

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

Sep. 4 - Monday

1:00 pm **Women in Crafting**, FLC rm 121

7:00 pm **Mens' Bible Study**, FLC rm 119

Sep. 6 - Wednesday

3:00 pm *Prayer time for Marvin*

Wednesday Night Meals at the Café

5:00 pm BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Country Hashbrowns, and Coleslaw.

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

Upcoming

Sep 24, 5:30-6:30 pm, Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

Sep. 28, 11:30 am, BINGO, FLC 120

October 14-31, Pumpkin Patch (Volunteers Needed)

Oct. 23, Charge Conference

**The Clothes Closet is not Accepting any clothing at this time.
 Its hours are now 10:00 am—1:00 pm.**

Monthly Meetings in the FLC, rm 119, Library

Marvin Ladies meeting, Monday, Sep. 11 at 10:00 am

Marvin Leadership Team meeting, Sep. 12 at 7:00 pm

Announcements must be in by Tuesday day for printing please email or talk to Dianne Masse, 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, Linda Lang, Duane Leazenby, Amanda Lowe, Wade Smith, 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 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 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
\$ 1,348 / 48	\$ 1,726 / 48	\$ 870 / 31

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

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September 3, 2023

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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 Candles Acolyte

Greeting and Announcements Liturgist

Hymn of Praise Together

"Jesus Is All the World to Me," UMH 469, v. 1, 3, & 4

Reading *Matthew 4:18-22 NIV* Liturgist

*Response Together

"Take Up Thy Cross," UMH 415, 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 *"Take Up Thy Cross," UMH 415, v. 4*

Offering Ourselves in Worship

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer Liturgist

Offertory Music Jerry Lu

Doxology UMH 95

Hearing God's Word

Special Music *"Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454*

Scripture *Luke 14:25-35 NIV* Rev. Ben Wills

Sermon Rev. Ben Wills

Receiving the Sacrament

Holy Communion UMH 13 Rev. Ben Wills

"The Gift of Love," UMH 408

Going Forth in Thankfulness

*Closing Hymn Together

"Where He Leads Me," UMH 338, v. 1 & 4

*Benediction Rev. Ben Wills

*Postlude



Reading: Matthew 4:18-22 NIV

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35 NIV

The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men

to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Sign up for Confirmation Today!

Ages: 6th—8th grade

Starts Sep. 17 from 3:00—4:30 pm

at Lewis Memorial UMC

Classes continue each Sunday afternoon through

Confirmation Sunday November 12, 2023

Contact Grant at grant@lewisumc.org



Marvins GOAL: \$ 1275
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Volunteer Today!

Rise Against Hunger

Packaging Event

Marvin UMC & Lewis Memorial UMC

MUMC GYM Sept. 24

Sunday 5:00 - 6:30 pm