NOVEMBER 2026

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We want to thank,
Everybody!

Why did the turkey bring a microphone?
- They were ready to roast.

It's November now! As the year has passed, we have one more month until the end of 2026. As always, Edna Martin Christian Center is here for our neighborhood, especially during the holidays! During this season of giving, we wanted to announce that our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is coming on Tuesday, November 24th. So mark your calendars and come down for a free meal and community; we serve more than a hundred neighbors each time. Have a safe and amazing Thanksgiving, everybody!

Want more
NEWS?

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

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MARTINDALE BRIGHTWOOD

YOUR SOURCE FOR *MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD* EVENTS

EVENTS

Below are Repeating Events that happened weekly

MON

Monday Night Occasion

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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

Family play with art, games, and activities.

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.

WED

Senior Bible Study

11:00AM - 12:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

Sunny Play

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

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

Open-ended sensory play for young children.

Career Cafe

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR (ROOM 304)

- Resume and Job Readiness Skills (Nov 4)
- WorkOne Visit, depart at 10:30 a.m. (Nov 11)
- Job Applications and Follow-Up Skills - Career Café: MBCDC Job and Resume Fair (Nov 18)

Sunshine Storytime

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Stories, songs, and movement for young children.

Digital Skills Workshop Series

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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

- Computers for Beginners (Nov 4)
- Email for Beginners (Nov 11)
- Microsoft Word (Nov 18)

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.

So What

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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

A safe after-school space for teens to relax and socialize.

Career Center

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Adults can receive free one-on-one assistance with creating resumes, searching for jobs, and completing online job applications.
Register at https://indianapolis.libnet.info/event/9814127#branch

FRI

Hello, Friday!

NOVEMBER 6, 20 ONLY

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Kick off the weekend with a themed 30-minute storytime and a simple take-home family activity (while supplies last).

SAT

Scouts 123/9590

10:00AM - 11:30AM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Smartphone Drop-In

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Stop by with your smartphone questions and receive help navigating your device.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Career Center at Martindale-Brightwood

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Adults can receive free one-on-one assistance with resumes, job searches, and online job applications.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Hello, Friday!

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Kick off the weekend with a themed storytime and take-home family activity (while supplies last).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Adult Book Discussion

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Join a small group discussion about The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters, with new members and fresh perspectives welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A Big Fan Cookbook

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET, ROOM 305

Enjoy crafts, storytime, snacks, a raffle, and family Thanksgiving photos while celebrating a cookbook featuring everyone's recipes.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Now + Next: Listening Post

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Share your thoughts and help shape the library's future by participating in a brief community listening session.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Dinner

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET

Enjoy a free, hot Thanksgiving meal with dessert and drinks prepared to-go for everyone in and around the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. No RSVP required!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Bilingual Storytime

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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

Young children can enjoy books, songs, and games during this bilingual storytime in English and Spanish.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Memory Workshop

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Explore memoir writing through practical insights and writing exercises that help you identify meaningful life stories and develop your voice.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Free Notarization Services

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Adults can receive free notarization services on a first-come, first-served basis, courtesy of The Mobile Notary Network.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Free Notarization Services

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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

Adults and seniors are welcome to learn a new skill, work on current projects, or enjoy a creative drop-in crafting session.



NOW ENROLLING!

A place to learn, grow, explore and thrive! Give your child a great start in our welcoming early learning environment featuring renovated classrooms and a nature-based playground.
Now enrolling infants through Pre-K! We accept CCDF and have private-pay seats available.
Our renovated facility at 37 Place (2605 East 25th Street) is opening in January 2027. Infants and toddlers are especially encouraged to enroll! 37th Place (Infants/Toddlers) and LLA (Preschool/Pre-K).

Ready to enroll? Use the QR code or ask questions by emailing hnalls@ednamartincc.org or calling (317) 637-3776 Ext. 220!

BRIGHT NEWS

What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

The EMCC *Thanksgiving Dinner*

At Edna Martin Christian Center, we celebrate Thanksgiving by bringing families and neighbors together for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! Presented by First Baptist Indianapolis, this event offers a warm, welcoming space for everyone in the Martindale-Brightwood community to enjoy a meal, dessert, and drinks together.

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: 2605 East 25th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218



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!





Ribbon Cutting

Each year, EMCC brings families together for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy games, music, decorated trunks, candy, and Halloween fun on Friday, October 30, 2026, at the Leadership & Legacy Center.
RSVP today!



Wonder Shop

The Wonder Shop at Edna Martin has it's official webpage up!Check it out as the season of giving is coming!

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 for any questions or stories!

We thank you in advance!

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CELEBRATING 85-YEARS AT EMCC