

The Marvin MESSENGER

"News for members and friends of Marvin United Methodist Church"

Farewell



Arlene and I moved into the Marvin Parsonage five years ago. At that time, the Berlin wall was firmly in place and we were helping our ally Iraq in her war with Iran!

A lot has happened to the Giglio family in that time. Our youngest son married and moved to Germany, the other son and our daughter have given us four beautiful grandchildren. Arlene and I both lost our last remaining parents, our mothers; hers to cancer, mine murdered in an Atlanta burglary.

A lot has happened to the Marvin Family in that time. Some physical changes have taken place; a new piano and sound system, a new van, the computer system, entry and narthex renovation, pews in the balcony, new hymnals, pew cushions, handicapped ramps, a new roof on the Sanctuary, and now we are witnessing at last the renovation and completion of the family life center. Some program changes took place; a program of adult education, our involvement in the Walk to Emmaus movement, the permanent nine o'clock service, children's church, Wednesday fellowship meals and activities, the Scouting programs for girls and boys, the Centennial Celebration.

We added 346 new members in that time, but we said our last fond farewells at more than twenty funerals, including Ed Nichols, Tom Barber, Mark Relken, Harold Gibbs, Michael Morris, Alvin Reeves, Bub Hall, Bill Brown, Irene Meyer, Donald Glenn, Bob Simrany, Geneva Reynolds, William McGahee.

If that was all - the years gone by, and the names and the common experiences - we would be an indelible part of each other's history. But it is more than that. There is something about this shared enterprise, the church, which makes us more than friends. We are eternally comrades. We didn't just happen into each other by accident. We came together to be the church. Jesus said, "You didn't choose me, I chose you, and appointed you ..." It is the shared task - the holy quest, which bound us up together for a time and made us true and eternal brothers and sisters in Christ.

So it just doesn't come easy to leave or even to think about leaving. But these parting times come to us, and here is one of them.

One of our family's favorite movies is "The Wizard of Oz". I remember how Dorothy was sent by the good witch in search of the Wizard to help her find Kansas again, and along the yellow brick road she met some friends. First, Scarecrow, then Tin Man, and then old Cowardly Lion; all of them wanting to go to the same place for the same reason. "We're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz, because because because because, be-causeeeeeee ... because of the wonderful things he does!" Each of them had a need: one wanted wisdom, one wanted courage, one wanted guidance and

direction, and one wanted the capacity to feel and to love; he wanted a heart. In the end, they all got what they wanted, what really they already had, and then it was time for them to part and go their separate ways. Do you remember what the Tin Man said to Dorothy? With tears dripping down his face, while Dorothy tried to oil him and keep him from rusting again, he grabbed his "ticker" and said, "Now I know I have a heart - because it's breaking." And then they said their goodbyes.

So, we're off again. The kids used to say, "where are we going, Daddy?" And I sometimes said with a twinkle in my eye, "We're off to see the Wizard!" We're on another quest, to find and perhaps help to create something like the Kingdom of God, because of the wonderful things He does in our own life and in the lives of persons everywhere.

"We're marching to Zion. Beautiful, beautiful Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God." It is really hard to leave. But in another way, it's exciting, too. Someone has said that the Methodist itinerant appointment system is like a parable of life. It trains us for partings. That's the way life is - one parting after another, until we are all rejoined together in His time and place.

Let us all pray for wisdom, for courage, for guidance and direction, and in Thanksgiving for our hearts. I know I have one, because it is breaking. Goodbye.

Love,
John

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter, the following persons have joined the congregation at Marvin, including the 1992 Confirmation Class. Please give a warm Marvin welcome to:

Carol Pace
Melissa
[REDACTED]
Martinez, Georgia 30907 [REDACTED]

Dan and Debbie Adkins
Nicky
[REDACTED]
Martinez, Georgia 30907 [REDACTED]

The Confirmation Class:

Stephanie Bell
Cathy Boothe
Melissa Connelly
Amber Eldred (Affiliate Membership)
Ryan Fulghum
Ryan Hughes

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MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board of Marvin United Methodist Church met on Tuesday, May 19, 1992 with 24 members present. Chairman Mike Lester opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Stone explained the printed report, noting that apportionments have been paid in full for the month. Plans are being made and funds will be needed for some of the Youth trips coming up within the next month. Funds have been transferred from the building fund to zero out the Narthex Repair and Renovation Fund and the Porch Renovation Fund as previously authorized. Funds for the Augusta Urban Ministries accrue and are paid when a substantial amount has accumulated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

TRUSTEES: Lance Goninen reported three contractors, R.D. Brown, R.W. Allen and Triangle Construction Companies, were invited to the pre-bid conference and were given the plans and specifications for the Family Life Center project, and will submit sealed bids for a "turn key job" to the Board of Trustees for opening on June 15, 1992.

A proposal regarding an ADT security system for the parsonage was recommended by Mr. Goninen. Board members expressed concerns on various issues such as Law Enforcement response to the system, cost of monitoring, etc. After lengthy discussion, the Board asked the Trustees to research the matter further. Mr. Goninen asked that any member having information regarding a security system and/or would like to make a substitute proposal please contact him or the church secretary before the next Trustees meeting.

The Trustees have agreed to extend the bank loan for another 30 days until the closing on the new loan. This is just a formality to accommodate the bank since we are continuing to make monthly payments as budgeted.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Steve Karnowski reported a joint recommendation of the Council on Ministries and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee to hire a Summer Youth Director. Steve provided very detailed information regarding the job description, salary, etc. After many questions and expressed concerns, a motion to support the Staff/Parish Relations Committee proposal to hire the Youth Worker was voted on and approved.

Mr. Karnowski asked that an announcement be placed in the Newsletter and bulletins requesting that any person with agenda items for the various committees contact the necessary committee chair or the church administrator one week in advance.

Pastor Giglio requested that Becky Collins, Nursery Supervisor, be paid an additional \$80.00 for all the extra hours she worked during Lent and during the Seminar on Stress. A motion on this issue was made and approved.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Shirley Coleman gave the report of the C.O.M. The job description of the Summer Youth Worker was discussed. It was decided that the worker will focus primarily on Junior and Senior High Youth, being

responsible for design, publicity, and execution of programs. Also, the director will coordinate and execute fun times for 4th and 5th graders once or twice a month. Other possible ministries include Children's Church, Bible Study, etc., to be determined by the youth director and the new Pastor. The Council on Ministries recommends that the youth be involved with planning programs for the Summer.

Carolyn Lane reported that the planned weekend "Experience in Healing and Wholeness" has been postponed to an indefinite future date.

The C.O.M. retreat is being planned for the weekend of August 1st. The Revival set for September is postponed to receive input from the new Pastor.

Dot Myers' Mother's Day Out program for Friends of Handicapped Children has been scheduled to take place on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM during the Summer months. The need to be flexible and work around the construction was emphasized. She also proposed that Marvin accept Wesley UMC's offer to help with the Food Pantry. The plan, unanimously supported, entails two workers, one from Marvin and one from Wesley, opening the Pantry one morning per week. It was also suggested and accepted that each recipient show a picture I.D. and fill out a record sheet to reduce abuse of the pantry.

David Fearnough proposed beginning a new Adult Sunday School Class focused on foundational issues of Christianity. The idea was supported, but there was some question on the format of the class.

Meeting times for the Council On Ministries were officially changed to 7:30 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS: Paul Stone proposed that 30 new softball jerseys be purchased by Marvin. The current jerseys are four years old and in really bad shape. The approximate cost is \$360.00. This issue was brought in the form of a motion, and was approved.

Jim Hemphill, on behalf of **Ray Usry** who was absent, proposed purchasing a maintenance contract on the heating and air-conditioning system in the church through Mechanical Trades, Inc., Lance Goninen's firm. The proposal was voted on and approved. The contract will call for quarterly inspections and maintenance at \$35.00 per hour, with an initial 3 hour maximum charge, and 2 hours thereafter. The funds for this contract are presently budgeted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Giglio at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa English, Secretary

Members Present: John Giglio, Charles Sorrow, Paul Stone, Phyllis Relken, Frances Echols, Steve Karnowski, Mike Lester, Gene and Charlene Scroggy, Bill and Teresa English, Nell Blanchard, Luther McElveen, Barbara Long, Shirley Coleman, Dot Gibbs, Alan Faulkner, Jim Hemphill, Lance Goninen, Mike Howard, Edward Anthony, Dot Myers, and Doug and Sylvia Huyck.

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CHRISTY FULLER MISSION REPORT

On Sunday, June 7th, the feast of Pentecost in the church, Christy Fuller will be with us during the Sunday School hour and again at 7:00 PM at the evening service.

Christy is a graduate of Evans High School and our Marvin UMYF, who now participates in the **Wesley Foundation** - the United Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of Georgia in Athens. Our church recently helped sponsor Christy's mission trip to Jamaica, where she worked with other Christian young people to build a mission house.

Christy will be presenting a report to us featuring slides and stories of her experiences with the under-class of Jamaican society, and the impact of Christian witness there.

There will be an assembly in the Library during the Sunday School hour for those who are interested, and then she will be at the evening service at 7:00 PM, following UMYF time. What a nice "thank you note" to Marvin for our participation in this experience!

BUILDING PLANS

The Trustees invited representatives of three firms, **R.W. Allen, R.D. Brown, and Triangle Construction Companies** to a pre-bid conference on May 7th where they received copies of the plans and specifications for our Family Life Center renovation and completion project. Sealed bids for a "turn key job" will be opened on June 15th, at which time we hope to announce the successful bidder and get work underway immediately after Vacation Bible School.

Our church owes a tremendous debt of gratitude especially to **John Sisty, Lance Goninen, Steve Karnowski**, and all the **Trustees and Building Committee** members who have worked so faithfully to bring us to this point. It has been a long, hard struggle, but they did it! Praise God for leaders such as these.

Since the plans call for extensive welding, masonry and duct work overhead on the ground floor, this most disruptive phase of the job is scheduled for the Summer months while there is no pre-school or adult education program. The Church Office schedule, Food Pantry, Sunday School and all other activities involving the Family Life Center building will need to remain very flexible from week to week and expect to tolerate considerable inconvenience while this necessary work is accomplished.

We will all be very happy to see the improvements and the new classroom and recreation space for our people to enjoy for a very long time to come, but we will have to summon up all our patience in the interim until things get back to normal.

If you have any questions about your summer activities, call Lance Goninen, chairman of the Trustees, or the church office for further information as it becomes available.

NEW PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

The Bishop and the Cabinet of the North Georgia Conference have announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. John Hugh Page, Jr. to Marvin. Moving day for the pastors of the Conference is Thursday, June 25th. Dr. Page's first Sunday in the Marvin pulpit will be June 28th.

John and his lovely wife, Nancy, were in Augusta last week and were entertained by the District Superintendent, by Rev. and Mrs. Giglio at the parsonage, and Steve and Sue Karnowski, and then were given a reception by the Staff/Parish Relations Committee and their spouses in the Library/Conference room.

John is originally from Texas, attended Candler School of Theology where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree, and recently completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree program through McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He has been serving for the last seven years as the Associate Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Griffin. His previous pastorates include Sam Jones Memorial in Cartersville, Aragon and Marietta First United Methodist Churches.

He married the former Nancy Nicely of Cartersville in 1977 while he was the Youth Director there and she was a graduate of his Senior UMYF program! Nancy is an O.R. and I.C.U. nurse, and will be taking a position with St. Joseph Hospital here.

The Giglios will be moving to Varnell United Methodist Church of the Dalton District.

Once again the church must say a fitting "goodbye" to one pastor and a fitting "welcome" to another new pastor. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee has taken their responsibilities in this transition with ultimate seriousness and they have done an outstanding job with kindness and grace. Take a moment to express your gratitude to Steve Karnowski, Judy Roberts, Jerry Daniels, Karen Lester, Jim Levesque, Jacky Stone, Charles Cason, Ron Carter, Ed Anthony and Fred Garrett for the excellent way they have represented the congregation during these difficult days.

PARSONAGE WORK TEAMS FORMING

Nell Blanchard, Parsonage Committee Chair, and the United Methodist Men and Trustees are planning some work at the parsonage to insure that the incoming parsonage family enjoys moving into the nice home we provide.

We want to paint three bedrooms, replace the disappearing stairway, repair or replace and clean storm windows, trim some bushes (trees, really), shampoo the carpets, clean the coils on the refrigerator and other such jobs to spiffy up the place. Volunteers are welcome. Please call Charles Cason, 863-3959, or Steve Karnowski, 863-9424, or Nell Blanchard, 860-4104, if you can help. **There are two special opportunities to do this work while the house is unoccupied: during John's vacation week of June 1 - 6, and during Annual Conference, the week of June 15 - 20.** Please help if you can.

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ALL ABOARD FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL !

Mrs. Michele Wilmer, the Dean of the Marvin United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, invites all the children in the church and community to attend our school during the week of June 22nd through the 26th, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The theme is "Festival! Worship With Jesus - Worship Today!" Pre-registration forms are available in the church office or in the Narthex of the church.

Laura Tollison will be calling all the members of the church to donate some refreshments for our hospitality room during the week and for the closing celebration on Friday at noon. If you would like to help, you may call Laura in advance at 868-5867.

We need shoeboxes, empty cereal boxes, empty toilet tissue rolls, and empty paper towel rolls for craft projects. A box will be placed in the Narthex for your donations.

The staff is ready and waiting for a record number of children this year - so spread the word to your neighbors and friends and bring all the children into the house of the Lord for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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