



MARTIN AND SHELBYVILLE UMC'S

Joyful Notes

NOVEMBER 2019

Open Hearts.
Minds.
Doors.

The United Methodist Church

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR COREY SIMON:

Dear Church,

It would be no great stretch to say that Fred Rogers stands as one of the greatest influencers on my understanding of life, love, God, neighborliness, gratitude, and compassion; and so I find the resurgence of the fascination of his life and works exceedingly rewarding. Mister Rogers seems to be everywhere these days, in the theaters (*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* debuts at the end of the month), in documentaries (PBS' *Won't You Be My Neighbor* was wonderful), in books (*Exactly As You Are* is my most recent read), and television shows that are either heavily inspired by his themes of compassion, love, and acceptance (Netflix's *Queer Eye* comes to mind), or else a direct continuation of his characters (*Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* is a terrific children's program).

In a world like the one we live in today it seems as though we still have a lot to learn from the late Mister Rogers. While he rarely mentioned God on the air, from the radical inclusion displayed when he soothed his feet in a kid's pool with the black Officer Clemmons at the height of the Civil Rights era to the intentionality and visibility shown in an unforgettable scene of him singing, "It's You I Like" with the 10 year old soon-to-be disability rights activist Jeff Erlanger, the themes of the gospel were present everywhere in his works. Without ever demeaning, insulting, or doing harm he left an undeniable footprint in our collective consciousness that believes we can be better.

And so here at the beginning of November we kick off the month with a remembrance of the dead. All Saints Day is one of my favorite Church holidays as it serves as a time when we intentionally remember those who have gone on before us. I say all this about Rogers as, at the end of *Exactly As You Are*, there is a quote from Rogers which serves as a reminder for us to remember those who have made us who we are. We are undeniably the product of all those we have encountered for better or worse and so we use this month as a time for remembrance of those who have gone on in the Church's All Saints Day and our gratitude for them and for many others in the secular Thanksgiving.

In the months ahead may we be reminded of what it is we're grateful for, may we remember in fondness (or not so fondness) those who have gone on before us, and may we seek to be a better neighbor in all we say and do.

In gratitude, Pastor Corey

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SHELBYVILLE CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CANCER: Shirley VanderPloeg Raina Oldebeken Lydia Cole Hope Wassenaar
MEDICAL ISSUES: Dick Boyle Jeff Oldebeken John Buskirk Bob Wieck
Mike Pickens Betty Farmer Marlene Hoekstra Kenny Owens Jim Bush
Albert Hoekstra Jr. David Olson Terrena Send Virginia Mauchmar

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1. Administrative Council Meeting**
November 6, 6PM
- 2. United Methodist Women**
Wednesday, November 13, 10am
Potluck at noon

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.

Shelbyville UMC
Choir

Practice on Sunday
@ 9:30am

All are welcome to
sing!

MARTIN CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CANCER: Don Solomon Otis Royston Raina Oldebeken Larry Artis Carrie
Will Moss Alana Boone Hope Wassenaar Tom Schoenhoven Dale Holland
HEALTH ISSUES: Loyal Boulter Brent Hook Jeff Oldebeken Jim Bush
Jalissa Stratton Jesse Rasnake Ed Buys Albert Hoekstra Jr. Henry Tuinstra
Trudy Wells Randy Everett Jim Miller Mary Warner Deb Lahaie
Doris Hawkey Jim Miller JR Hildebrand
CONCERN: family issues, mass shootings, UM denomination, the Fisher family, Lindsey Folk,
Boulter Family, Merry Ondersma

Please send a note
to:

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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

**Sunday School for
all ages begins at
11am on Sunday
mornings.**

Monthly Loose Change
Second Sunday of the month
Offering Designated for
the Project Hope



"Showing God's Love in the
community by praying, serving
and encouraging people with
the HOPE of Christ.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

November-

Cleaning Products:
Laundry soap & dryer
sheets
Dish soap,
Cleaning products

MARTIN UMC COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Third Saturday every month!
November 16

7:30am to 10am
Proceeds to Food Pantry



Adm. Council mtg.

November 20, 6:30pm

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday, Nov 3

In the United Methodist Church, All Saints' Day is observed to remember deceased members of the local church congregation. A rose is presented to the family and a candle is lit as each person's name is called out, followed by a prayer offered for each soul. Please join us for a day of remembrance.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov 3



Charge Conference
Sunday, November 10,
12:30pm
SPRC @ noon
Shelbyville UMC



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every other Tuesday
Nov 5 & Nov 19
1:30PM
Host by
Carolyn Buskirk
1164 124th Ave.
Shelbyville

CRAFT DAY

1st & 3rd Saturdays
Nov 2 & Nov 16
10am to noon
Shelbyville UMC
All are welcome!

PLAYDAY

Every Wednesday
3:30-5pm
Shelbyville UMC

Peace Drum Circle

3rd Saturday
Nov 16, 5pm
Got a drum?
Bring it!
Need to borrow one?
We have you covered!
Shelbyville UMC



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPECIAL SUNDAY

Nov 17

*If you choose to participate
please place your offering in
the cans in the offering
plates that morning.*



CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday, Nov 24,
12:30pm
Martin UMC
*Potluck-bring your own
table service
Potluck or sign up for a
main dish.*



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday, Nov 28
Friday, Nov 29
Office closed

'TIS THE SEASON

*That the food pantry is
requesting flu and cold meds
from Perrigo employees. Pain
reliever and ibuprofen are also
needed. Items for both children
and adults would be very
helpful.*