

## 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**  
**7:00 pm Carols by Candlelight, Sanctuary**

### 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
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Same Week</b>	<b>Same Week</b>
<b>\$ 3,523 / 37</b>	<b>\$ 908 / 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,430 / 24</b>

## 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.

*CCLI# 1269631*

### Communicate with Us!

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Official Facebook: [marvinunitedmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/marvinunitedmethodist)

### 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



*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

*"Sing We Now of Christmas," UMH 237*

**Lighting of the Candles** .....Acolyte

**Announcements** ..... Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise** ..... Together

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," UMH 240, v. all*

**Advent Wreath Meditation**

**\*Response** ..... Together

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel," UMH 204*

**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 "Mary Did You Know" Julie Davis**

**Offering Ourselves in Worship**

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer** .....Liturgist

**Offertory Music "Birthday of a King".....Jerry Lu**

**Doxology UMH 95**



**Hearing God's Word**

**Special Music "O Holy Night"** ..... Choir

**Scripture Isaiah 40:9-11 NIV** ..... Rev. Ben Wills

**Sermon** ..... Rev. Ben Wills

**\*Closing Hymn** ..... Together

*"Love Came Down at Christmas," UMH 242, v. all*

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Ben Wills

**\*Postlude**



**Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-11 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.



**Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24, 11:00 am**

**Christmas Eve  
Carols by Candlelight  
December 24, 7:00 pm**



**Marvin UMC**

4400 Wheeler Rd., Martinez GA, 30907

**Cancer Support Services (Lydia Project)**

Accepting Donations

Now through January 2024.

Donations paid through the church and earmarked!



*Daily Bible Readings* bible.usccb.org/#subscribe