

The Martin & Shelbyville CONNECTION

Newsletter for Martin & Shelbyville UMC

September 6, 2024 – Volume 4, Number 12

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”

In Case You Are Wondering

August 25, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,872
Building Fund: \$40.40

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,342
Building Fund: \$

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 27

Martin UMC:

Worship: 50

September 1, 2024
Offering:

Shelbyville UMC:

General Collection: \$1,266.64
Building Fund: \$
Food Pantry: \$

Martin UMC:

General Collection: \$1,810
Building Fund: \$40
Food Pantry: \$280

Attendance:

Shelbyville UMC:

Worship: 30

Martin UMC:

Worship: 45

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

Dear Church Family,

As I reflect on the wonderful and busy summer that we have had, I am filled with gratitude for each and every one of you who has dedicated your time, talents, and energy to serving our church community. Your hard work and commitment makes a lasting impact, and we are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of individuals among us.

Throughout the summer, we have come together on projects big and small. Your willingness to roll up your sleeves and get involved has not gone unnoticed, and I am so thankful for your dedication to serving with love.

In the book of Galatians, chapter 5, verse 13, we are reminded of the importance of serving one another in love: "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Your willingness to serve with love exemplifies the spirit of this passage, and I am grateful for each of you who has embraced this call to action.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we have a number of exciting projects and opportunities on the horizon. There are countless ways for us to continue serving our congregation and community with love and compassion. I am excited to see how God will continue to work through each of you as we come together to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Thank you once again for your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving our congregations. Your contributions are truly invaluable, and I am so grateful for the impact you have made. May we continue to serve with love, inspired by the teachings of scripture and guided by the spirit of unity and fellowship.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

Office Hours:

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



KINGDOM KIDS
Every Sunday following the
Children's Sermon!

Food Pantry Items September – Cleaning Products

Dear MUMC Chicken BBQ Coordinators and
Volunteers,

I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who dedicated your time and efforts to make our recent Chicken BBQ event a resounding success. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we were able to raise a total of \$5,786 for the Martin UMC building fund.

Your commitment and enthusiasm truly made a difference, and I am so grateful for your support. Your willingness to pitch in and help out, whether it was grilling chicken, serving food, or taking money, did not go unnoticed. It is because of volunteers like you that we are able to continue making a positive impact in our community.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and passionate group of volunteers, and I cannot thank you enough for all that you do. Your generosity and selflessness are truly inspiring, and I am so grateful for each and every one of you.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

United Women in Faith Book and Bake Sale
was a great success!

Thank you to all who participated! Thank you
for the books, the goodies, the hard work
and the wonderful time of fellowship!

\$904.25 was raised for UWIF projects!

The Connection -
Next issue Announcements/Articles/
Testimonies are due
August 1, 2024.
Email to:
martinshelbyvilleumcs@gmail.com



HEARTFELT THANKS to Our Generous Sponsors and Dedicated Volunteers!

We are thrilled to extend our deepest gratitude to all our incredible sponsors who made the recent **Chicken BBQ Event at Martin United Methodist Church** a grand success!

Your generous support and contributions form the backbone of our community efforts and have truly made a difference.

- A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS -

• Cindy's Trucking • Tanner Trucking • Finish Line Excavating • SevenEast Hair Salon
• Clipper Café • Martin Marathon • Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic • Lowery Meat & Seafood

Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us strengthen and sustain our church.
This event would not have been possible without your unwavering support.

A VERY SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO GORDON AND MARYJO ASH.

Your extraordinary hard work and dedication to making this BBQ event possible have been truly inspiring and essential to our success. Your countless hours of effort and unwavering commitment are deeply appreciated by the entire community.

OUR SILENT HELPERS: We also want to recognize and express our deepest gratitude to all the silent helpers within our congregation and friends who supported us behind the scenes. Your contributions, although often unseen, have made a significant impact and are deeply appreciated.

Together, you have all embodied the true spirit of community and service. We are profoundly grateful for each and every one of you.

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS!

Heartfelt Thanks to:
Boniface Heating and Cooling and Martin
Tire for supporting and sponsoring the
Chicken BBQ at MUMC
Special thank you to Jimmy and Sonia Town
for all of your hard work!

*Sunday School at
Martin UMC starts on
September 8, 2024
For ALL ages!
11:00 a.m.
Please join us!*

Important Dates

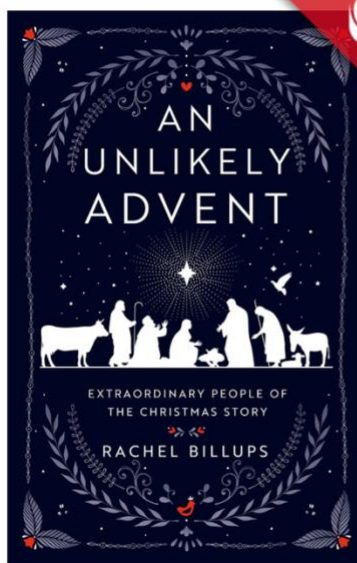
September Food Pantry Items Cleaning Products

- September 8, 2024 – Rural Life Special Offering
- September 11, 2024 – MUMC Ad Council – 6:00 p.m.
- September 21, 2024 – Community Breakfast – MUMC 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- September 26, 2024 – The Chosen and Popcorn – Season 4 – 9:00 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- October 2, 2024 – SUMC Ad Council 6:00 p.m.
- October 3, 2024 – The Chosen and Popcorn – Season 4 – 9:00 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- October 6 – 10 – Henderson Mission Trip
- October 10, 2024 – The Chosen and Popcorn – Season 4 – 9:00 a.m. MUMC Fellowship Hall
- October 18, 2024 – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat – Martin Parking Lot



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.

PATSY HOEKSTRA RETIRES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Dear Patsy Hoekstra,

On behalf of everyone at Martin and Shelbyville UMC's we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to you for your incredible dedication and hard work as our food pantry coordinator. Your tireless efforts and commitment have truly made a difference in the lives of so many in our community.

We are deeply grateful for all that you have done to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, providing nourishment and support to those in need. Your compassion, kindness, and unwavering dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly blessed to have had you leading our food pantry program.

Please know that your impact will continue to be felt for years to come. Your legacy of service and selflessness will always be remembered and cherished by all who have had the privilege of working with you.

Thank you, Patsy, for all that you have done for the Martin and Shelbyville UMC Food Pantry and for the community. Your hard work and dedication have made a lasting impact, and we are so grateful for everything you have contributed. May this next chapter in your life be filled with joy, peace, and fulfillment.

Blessings, Pastor Maggie

MUMC & SUMC,

Your generous contribution will play a vital role in the success of my mission trip. You have worked hard for the money that you donated and I wholeheartedly appreciate it and am thankful. I cannot wait to return home and share with you all Gods amazing world. Please keep this group in your prayers while we share Gods love.

Faithfully,
Lincoln

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!

Scuba VBS was a great success!

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard!

Thank you, Kristin DeMann, for being such an amazing VBS



Back to School give away program was able to give class room and student supplies out for 90 students!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE HOSTING THE CHURCH CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO CRYSTAL FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY CLEANING MUMC!



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

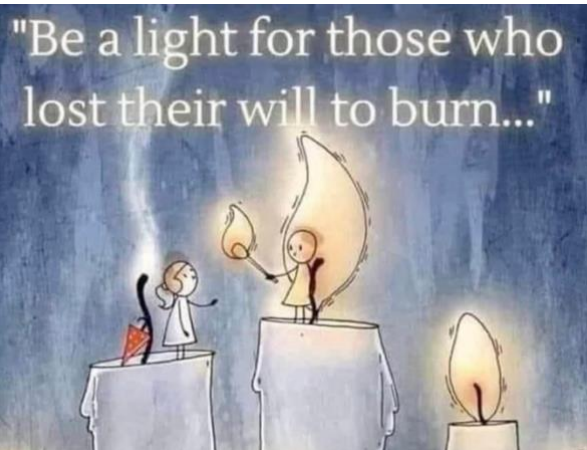
MARTIN United Methodist Church

September 21, 2024

8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

ALL DONATIONS TO MARTIN/SHELBYVILLE UMC FOOD PANTRY
969 E. ALLEGAN STREET, MARTIN, MI, 49070

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!



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)



Walk with us
October 6th, 2024
2:00pm (1:30pm Registration)

Walk start and finish at:
Sherwood Park
121 North Sherwood Avenue
Plainwell MI 49080

Email Eric Hoffman at
ehoffman@christianneighbors.org
to learn how to register.



PEOPLE ADVOCATING TO end HUNGER

Please join us for our community walk to help raise funds and promote hunger awareness on Sunday, October 6th. Proceeds from the PATH Walk will help support our food pantry. We also have some exciting things happening at Christian Neighbors that we can't wait to share with you! Join us for fun, food and fellowship!



Martin & Shelbyville UMC's are teaming up and walking in the Christian Neighbors Pathwalk

Join us as we are blessed to be a blessing to others!

Get your packet from the church office or from Deb Boniface!

Let's show them what we've got!



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

RSVP for your spot to Church Office
by Oct 25th @ 269.672.7097