

This Week at Our Church

Today FLC (Family Life Center)

10:00 am Sunday School, Sanctuary-Hemphill Hall rm 106
Youth Sunday School, Sanctuary: Prayer rm 212

11:00 am **Worship**
Oct. 14-31, Pumpkin Patch (Volunteers Needed)

Oct. 23 - Monday

1:00 pm **Women in Crafting**, FLC rm 121
6:00 pm **Charge Conference, Sanctuary**
7:00 pm **Mens' Bible Study**, FLC rm 119

Oct. 25 - Wednesday

3:00 pm *Prayer time for Marvin*

Wednesday Night Meals at the Café
5:00 pm "American" Chicken and Dumplings, Green Peas, Salad, Biscuits, Soup: Vegetable

7:00 pm **CA Substance Abuse classes, FLC Rm.**

Upcoming

Nov. 5, Sunday, All Saints Day

Nov. 18, 7:30—2:00 pm, MarvinGanza
Arts, Crafts, & More!

Nov. 30, 11:30 am, BINGO, FLC 120

Monthly Meetings in the FLC, rm 119, Library

Marvin Ladies meeting, Monday, Nov. 6 at 10:00 am

Marvin Leadership Team meeting, Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm

Announcements must be in by Tuesday day for printing please email or talk to Administrative Assistant.

Hospital Notifications: If you or a direct family member is a patient in the hospital and would like to see the Pastor or receive Communion, please call the church office and let them know. This is the only consistent way our church will know there is someone in the hospital. Due to HIPAA laws, stating you are a Methodist on the admittance form will not be given out to your church. The office number is 706-863-0510.

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Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or are unable to attend church regularly. If you have any changes or additions, please call or email the Church Office.

Prayers for Merla Barrera, George Chapman, Nick Clark, Alvin Dean; Beth Evans, Gary Gould, Wayne Hamilton, Clifton Hughes, Duane Leazenby, Amanda Lowe, Amanda Story, Virginia Stringfield.

Homebound Members, Richard Albert, Carol Ashworth, Carol Hendrickson.

Senior Living at St. John Towers Sandra Sorrells.

Military Families, we are the beacon of light and support for our military as they endure deployments or other hardships while defending our national freedom. Pray for our **Active Duty Soldiers,** L/Cpl Alexis King, USMC; CPT Jaylen Smith, USA; CPT Brijjuanna Smith, USA.

Offertory / Attendance

The church on average needs \$ 4,000 weekly for continuous operation, maintenance, and worship.

Last Week	2022	2021
Offertory	Same Week	Same Week
\$ 1,190 / 38	\$ 1,317 / 43	\$ 250 / 17

MARVIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4400 Wheeler Road, Martinez, GA 30907 | 706-863-0510

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Friday: Closed

Pastor Office Hours: I would love to meet with you! I am available at MUMC on

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Making an appointment with me at

ben.wills@ngumc.net or 706-842-8352 is always best.

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Communicate with Us!

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Staff

Rev. Ben Wills, *Pastor*

Dianne Masse, *Church Admin. Assistant & Notary Public*

Jerry Lu, *Pianist*

Richard Murray, *Custodian*

Lay Leadership

Sandy Leathers, *Marvin Leadership Team Chair*

Carmen Breakfield, *Lay Leader*

Marvin Preschool

Ginger Gruba, *Director ~ 706-868-8877*



Marvin United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

October 22, 2023



THE PARABLE OF TWO LOST SONS

Luke 15:11-32

Welcome to the Family, we're glad you came today!

WELCOME! You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest from God. We hope you will find a loving Christian community, and we look forward to benefiting from your uniqueness.

Gathering to Worship the Good News

**Stand as you are able*

Prelude Jerry Lu

Lighting of the CandlesAcolyte

Greeting and Announcements Liturgist

Hymn of Praise Together

"I Love to Tell the Story," UMH 156, v. All

Reading **2 Peter 3:9 NIV** Liturgist

*Response Together

"Softly and Tenderly," UMH 348, v. 1

Children's Moment Kim Slack

"Jesus Loves Me," UMH 191

Apostles Creed UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The Peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Congregational Prayer Rev. Ben Wills

Response *"Softly and Tenderly," UMH 348, v. 2*

Offering Ourselves in Worship

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer Liturgist

Offertory Music Jerry Lu

Doxology UMH 95

Hearing God's Word

Special Music *"Jesus Saves"*

Scripture **Luke 15:11-32 NIV** Rev. Ben Wills

Sermon Rev. Ben Wills

Going Forth in Thankfulness

*Closing Hymn Together

"Amazing Grace," UMH 378, v. 1-4

*Benediction Rev. Ben Wills

*Postlude



Reading: 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 NIV

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Charge Conference
for Richmond and Columbia County Churches

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 PM
Marvin UMC
4400 Wheeler Road

A service of worship and celebration for our year of ministry together and the work of United Methodist Churches across Richmond and Columbia County!

Daily Bible Readings bible.usccb.org/#subscribe