

MAY 2026

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# Bright

*Have an mom-azing*  
**DAY!**

Why do moms make great  
detectives?

**They always find what's missing!**

It's May! And we at Edna Martin  
Christian Center wanted to celebrate  
the amazing mothers, caregivers and  
role models who pour so much love  
not only into your children, but also in  
our community! We want to honor  
and highlight your strength, care, and  
dedication makes a difference in the  
world! **Read more inside to read our  
new events!**

*Want more*  
**NEWS?**

Scan our QR code for EMCC's official  
**LinkTree!**



**OneVoice**  
MARTINDALE BRIGHTWOOD

YOUR SOURCE FOR MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD EVENTS

# EVENTS

Below are Repeating Events that happened weekly

## MON

### EMCC Job Club

10:00AM - 12:30PM

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Explore job opportunities, get résumé help, mock interviews, and more.

## TUES

### Senior Exercise

10:00AM - 11:00AM

FREDRICK DOUGLAS PARK, 1616 E 25TH ST

### Cubs 959

5:00PM - 6:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

### Dance Ministry

6:00PM - 7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL, TRINITY C.M.E CHURCH

## WED

### Senior Bible Study

11:00AM - 12:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

### Friends of Douglass Park

2:00PM - 3:00PM

37TH PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Community leaders advocating for the park. Meets every second Wednesday.

### Digital Skills Workshop Series

11:00AM - 12:00PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

- Computers for Beginners (May 6)
- Email for Beginners (May 13)
- Microsoft Word:Part 1 (May 20)
- Microsoft Excel (May 27)

## THURS

### Open Gym and Pickup Games

6:30PM - 8:30PM

TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 3101 E 30TH ST

AGES 18-35 Everyone Welcome Indy Peace Fellowship

### Boy Scout Troops

8:30PM

ZOOM CALL

### Senior Bingo

10:30AM - 12:30PM

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Bingo for members of the Seniors Angels program. Prizes include grocery and personal care items. Buffet lunch follows. \$1 per session.

### Career Center

2:00PM - 4:00PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Help with résumés, job searches, and applications.

Register at <https://indianapolis.libnet.info/event/9814127#branch>

### Storytelling Drawing Session

1:30PM - 2:30PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Storytelling Drawing Sessions give artists a chance to engage in the stories of long-term residents of Indianapolis. While community members share their stories, artists listen and reflect as they hone their skills.

## SAT

### Scouts 123/9590

10:00AM - 11:30AM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.





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## Pregnancy and Birth Education Series

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
777 INDIANA AVENUE

Continue learning about childbirth in this guided education series.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

## SFS – Build Your Own Bouquet

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
2259 RALSTON AVE | HENRY BLAIR GARDEN

Create your own bouquet and personalized cards in this hands-on flower workshop.



MONDAY, MAY 11

## Owner-Occupied Repairs Info Session

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
2259 RALSTON AVE | COMMUNITY BUILDING

Learn about home repair services that help homeowners safely age in place



THURSDAY, MAY 14

## Job Fair

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
1616 EAST 25TH STREET

Connect with employers, explore job opportunities, and get career-ready.



SATURDAY, MAY 16

## SFS – Free Garden & Planting Workshop

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
2259 RALSTON AVE | HENRY BLAIR GARDEN

Learn planting methods and practice seeding and transplanting in this hands-on workshop.



SUNDAY, MAY 17

## Walking for Dreams

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

700 W. 38TH STREET

Join a community walk fundraiser supporting EMCC and its 85th anniversary goal.

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## Soul Food Project Plant Sale

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
2259 RALSTON AVE | HENRY BLAIR GARDEN  
Pick up veggie and herb plant starts, seeds, and native flowers for your spring garden.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

## KinderQuest Fair

**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
2259 RALSTON AVE  
A fun, interactive event helping families prepare for kindergarten and connect with schools.



MONDAY, MAY 4

## Adult Book Discussion at Martindale-Brightwood

**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
2434 N SHERMAN DR

Join a small group discussion of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver with new members welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

## Smartphone Drop-In

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**  
2434 N SHERMAN DR  
Drop in to get help and ask questions about your smartphone.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

## Celebrating Mother Figures

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
2605 E 25TH ST

Celebrate the inspiring mother figures in our lives and the impact they make.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

## Martindale-Brightwood Library 125th Celebration

**2:00 PM – 4:30 PM**  
2434 N SHERMAN DR  
Celebrate 125 years with refreshments and historical archives on display.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

## 2026 SRP Kick Off (Summer Reading)

**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
2434 N SHERMAN DR  
Kick off summer reading with vendors and Kona Ice.

# BRIGHT NEWS

What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

## *Before/After School Program! (2026 - 2027)*

Our program is designed to provide high-quality STEM-focused learning and academic support, ensuring scholars build strong skills both during and beyond the school day. We prioritize targeted tutoring, homework assistance, and hands-on STEM enrichment to strengthen critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application.



## *Bus Route Change*

Starting June 14, 2026, IndyGo is updating several bus routes that may affect your commute. If you travel to us at Edna Martin Christian Center, pay special attention to Routes 5 and 21, as they're commonly used to get here. Check out this QR code for details!



## *Volunteering at Edna Martin Christian Center*

Want to find volunteering opportunities? Consider volunteering with Edna Martin! From helping at events to supporting our food pantry and programs. Stay updated by checking our BRIGHT events guide, Linktree, and email newsletters for new opportunities.

Ready to get started? Register by scanning the QR code below!



## ◀ *Jefferson Art Studio*

This past month, the Monon Trail became a canvas for something truly special. A local group, Jefferson Art Studio, led the creation of vibrant new murals across the 16th and Monon crosswalk!



## ◀ *Spring Cleaning Day!*

Martindale-Brightwood Spring Cleaning Day was a success! The Edna Martin Christian Center and the Brightwood Community Development Corporation teamed up each year to help seniors doing tasks such as yard work, landscaping, gutter clearing, junk and trash removal, etc.

## *Continuing the 85th Anniversary*

The Edna Martin Christian Center is proud to celebrate its 85th anniversary, marking decades of service, impact, and commitment to strengthening the Martindale-Brightwood community. Our founder, Edna Mae Barnes Martin, started the Edna Martin Christian Center (previously known as the East Side Christian Center) in a single bedroom in an apartment after the passing of her daughter, and 85 years later, we expanded from a single-family apartment to two locations!

We are asking for stories from the community!

For one of the projects we are working on, we are reaching out to the community to ask if you have any personal stories, pictures, or videos about Edna Martin herself or the Edna Martin Christian Center. This could be what EMCC means to you, or if you even have a personal story with our founder herself. Please email [info@ednamartincc.org](mailto:info@ednamartincc.org) for any questions or stories!

We thank you in advance!



CELEBRATING 85-YEARS AT EMCC