

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

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**“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors”**

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GOD IS SO GOOD!

**“UPDATE – TAKEN FROM
BLAINE’S FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**MY BONEMARROW RESULTS
CAME BACK SHOWING NO
SIGNS OF LEUKEMIA! MY
BLOODWORK LOOKED GOOD
TODAY AS WELL. THANKS FOR
ALL OF THE CONTINUED
PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES.
IT’S WORKING!”**

Back to Our Sanctuaries

What a blessing it has been returning to our sanctuaries! It is so exciting to see one another in person.

First, we want to thank each of you for the patience and the Grace that has been so evident in this body to each other in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. This has been a trying and stressful time for many, and we want to thank all of you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to each other during this time.

We would also like to ask that you be patient. This situation is unlike any other situation we have ever experienced. None of this is ideal and some may feel inconvenienced by some of the protocols that have been developed. All of us (church leadership included) are learning as we go. The decisions we have made were done so with a great deal of prayer, thought and love for you and your family.

We will continue to livestream at least one service on Sunday. Typically, it will be the 9:30 a.m. service and it will be Facebook Live and Zoom. Please be patient as this process is not perfect with the equipment that we have currently. We will also continue “Drive Up” at both the 9:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services.

We will undoubtedly have overlooked certain things/situations that will need to be addressed “on the fly” or in future Sunday services. We humbly ask that everyone show patience during this time.

Please don't ignore the Servant Keeper emails!

The office also uses Servant Keeper for Prayer Requests!

55 people have successfully logged in to Servant Keeper and updated their information!

SERVANT KEEPER

- **WHAT IS SERVANT KEEPER?** SERVANT KEEPER IS OUR CHURCH DATABASE SOFTWARE. THIS IS WHERE ALL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS IS STORED.
- **WHAT WILL IT DO FOR US?** IT WILL KEEP US CONNECTED, KEEP US INFORMED, SAVE US MONEY, AND TRACK INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP US MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS FOR OUR CHURCHES.
- **WHY DID WE BUY SERVANT KEEPER?** BECAUSE IT IS EASY TO USE! YOUR PASTOR CAN EASILY CONTACT YOU AND KEEP NOTES ON VISITS, ETC.
- **IT ALSO WILL SERVE AS OUR ALWAYS UP TO DATE CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

Why Do I Continue to Get An Invitation To Set Up My Profile On Servant Keeper?

We need you to sign in using the link provided on the invitation. Set up your user name and password and then go to www.martinumc.org or www.shelbyvilleumc.org and follow the servant keeper link on the Home Page of our website to Servant Keeper and update your contact information. If you do not have access to your email or you have no email address, please call the church office to discuss how we can keep you up to date on church events and church business.

IF YOU HAVE NOT LOGGED IN TO SERVANT KEEPER AS OF APRIL 27, 2021:

You will receive an email that says:

Martin / Shelbyville UMC has given you access to manage your family profile online - Please log in by May 15, 2021; if you have not logged in by May 15th, 2021 you will no longer receive church-wide emails and you will not have access to the online church directory.

SMALL GROUPS

Early Methodist gatherings were called 'societies'. John Wesley encouraged different kinds of small group to develop, so that both leaders and members of the societies could receive support and challenge in their faith.

These groups, called 'classes' and 'bands' met regularly, and the idea was to be accountable to each other about how each person was living the Christian life. So people had to be very open and willing to be changed by the experience.

In the twentieth century it became less common for classes to meet in this way, but recently many Methodists have been trying to reclaim this tradition.

The supportive small group has been found to be one of the most powerful ways for people to feel that they belong and to learn and grow.

Many Methodist churches have home fellowships, Bible studies and house groups. Increasingly they are seeking in various ways to renew and expand the opportunities for Christian conversation about the things that matter.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP/ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP?

EMAIL MARTINSHELBYVILLEUMCS@GMAIL.COM

WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

We will read a book a month, you can join us for all or just the ones that interest you. There is a link for the purchase of the book on Amazon.

After reading the book we will meet at Martin UMC in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom - Whichever is your preference.

The books and the dates are listed. Feel free to let me know if you have questions.

Please email Maggie at martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com to sign up!

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Summer Book Club for Women 2021

Month	Book	Club Meeting; Book Review & Fellowship
May	Giddy Up Eunice	May 22, 2021 9:30 a.m.
June	Get Out of Your Head	June 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.
July	Legacy of Mercy	July 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.
August	If You <u>Wanna Walk On</u> <u>Water</u>	August 28, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Important Events

Church Grounds/Property Beautification

Shelbyville:

Carolyn will be planting some flowers this Saturday May 1, 2021 at 10:00 in the Peace Park if has some time.

We are looking at having a portion of the property turned into parking. We will start with gravel parking to get a good base for future blacktop. The area is currently staked out if you'd like to look at it. We have a updated quote of \$9200.00 (for 6" sand and 6" gravel base).

Martin:

On Saturday May 1, 2021 starting at 10:00 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help out with the grounds at Martin UMC.

1. We need to clean the large flower bed in front. We need people to dig and split hostas, put down plastic and wood chips.
2. We need weed killer and sprayers.
3. We need Power Washers for mold around stones and base of building.
4. We also are looking for people to donate for the cost of wood chips. Maggie will be happy to collect any donations for wood chips.

Who's in?

Prayer Concerns:

- Families of those affected by COVID
- Tracy Buskirk - Cancer
- Blaine Anderson - Cancer
- Raina Oldebeken - Cancer - COVID
- Jeff Oldebeken - Health
- Tara Oldebeken - COVID
- Terry Chrisman and family
- Al and Karen Kornaelje - Health
- Dina Goodrich - COVID
- Deb Hilsbos & Deb's Mother
- Dorothy Levett - Dorothy is in a long term care facility
- Lee Reed - Health/Hospitalized
- Jamie Dunklee - Hospitalized due to COVID
- Marcia Marques - Cancer
- Molly Mentzer - Cancer Treatment - Chemo pill started this week
- Warren Kimmel - continued healing - doing well!
- Wes Madison - Receiving Hospice care
- Dominic Lawrence - 6 year old boy fighting cancer
- Pastor Sean -broken ankle
- Jason & Joanna Beeman – Jason is away with military, pregnant and caring for family alone
- Bobby Rae Straub - Health
- Vanessa Tillson - COVID
- Bob VanWorth - Blood Clots - Serious illness
- Helene Genter - Todd - Health
- Jean - neighbor to Linda Creviston - Cancer
- Neola Martin - Deb Boniface's Mother - Health/Homecare
- Lori Deater - Health
- Makala Goddard - Softball injury
- Cam Benedict - Childhood Diabetes
- Irene Boulter - Arm Injury
- Sharon McDonald - Surgery
- Ron Katjie - Health

"Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary."

- Fred Rogers

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