If you choose to participate, please place your offering in the cans in the offering plates

**EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

**Coming soon – Youth
Group!!! All middle
school and high school
age kids will be welcome!
This is very exciting!
Please be praying for this
ministry as it is
launched!**