

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

November 2nd, 2021 – Volume 1, Number 30

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You are Wondering:

October 24th, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,199.17

Property: \$50

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,392.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 25

Martin UMC: 29

In Case You are Wondering:

October 31st, 2021

Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,305.00

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,624.00

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC: 39

Martin UMC: 42

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!

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!

Just invite people to church - how hard can it be?

Let’s face it...it’s a little scary...a little nerve racking...In your head you are thinking so many thoughts! Like - what if they think I am judging them? What if they reject me? What if I make them uncomfortable?

All these what ifs are negative. What if we turn those around and we think about the potential, we think about the positives?

What if this person is seeking God? What if this person is looking for a church family? What if this person is hurting and in need of healing? What if this person gives their heart to Jesus? What if future generations are changed because they gave their heart to Jesus? Whoa.....now that’s getting crazy right?

Be positive - ask them to church!

How do I get started you ask?

How do you bring it up in conversation? Keep it simple....ask them....”I was wondering, do you go to church anywhere?”

If they answer yes, then the follow-up conversation is easy. “That’s great! So happy to hear you have a church home. What church do you attend?” This celebrates that you and your friend both have church homes and doesn’t feel like you are trying to pull them from their church home.

If they answer no, you can invite them to our church! “Well, if you’re ever looking for a great place to go, I go to SUMC or MUMC and would love to see you there!”

Take the opportunity to share more about our churches and our church families. You may be surprised to find that they show up at church one of these days!!

I know it’s not that easy to do, but I know that God is right there with us rooting us on and giving us support when we start these conversations, and He will be right there when that friend or acquaintance comes thru those church doors!

We had an assignment to write a poem for my class - it was to be about what we want our ministry to look like or what our vision for our ministry is. Here is my poem:

*“The doors open wide,
the faces of those that walk inside are
the faces of sinners looking for forgiveness
the faces of the broken looking for healing
the faces of disciples looking to serve
the faces of a family
the faces of the people of Jesus Christ”*

Invite that friend to church, chances are they have one of these faces.

Blessings!
Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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

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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!

Our Hearts' Desires
NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021
AIMEE MOISO
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: Ruth's story forms part of the background of the family of Jesus. The son of Ruth and Boaz, Obed, is David's grandfather. The women of Bethlehem rejoice with Naomi at the birth of her grandson, and the psalmist declares that children are a blessing from God. In the scriptures, children are spoken of only as a blessing, never as a liability (unlike some narratives in our culture). The writer of Hebrews builds upon the eternal nature of Christ's sacrifice, proclaiming that his death was sufficient once for all. In Mark, Jesus warns his disciples not to be fooled by appearances. Those who put on a big show of piety do not impress God. God wants us instead to give from the heart, even if no one but God sees.

(From The Upper Room Disciplines – 2021)

Perseverance
NOVEMBER 8-14, 2021
DEVONNA R. ALLISON

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

SCRIPTURE OVERVIEW: The inability to have a child brings pain to many today, and this was equally true in ancient times. In that context it was sometimes even worse, for Peninnah openly ridicules Hannah for being unable to conceive. But as a result of Hannah's desperate, heartfelt prayer, God blesses her with a son, Samuel, who will become a powerful prophet. Hannah then rejoices in a God who exalts the poor and needy. Hannah provides an example of the boldness with which we also can approach God now because of Christ's sacrifice. The destruction of Jerusalem is the focus of the passage in Mark. Jesus here predicts the demolition of the Temple and the city, which the Romans executed in 70 CE.

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Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry Collection

November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

Please place items in the container and they will be transported to the pantry.

Martin UMC Food Pantry Collection

November - Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex

Please place items in the grocery cart outside of fellowship hall.

The Connection - next issue announcements/articles/testimonies are due November 15th, 2021. Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Important Dates

- November 10 – Martin Ad Council Meeting 6:00
- November 10 – UMW Meeting 10:00 a.m. (sack lunch) Shelbyville
- November 20, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Ladies Fellowship – Martin FH
- November 21 – Thanksgiving Feast – Martin Fellowship Hall
- November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- December 6, 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference (Zoom)
- December 8 – UMW Meeting - 1:00 cookie plates – Shelbyville

Do you have a meeting or an event you would like to see here? Email: martinandshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com with the details.

Bulletin announcements are due each week on Tuesday!
Email to: martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, November 7th, 2021
"Now My Eye Sees"

Pastor Maggie's Message
Sunday, November 14th, 2021
"Not Far from the Kingdom"

SUMC & MUMC Ladies Fellowship
November 20, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
Martin UMC Fellowship Hall
Snacks & Coffee will be served.
We will be making Christmas Crafts
Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com

Hosted by Pat Holland & Mary Jo Ash

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Updated: November 2, 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 - Heart Surgery
- Orie Perry - Cancer
- Rose Oglesbee - Vision
- Nancy Nicolai - Hearing
- Deb Hilsbos & family - caring for mother
- Caroline Buskirk - Health
- Worship musicians for Martin UMC
- Jessie Rasnake - Cancer
- Vonda Christman - Under Hospice care
- Mark Ondersma - knee surgery
- Krystal Klintworth - Healing/Recovering from a car accident
- Helene Genter-Todd - Health
- Danny Genter - health
- Shirley Vanderploeg - Cancer
- Rose Haaksema - Broken arm
- Patti Jarvis - Knee
- Dody Watkins - Stomach cancer
- Family of Terry Sisson - Terry Passy away on October 25, 2021
- Jill Anderson - Strength
- The family of Natalie Maczinski - Natalie passed way October 29, 2021
- The family of Jack Washburn - Jack passed away October 29, 2021
- The family of Carl Haveman - Carl passed away October 29, 2021
- The family of Dr. Sugars - Dr. Sugars passed away October 26th, 2021
- Lou Phelps friend John passed away due to COVID - Wife Jamie is recovering from COVID
- Allison Guritz - Health - physical and emotional
- Jeanett Fox - Awaiting mammogram results
- The family of Terry Sisson - Terry passed away October 25, 2021
- Joyce McAllister - Health

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