

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, Welcome to Marvin UMC!**

Jan. 1 - Monday

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

Jan. 3 - Wednesday

3:00 pm *Prayer time for Marvin*

5:00 pm **Dinner at Marvin Café:** Beef or Chicken
Enchiladas Casseroles, Refried Beans,
Mexican Rice, Salad; Soup: Mushroom Soup

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

Upcoming

Church Office Closed
Jan 1, 2024

Happy New Year!
Jan 2, Closed at 12:00 pm

Jan. 25, 11:30 am, BINGO, FLC 120

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	\$ 2,046 / 68	\$ 2,073 / 32

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*

Marvin Preschool

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



Marvin United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

December 31, 2023



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

Lighting of the CandlesAcolyte

Announcements Liturgist

Hymn of Praise Together

"The First Noel," UMH 245, v. all

Reading Mathew 2:1-12

***Response** Together

"We Three Kings," UMH 254, v. 1, 2, & 5

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 and Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Response *"His Name is Wonderful," UMH 174* Together

Offering Ourselves in Worship

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory PrayerLiturgist

Offertory Music

Doxology UMH 95

Hearing God's Word

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:7 NIVRev. Ben Wills

SermonRev. Ben Wills

Receiving the Sacrament

Holy Communion UMH 13Rev. Ben Wills

"Be Thou My Vision," UMH 451 *Instrumental*

Going Forth in Thankfulness

***Closing Hymn**Together

"This is a Day of New Beginnings," UMH 383, v. 1-4

***Benediction**Rev. Ben Wills

***Postlude**



Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:7 NIV

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.



Cancer Support Services (Lydia Projects)
Accepting Donations
Now through January 2024.

Donations paid through the church and
earmarked!

Worship Notes

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