

# The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

## Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

October 28, 2022 – Volume 2, Number 22

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

In Case You are Wondering:  
October 16, 2022

Offering:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$356.47  
Food Pantry: \$40

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$513

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship - 22

**Martin UMC:**

Worship - 28

In Case You are Wondering:  
October 23, 2022

**Shelbyville UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,300.47  
Building Fund: \$40

**Martin UMC:**

General Collection: \$1,227  
Food Pantry: \$100  
Building Fund: \$25

Attendance:

**Shelbyville UMC:**

Worship: 28

**Martin UMC:**

Worship: 24

Did you know that you can give thru our website? Go to [martinumc.org](http://martinumc.org) or [shelbyvilleumc.org](http://shelbyvilleumc.org) for more information.

### Our Mission

The mission of the church is to make disciples. Just before Jesus returned to heaven, He commissioned His disciples this way: “Going into all the world, make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you”. What is a disciple? A follower of Jesus Christ.

The mission of the church is to glorify Christ. Paul wrote, “In Christ we were also chosen ... in order that we ... might be for the praise of His glory”. We are to worship, praise and exalt the name of Jesus Christ. We are to share the Good News. The news that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again. We, the church, are representatives of Jesus Christ.

The mission of the church is to build up the saints. The church is to encourage and comfort its individual members “There should be no division in the body, but . . . its parts should have equal concern for each other”. Jesus is the foundation of the church. We are to be a holy temple. We are to be a dwelling for the Holy Spirit. We are to be a family and take care of one another.

We are to know and love Jesus Christ, we are to love him so much and represent Him in a way that others see, and they want what we have. They want to know him as their personal Savior.

We are to be evangelists by calling men to the Savior; We are to present Jesus to the world. We must take this seriously. If we become serious about evangelism and our mission, we can grow the Kingdom here on earth.

We are a family and family is important we must take care of one another, and we must grow....we must grow in spirit, in love and in numbers.

We are here recruiting. We want all to know about the infinite love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Maggie

*Office Hours:*

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

### **Important Dates**

**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 3rd** – Knit, Crochet & Pray – 11:00 a.m. - Martin  
**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.  
**November 17th** – Knit, Crochet & Pray – 11:00 a.m. - Martin  
**November 30th** - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)  
**December 7th** - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)  
**December 14th** - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)  
**December 21** - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Martin (7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)  
**December 24th** – Christmas Eve Service 7:00  
**December 25th** – Christmas Day Service – Martin 9:30 a.m. and Shelbyville 11:00 a.m.

### **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!

### **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!**

### **Women's Fellowship**

**October 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Martin UMC Fellowship Hall**  
*Card Making, snacks and fun!*  
*Hosted by Crystal & Jessica*

### **Women's Fellowship**

**November 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Shelbyville - UMC Fellowship Hall**  
*Hosted by Carolyn Buskirk*

**The Connection - next issue**  
**announcements/articles/ testimonies are due November 9th, 2022. Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com**

### **Knit, Crochet & Pray**

*November 3rd, 2022 at 11:00 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.*

### **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 November**

### **Cleaning Products**

**Toilet cleaner, paper towel, Awesome, etc.**

### **Food Pantry**

### **Month of October**

### **Canned Goods**

**Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

## Prayer Concerns:

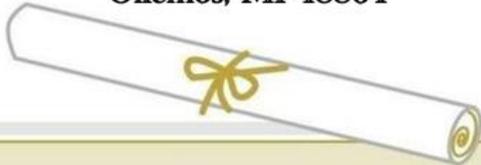
Email [martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com](mailto:martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com) to update or to add!



Please join us at graduation!  
Margaret (Maggie) Stoken  
will be graduating from  
Michigan School for License as a  
Local Pastor

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Okemos Community Church  
4734 Okemos Rd,  
Okemos, MI 48864



- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- On line ministry
- Those battling active addiction and those in recovery
- Mayson Campbell - Health
- The family of Ann Wells – Ann passed away October 18, 2022
- Shirley Buskirk - Health
- Fay Risner - Cancer
- Ryan Welcher - Automobile Accident
- The family of Larry Collins – Larry passed away recently
- John Kling - brain tumors and heart attack
- Letty Sherry - health, recovering from surgery
- Jeff Shafer - open heart surgery needed
- Ron Katje - health
- Pearl Shook - heart issues
- Youth Ministries
- The family of Kathy Wykstra – Kathy passed away on October 11, 2022
- The family of Ken Washburn – Ken passed away on October 12, 2022
- Mark Ondersma – recovering from knee surgery
- Peg Marlink – health
- Pat Kimmell – health
- Sharon Mora – Upcoming back surgery
- Barb Clawson – Health
- The family of William Brown – Mr. Brown passed away recently

## DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

At the time of the last United States census, nearly one in five Americans were reported to have a disability.

Disabilities can include trouble hearing, seeing and walking, as well as mental impairment often associated with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Aging populations are the most vulnerable; however, people of all ages can have disabilities.

Each year, The United Methodist Church observes Disability Awareness Sunday as a reminder that the church is called to be in ministry with all of God's children, regardless of abilities and needs. It is a Sunday when we are called to look for the overlooked and to listen for those with no voice. Whether it is the elderly member that now has trouble hearing, the child diagnosed with autism, or the young person in a wheelchair, we are reminded on Disability Awareness Sunday that the doors of our church must swing open wide enough for all of God's children.

We will receive an offering for Disability Awareness on Sunday, November 6. If you choose to participate, please drop your offering in the cans that will be in the offering plates that morning.



**Thank you, Scott Warner,** for all your work on the front steps of the Martin UMC! We just wanted to make sure that you knew that your hard work these last two summers did not go unnoticed and is very appreciated!

**THANK YOU!**

# ADAM HAMILTON

Author of *Creed*, *The Walk*, and *The Journey*



## PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

ADVENT

AND THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Prepare the Way For the Lord Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, November 30

Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday, December 14

Wednesday, December 21

2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Martin UMC Fellowship Hall

(7:00 p.m. will also be on Zoom)

For two thousand years, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." This Advent study, based on a sermon series preached in 2018 at Church of the Resurrection, will explore the life and message of John the Baptist, and how his ministry prepares us for the coming of Christ.

Books are \$14.00 and will be ordered from Cokesbury November 14. Please sign up by calling the office prior to November 14. If you would like to attend and miss the November 14 deadline you can order this book from Amazon.

BRING A  
FRIEND!!



## YOUTH GROUP

GRADES

6 - 12

EVERY OTHER  
SUNDAY STARTING

JAN 8TH

6 - 7:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL - MARTIN UMC

PRAYER  
FELLOWSHIP  
SNACKS  
GAMES  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO SERVE



SCAN ME

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