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Jesus: Go Make Disciples

The Great Commission given to Jesus' disciples before he ascended into heaven is to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

As the body of Christ, the Church takes this as its directive for its work and its mission throughout the ages.

Times were different during the 50s and 60s when mainline denominations grew exponentially. Now we do mission and outreach differently to meet the changing needs of our culture and the people we serve worldwide.

Marvin has over 20 mission and outreach projects each year plus fundraisers and in-kind donation opportunities. We need to focus.

- IF we give our best to those ministries that draw people to Christ; and
- IF we help people become contributing members of the community we serve at the corner of Wheeler and Belair; and
- IF we have a vision for our place in global ministry;
- THEN, we will have focused mission and outreach ministries that will make disciples for Christ.

Members and guests join us for the Global Outreach Weekend, May 16 & 17. *See page 2*

Global Outreach Process for Local Churches



Analyzing the church's current approach to global outreach

Strategizing an Acts 1:8 plan for global outreach

Mobilizing the entire church for global outreach

Missionizing strategically and significantly

Global Outreach Weekend = Rethinking Church

Led by the Pastor, Marvin is partnering with the Mission Society to develop a plan for equipping, supporting, and funding our ministries. This partnership begins with a Global Outreach Weekend involving Church Council leaders. All members are invited to attend.

The Mission Society is a Christian agency that sends support to missionaries worldwide. In Marvin's effort to fulfill the Great Commission from Christ to his disciples and his church—go make disciples—Marvin is developing a partnership with the agency.

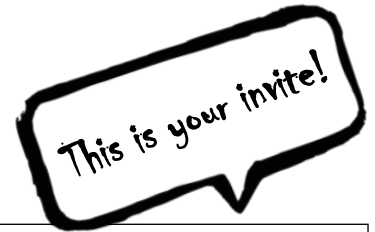
Rethinking Outreach & Missions

On Marvin's Global Outreach Weekend, May 16 and 17, representatives of the Mission Society will help us develop our plan for missions. We will follow a four-step process that will guide us in rethinking what and how our community engages in outreach to our local community, region, and the world.

At the workshop we will think together about our church and its heart for the world. Beginning with a biblical foundation, we will move to plans of action to engage in meaningful and effective short-term mission efforts.

We will also consider how we can partner with others who have the same purpose for kingdom building.

After the workshop we will have the opportunity to decide whether we will continue to steps 2, 3, and 4 for full involvement.



Marvin United Methodist Church
joyfully invites you to

Global Outreach Weekend

Saturday, May 16

8:30 am Gathering

9 am–4 pm Planning Workshop
(includes lunch and snacks)

Sunday, May 17

8:45 am Worship with Mission Society

9:45 am Joint Sunday School
(youth–adults)

11 am Worship with Mission Society

12:30 pm Leadership Lunch with
Mission Society

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PEOPLE OF HOPE

Mary Cox: Our Martha and Lydia

The best friend a person can have when in the hospital is Mary Cox, practicing the ministry of PRESENCE. *She just shows up!*



Whether she is helping someone get to a doctor's appointment or visiting several times while someone is in the hospital, Mary is a faithful servant of Christ. Her biblical models are Lazarus' sister Martha who prepared to serve guests (Luke 10) and Lydia whose heart was opened in response to Christ (Acts 16). Our Mary opens herself to care for the sick, grieving, elderly, and particularly the poor.

Mary's Ministry of Presence

During any visit to her home, Mary is prepared to attend to your every need. She offers dessert and serves it on china with matching cups. Her Southern hospitality embraces you because it's honest and just down-home friendly. The table is always set in anticipation of someone's arrival. *She is just waiting for YOU!*

Mary knows who she is in Christ. "I serve others," she says confidently. That has been her precious gift in the Marvin faith community.

Feeding the Hungry

After attending a workshop on poverty, Mary returned committed to relieving poverty in Columbia County. She represented Marvin on the Columbia County Hunger Coalition. She still delivers the bags of grits we collect on first Sundays to Columbia County Cares, the food pantry that originated at Marvin. For over 10 years we have honored our agreement to donate grits every month. *Don't forget your grits!*

This past summer Mary delivered a week's worth of lunch meals to families served by Marvin. Marvin will organize the Summer Lunch program in partnership with other churches once again this summer.

For the past few months Mary has been unable to be our Martha and Lydia. Instead, we have been practicing the ministry of presence to her, sending cards, visiting, calling, and showing her radical hospitality.

A Few Mary-isms

Mary has sayings which revive her spirit and sustain her confidence in Christ's active presence in her life. Here are a few.

"Do all you can and accept that as your best."

"Leave that, I'll get it!"

"Life is an adventure!"

"No regrets!"



MARVIN UMC

July 20-24

9 am–4:30 pm

\$125 per camper

Rising 1st–6th graders

**Register online at
www.GrowDayCamps.org**

This summer Marvin will open its doors to give rising 1st through 6th graders a summer camp experience right in their own neighborhood.

Marvin is one of three programs offered by Camp Glisson in the Augusta District. Camp Glisson is a United Methodist camp in Dahlonega that now offers local camp experiences at 32 churches in North Georgia. Marvin is one of those sites. Campers engage in experiences with Christ in the presence of other children and well-trained counselors.

This opportunity will serve the whole community, with Marvin committed to attracting at least 25 and no more than 30 children.

Want to Help?

You can sponsor \$100 of the cost of the camp for a family with more than one child. Together, we can be sure all eligible Marvin children are able to take part. Make checks payable to Marvin UMC for Grow Camp.

Youth and the River of Life

For over a decade, Marvin has partnered with Lincolnton UMC in mission to residents needing home repairs, handicap accessibility ramps, or yard work.

We are thankful that the Mikey Foundation has been helping us with the costs of youth and their sponsors for several years. Our young adults return year after year to be a part of this mission.

This year's mission work promises to be just as inspiring and life-changing. During evening worship, lives are transformed and Christ is revealed.

*Where the
river flows
everything will live.
Ezekiel 47:9b*



June 10–14

Marvin in partnership
with Lincolnton UMC

Ready for Vacation Bible School?

July 6–10

5:30 pm Supper

6–8:30 pm

Discovery Bible lessons ... Music ...
Science-related crafts ... Recreation

July 12 (Sunday)

11 am VBS Worship

12:30 pm Picnic

We invite **pre-school to 6th grade students** to join us for another year of studying the Bible and the love of Jesus through discovery and experience.

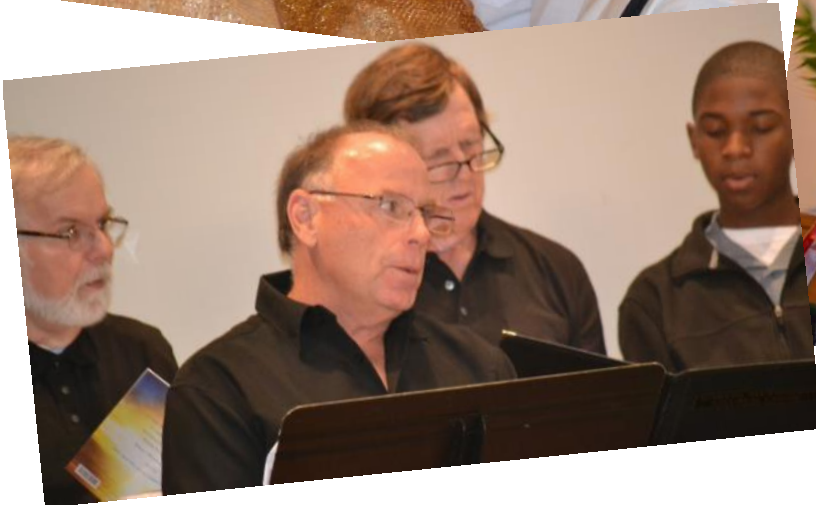
Youth assist with leadership in drama, music, shepherding children between activities, and assisting adults leaders. They may volunteer before, during, or after VBS.

Call 706-863-0510 to register





Marvinites



May @ Marvin

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|--|---|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| 31 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sun School 11 Worship 5:30 Concert | 4 9:30 UMW mtg 2 Sr. line dancing 4 Girl Scouts 6 UMM mtg | 5 10 Hebrews Study (women) | 6 2 Sr. Exercise NO Wednesday Dinner 7 Choir Practice | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship | 11 4 Girl Scouts 6 Romans Study (men) | 12 10 Hebrews Study (women) | 13 2 Sr. Exercise 6 Dinner | 14 | 15 2 Sr. Exercise | 16 Mission Weekend Mission Society 8:30 am–4 pm All invited |
| 17 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship | 18 6 Romans Study (men) | 19 10 Hebrews Study (women) | 20 2 Sr. Exercise 5:30 Dinner 6 Prayer & Praise 7 Choir Practice | 21 | 22 2 Sr. Exercise | 23 2 High Tea at Marshall Square |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Boomers & Beyond . . . A Ministry for Active Older Adults

Exercise ... Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 2–3 pm. Line dancing on Mondays.

Small Groups ... Women’s Bible Study on Tuesdays, 10 am–noon at Marshall Square. Summer gatherings will encourage fellowship and growing in our daily walk with Christ ... Men’s Bible Study on Mondays, 6–7 pm ... Sunday school classes, 9:45 am ... United Methodist Men gather for dinner and meeting on first Mondays, 6–7 pm ... United Methodist Women gather for monthly meeting on first Mondays, 9:30 am.

Road Trips ... The group takes day trips to local attractions, plays, and weekend escapes scheduled throughout the year. Look for opportunities to sign up.