

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: Christmas Eve Worship Service**

Dec. 25 - Monday

Women in Crafting, FLC rm 121
Resume in January 8th.

Dec. 27 - Wednesday

3:00 pm *Prayer time for Marvin*

5:00 pm **Dinner at Marvin Café: Chili Bowl and 2
Hotdogs with all the fixings and coleslaw**

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

Upcoming

Dec. 29, 11:30 am, BINGO, FLC 120

**Church Office Closed
Dec 25 - 28, 2023 and Jan 1, 2024
Happy Holidays!**

Monthly Meetings in the FLC, rm 119, Library

Marvin Ladies meeting, Monday, Jan. 2 at 10:00 am

Marvin Leadership Team meeting, Jan. 9 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, Gwen Graves, Wayne Hamilton, Clifton Hughes, Stephen Leathers, Duane Leazenby, Amanda Lowe, Sharon Powell, Amanda Story, Virginia Stringfield, and Weston Trapp.

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; MAJ Brijuan 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
\$ 3,523 / 37	\$ 908 / 31	\$ 1,430 / 24

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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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*

Marvin Preschool

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



Marvin United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

The Greatest Gift of All

Matthew 25:34-40



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*

Greeting Liturgist

Prelude Jerry Lu

"What Child is This," UMH 219

Lighting of the Candles Acolyte

Announcements Liturgist

Reading Luke 2:1-7 KJV Liturgist

Hymn of Praise Together

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice," UMH 224, v. all

Advent Meditation

***Response** Together

"Joy to the World," UMH 246, v. 1-2

Children's Moment Kim Slack

"Away in a Manger," UMH 217

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 and Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Response *"Joy to the World," UMH 246, v. 3-4* Together

Offering Ourselves in Worship

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer Liturgist

Offertory Music *"Carol of the Bells"* Jerry Lu

Doxology UMH 95

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Matthew 25:34-40 NIV* Rev. Ben Wills

Sermon Rev. Ben Wills

***Closing Hymn** Together

"Silent Night," UMH 234, v. all

***Benediction** Rev. Ben Wills

***Postlude**

OR

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 KJV

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40 NIV

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Cancer Support Services (Lydia Projects)

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