



MARTIN AND SHELBYVILLE UMC'S

Joyful Notes

JULY 2018

Open Hearts.
Minds.
Doors.

The United Methodist Church

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR SEAN:

Daily Living

When I was a kid in high school, I was very involved in my church's youth group. I was a student leader, who, when at church, took his faith pretty seriously. Unfortunately, that did not always filter down into my daily life at school. I used bad language, told the locker room jokes, and otherwise blended in to those without faith too well. One day, when I was in a hurry and had just completed the last number in my locker combination, pulling up the trigger to open my locker and retrieve my needed materials, my locker suddenly was slammed shut. Figuring it was my friend Bill behind me, I exercised some very choice (and expletive) words. I turned to continue my verbal assault, went to my horror, I laid eyes on my youth pastor, Greg. Yes friends, it was true, I had just cussed out my youth pastor.

When Christ has entered our lives, the expected and almost natural result is that our daily lives change. We all know people who are Christians in lip service only, but hopefully we've all seen the authentic faith of a genuine Christ-follower whose heart has been changed as a result of his or her encounter with the living Christ. "The values of the kingdom of God, worked out through the lives of persons called to do the work of God, proclaim the gospel in powerful ways."¹ it is definitely true, that actions speak louder than words. Although there is dispute over whether Francis of Assisi actually uttered these words, there is definitely true in, "Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary use words." When faith genuinely transforms our hearts and lives, people can see that. We draw people with our joy and our love, not with our dogmatic stances. Follow Christ's model, and others will follow you.

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SHELBYVILLE CHURCH NEWS

If you would like a name added or removed from the prayer list, please notify the Church Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CANCER: Earl Wykstra Sally Pickens Shirley VanderPloeg
MEDICAL ISSUES: Jeff Oldebeken Norma Boyle John Buskirk
Daryl VandenPloeg Pat Kenswil Shannon Leonard Russ Warner
Pastor Sean Kidd Bob Weick

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1. Administrative Council Meeting**
No meeting in July
- 2. United Methodist Women**
Wednesday, July 11, 10am
Potluck at noon - all invited!

The mission of the Shelbyville United Methodist Church is to provide a warm, loving environment in which to worship the Lord, and to educate and reach out to others in our community.

SHUT IN: Please send her a note
Dorothy Warner
Stanford Lodge
405 Naomi St.
Plainwell MI
49080

MARTIN CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CANCER: John Jurkowski Ted Mattingly Jr Dana Hall Judy Straub
Will Whitaker Don Solomon Rainer Zacher Earl Wykstra Marcus Boyer
HEALTH ISSUES: Loyal Boulter Candy Collier Aaron Steensma
Ron Merrill Steve Wehner John Buskirk Eddie Oetman Pastor Sean
Melinda Tisron LeAnna Rynbrandt
CONCERNS: Amy Brock, Adam Campbell, Brad Fall, John Schuiteboer, Dirk Samson

PRAYER & PRAISE TEAM

If you add someone to the prayer list and you would like them to receive a card from the church please submit the address to the church office.

JULY

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

1 - Abbie Wheeler
8 - Maggie Stoken
15 - Owen Cuba
22 - Landon Wright
29 - Julie Mentzer

MISSION STATEMENT

We, who are the Martin United Methodist Church, are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to:

- ***SHARING** God's Love
- ***TEACHING** the Bible and spiritual life
- ***INVITING** the community to grow and walk with us in Christian faith
- ***SERVING** the needs of our neighbors

JULY

NURSERY SCHEDULE

1 - Danelle Wheeler & Javier Guevara
8 - Kristin Ash & Matthew Northrup
15 - Mary Jo Ash & Allison Collins
22 - Diane Northrup & Javier Guevara
29 - Ronda Kelly & Matthew Northrup

Monthly Loose Change
Second Sunday of the month
Offering Designated for
the Food Pantry

JULY

VIDEO SCHEDULE

1 - Deb DeMann
8 - Kristin Ash
15 - Deb DeMann
22 - Kristin Ash
29 - Deb DeMann

MARTIN UMC COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Third Saturday every month!
July 21

7:30am to 10am

Proceeds to Food Pantry



FOOD PANTRY

JULY ACTIVITIES

Pat Hoekstra will be on vacation July 5 & 6.

FOOD PANTRY NEED

Double Load of Food

Friday, July 6, 10:45am

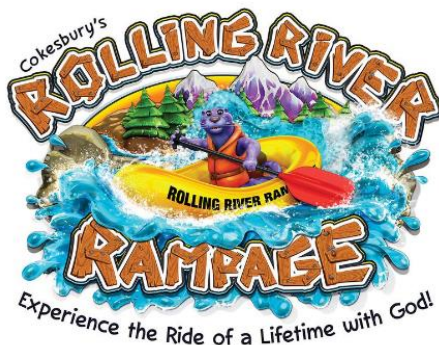
We need help unloading, stocking, and dividing the food.

Can you help?

SHELBYVILLE UMW

July Food Drive

Cereal



Vacation Bible School

July 9-12, 6-8:30pm

@ Martin UMC

Contact Nicole Wright to get involved.

2018 SUMMER COOKOUTS

6PM -8PM

@ Pastor Sean's home

Thursday, July 19

Thursday, August 16

All are invited to attend!



Saturday, July 14, 2018

4:30 to 7:00pm

Martin UMC Church

969 E. Allegan St. Martin

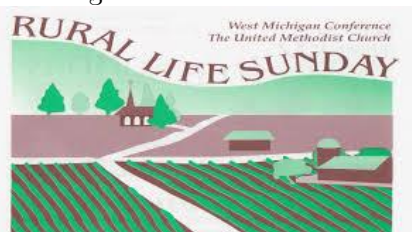
Sign-up sheets available in fellowship hall

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

July 15

On a date set by each Annual Conference, this Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church, to affirm worldwide the people and communities who work with and on the land by raising food and fiber, and to recognize the ongoing crisis occurring in the rural areas of the nation and world today. Emphases may include honoring persons who have been leaders in the rural church and community, observing Rogation Sunday (a service asking for God's blessing upon the earth and its crops, traditionally held on the three days prior to the Day of Ascension in the spring), and celebrating and showing a concern for God's created order.

If you chose to participate please use the envelope that will be provided in the bulletin that morning.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am to 3pm, being closed from 12-1pm for lunch.

14TH ANNUAL SHELBYVILLE UMC COMMUNITY PICNIC



Sunday, July 22, 2018

OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ 11AM

Pulled pork lunch served at 12:15pm

Pastor Sean Kidd, preaching



MUSIC BY

St. Cyril's Joyful Noise

Shelbyville Choir

