



Marvin United Methodist Church

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Senior Pastor

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Dear Marvin friends:

We are better together!

Next Sunday, November 6, our great church will celebrate a wondrous day of commitment as we consecrate our living, giving, and loving in a very special service of worship.

I am so excited about the promise that Commitment Sunday brings! From the pulpit, I will try to exude every ounce of passion within me and ask each individual and family in our congregation to reflect on how giving intentionally out of gratitude for God's grace can cultivate a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

Giving generously is something United Methodists love to do, for we know that together, we can serve our community and our world in a way that no other individual or family can do separately!

Thank you for all the ways that you have supported the Mission and Ministry of our great Church in the past!

With the help of so many in our congregation, we have weathered difficult seasons in the life of the church and world and now are poised to move from surviving to thriving, scarcity to ministry, and maintenance to mission as we step into the vision that God has called us to!

In 2023, we desire to:

- Significantly **Cut Down** On our Congregational Debt of \$100,000
- **Encourage** Those Struggling with Generational Poverty who Live within the Shadow of our Steeple
- Engage **Spiritual Seekers** Through Excellent Worship & Strengthen Believers' Faith Through Intentional Community

To accomplish these goals, we are projecting a Mission and Ministry budget of approximately **\$145,000**.

Enclosed please find your **2023 "I'm IN!" Commitment Card**.

On Sunday **November 6**, as we give thanks to God for the Saints of His Church, and as we receive supernatural strength from the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, I invite you to meet me at the Chancel Rail with your Commitment Card and declare, **"I'm IN!" for 2023!**

It is my hope that everyone in our congregation will want to say, **"I'm IN!"** with confidence, for those two words carry the powerful promise that we as a church will be able to advance our ministries that help people to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.

If you are unable to be present on Sunday, November 6, you may return your Commitment Card in one of four ways, with the last two being my favorites:

- Return the enclosed card by mail.
- Bring your completed card by the Church Office.
- Complete your commitment card online at marvinchurch.com
- Email me at ben@ngumc.net using the Subject Field of **"I'm IN!"** and then including the requested information in your email.
- Call me at 706-842-8352 and have your first words be: **"I'm IN!"**
We can then follow up to receive your completed form.

We are better together! Every signed commitment counts and helps our leadership team plan responsibly. I thank you in advance for sharing your **gifts** with the One who has blessed us so richly.

Thank you for your continued love for our great church and for your steadfast calling to help us **Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!**

Remember how much I love you ...
It is an honor to be your Pastor!



The Rev. Ben Wills