

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

November 1, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 14

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

October 6, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$925.34

Food Pantry: \$430.00

Local Mission: \$30.00

Special Offering: \$112.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$2,338.00

Special Offering: \$168.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 41

October 13, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,401.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,142.00

Food Pantry: \$125.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 24

Martin UMC:

Worship: 46

October 20, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$405.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,215.00

Building: \$10.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 33

Martin UMC:

Worship: 58

October 27, 2024

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,193.25

Food Pantry: \$182.00

Building: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,230.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 49

PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE!

As we approach the upcoming elections, it's essential for Christians to reflect on the significance of their vote. Voting is not merely a civic duty; it is an opportunity to express our values and beliefs. As followers of Christ, we are called to engage in the world around us, and this includes participating in the electoral process.

Vote Prayerfully

Before casting our votes, we should approach the decision with prayer. Seeking God's guidance helps us align our choices with His will. James 1:5 reminds us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." Through prayer, we can gain clarity on the issues at stake and the candidates who best represent our Christian values.

Vote Your Conscience

Our conscience, shaped by Scripture and our experiences, plays a vital role in our voting decisions. It is essential to understand the policies and principles that candidates stand for and how they align with our faith. Romans 14:23 teaches us that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. Therefore, we must ensure our votes reflect a commitment to justice, mercy, and truth.

Vote Your Heart

Finally, we should vote with compassion and a desire for the common good. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors (Mark 12:31). This means considering how our choices will impact our communities, especially the most vulnerable among us. By voting with our hearts, we advocate for policies that promote dignity, equity, and hope for all.

Voting is a sacred responsibility that requires thoughtful reflection and engagement. As we prepare for the elections, let us commit to voting prayerfully, voting our conscience, and voting our hearts, ensuring that our voices contribute to a just and compassionate society. Together, let's make our votes count for the Kingdom. Blessings, Pastor Maggie

UMCOR

Hurricane Helene has devastated parts of the southeastern U.S., bringing catastrophic wind, rain and flash flooding to many states and communities. In response, UMCOR is coordinating with affected annual conferences and supporting their local relief efforts. So far, UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to the North Georgia, South Georgia, Western North Carolina and Holston annual conferences. Additionally, UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating efforts to support the removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas.

Office Hours:

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



KINGDOM KIDS
Every Sunday following the
Children's Sermon!

*Youth Pizza with Pastor Maggie
Middle School and High School
Students*

December 1, 2024

3:00 p.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall

Food Pantry Items

November – Paper Goods

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

*Martin UMC
Sunday School
For ALL ages!
11:00 a.m.
Please join us!*

**Martin UMC
Parking Lot
Project
COMING SOON!**

Your Testimony Is Powerful!! Would you be willing to share your testimony here in our newsletter?

Acts 4:33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all.

Email martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to get on the newsletter testimony schedule!



FEED MY SHEEP
JOHN 21:17

**HENDERSON SETTLEMENT
MISSION TRIP 2024
FRAKES, KY**

**Thank you to these ladies for their willingness to serve others!
Henderson Mission Trip 2024 was a great success!**

Important Dates

- November 6, 2024 – SUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- November 7, 2024 – The Chosen and Popcorn – Season 4 – 9:00 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- November 7, 2024 – Knit, Pray, Crochet – 10:30 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- November 8, 2024 – Missions Meeting Martin UMC - noon
- November 13, 2024 – MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- November 14, 2024 – The Chosen and Popcorn – Season 4 – 9:00 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- November 20, 2024 – Advent Study Begins!
- November 21, 2024 – Knit, Pray, Crochet – 10:30 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- November 24, 2024 – Thanksgiving Feast – 12:15 p.m. Martin
- November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- November 29, 2024 – Office Closed



MARTIN UMC
FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY'S AT 9:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 26 – EPISODE 1
OCTOBER 4 – EPISODE 2
OCTOBER 10 – EPISODE 3
OCTOBER 17 – EPISODE 4
OCTOBER 24 – EPISODE 5
OCTOBER 31 – EPISODE 6
NOVEMBER 7 – EPISODE 7
NOVEMBER 14 – EPISODE 8

ADVENT STUDY

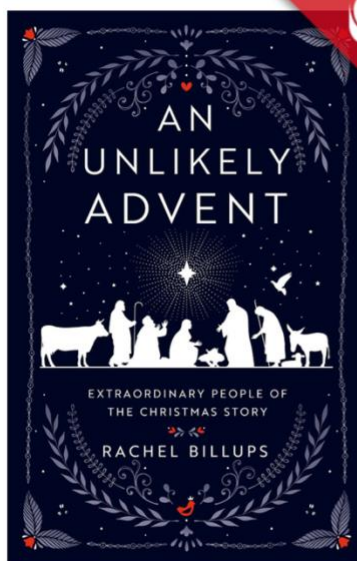
Wednesday's During Advent
Martin UMC Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.
Martin UMC Fellowship Hall & via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Week 1
November 20, 2024
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Week 2
December 4, 2024
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Week 3
December 11, 2024
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Week 4
December 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Christian Neighbors
Path Walk
Grand Total:
\$9,890.80

Thank you to all who
supported Path Walk
and to all of our
walkers!

TRUNK OR TREAT 2024



Martin & Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry is searching for a Food Pantry Coordinator

Please reach out to Pastor Maggie to discuss

Food Pantry Coordinator Volunteer Job Description:

Summary:

The Food Pantry Coordinator Volunteer is responsible for overseeing the operations and activities of the food pantry program. This individual will work closely with volunteers, church staff, and community members to ensure the effective and efficient distribution of food to those in need. Food Pantry Coordinator is a member of the Martin UMC Mission Committee.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and schedule volunteers to assist with food pantry operations, including stocking shelves, food pick up, sorting donations, and distributing food to clients.
- Oversee accurate record keeping of food inventory, donations, and client information.
 - Oversee that food pantry operations comply with health and safety regulations and guidelines.
- Complete weekly orders from partners for food stocking
- Communicate with community partners, donors, and volunteers to coordinate food drives, donations, and fundraising efforts.
- Collaborate with Missions Committee, staff and volunteers to plan and execute special events, such as holiday food drives or community outreach initiatives.
- Stay informed about food insecurity and hunger-related issues in the community and make recommendations for program improvements.
- Attend regular meetings with staff and volunteers to provide updates on food pantry activities, challenges, and successes.
- Uphold the values and mission of the organization while representing the food pantry program in a positive and professional manner.

Qualifications:

- Must have a strong desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ
- Must love people, all people
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Must be willing to delegate
- Ability to work effectively with diverse populations
- Knowledge of food pantry operations and procedures (training provided)
- Commitment to serving others with compassion and respect
- Safe Serve Certification Required (will train and schedule the right person for this certification)

Please pray that we will find the right person for this job and pray for this outreach program!

In the Month of October 90 families were served!