

New Here?

Welcome to Marvin Methodist Church! | We are glad you are here. **Text the word NEW to 90382 so we can connect!** First time at Marvin? Grab the Connection Card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it, and then take it to the information desk today so we can present you with a welcome gift.

Information | Visit the Welcome Center for information about programs, ministries and places to serve. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, *Marvin Messenger*. Click the NEWSLETTER SIGNUP button on the bottom of our homepage, marvin.church. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/marvinmethodist.

Sunday School | Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Get details at the information desk.

Kids | Your kids are special guests! Pick up a worship bag and children’s bulletin at the sanctuary entrances. Care is available for children 5 and under in the nursery. Need a quiet place for your baby? Visit room 101 beneath the sanctuary where you can watch the service on a monitor in a peaceful setting.

Ready to join? | Complete the Connection Card found in the pew pocket in front of you and then come to the front of the church at the pastor’s invitation for new members. You will be given the vows of membership and introduced to the congregation. Contact Alicia Manfrin (amanfrin@marvin.church) to join outside of worship.

Need prayer? | Take a prayer card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it and put it in the offering plate.

Assisted Listening & Hearing | Please see an usher for information about our assisted listening and hearing systems.

This Week

Today
Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Littles, Lessons, & Lattes (2s), 10 a.m. | 3rd Grade Bible Presentation, 11 a.m.
Unite (Junior High), 5 p.m. | Unite (Senior High), 6:30 p.m.

Monday
Susanna Wesley Circle, 10 a.m. | Medical School Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m. | Missions Serve Night, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Hiway 80 Lunches, 9:30 a.m. | Women in the Word Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Tuesday Men’s Bible Study, 11 a.m. | Laymen’s Lunch & Bible Study, 11 a.m.
Amazing Grace Circle, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
Midweek Meditation, 12:05 p.m. | GriefShare, 3:45 p.m. Midweek Meal, 5 p.m.
Catechism of the GMC–Part 2, 6 p.m. | Experiencing God, 6 p.m. | Life to Life, 6 p.m.
The Walk, 6 p.m. | Hidden (Women’s Study), 6 p.m.
What Did John Wesley Say About?, 6 p.m. | Student Covenant Groups, 6 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Marvin Mahjong, noon | Men’s Covenant Group, noon
Fishers of Men Bible Study, 1 p.m. | Afternoon Pickleball, 4 p.m.
Abide (Prayer in the Chapel), 6 p.m. | Adult 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Confirmation Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m. | EDGE (5th Grade Bible Study), 5 p.m.
Unite (Junior High), 5 p.m. | Unite (Senior High), 6:30 p.m.

Ways to Serve

Bonner Elementary

Help us serve hot dogs and snow cones on Sept. 19 from 5–7 p.m. to celebrate Bonner’s Grade

A school rating!

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Greeters

Can we count on you to give 25 minutes of your time on Sunday mornings to greet and welcome all those who enter the doors of our church?

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Celebration Choir

We want to invite your child to join the Celebration Choir! They meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ *Let the prelude be a veil dropped between a secular world of distractions _____ and a singular desire to be in God’s presence.* _____

PRELUDE

Take Up Thy Cross
arr. William C. Steere

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Believing that Jesus looks upon us with love, we come trusting that God has a word for us.

People: **We come seeking true treasure, not in earthly goods, but in God’s heavenly Kingdom.**

Leader: Be encouraged! What seems impossible for humans is possible with God.

People: **We desire to have nothing separate us from following Christ.**

***OPENING HYMN 572**

Amazing Grace
NEW BRITIAN/arr. Samuel Metzger

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI 33**

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

MARVIN CONNECTION

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION (11)

Parents & Congregation: **Yes. We will take seriously our privilege and responsibility for helping these children grow in their faith. With God’s help we will lead them, share with them, and provide them with loving support and fellowship that they may grow in Christ.**

MEDITATION

Softly and Tenderly
arr. Cynthia Clawson
Shannon Line, mezzo-soprano

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 4:14–20

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We praise You Lord for meeting us where we are and for patiently revealing the idols in our own lives that keep us from following You wholeheartedly. Lord, we want good soil in our hearts that hear Your Word and accept it. We want Your Word to bear fruit in our lives, through our lives. Help us to see Your love for us and to gladly lay down our lives, die to ourselves, surrender possessions, that we might follow you. That we might experience your treasure that will never, ever fade. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian
arr. Joseph M. Martin
Laude Chorum (8:30); Chancel Choir (11)

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***SERMON HYMN 596**

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
MARYTON

***SERMON TEXT**

Mark 10:17–27

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The Invitations of Jesus:
Discover What Hinders, Then Come*
Dr. Doug Baker

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

***COMMITMENT HYMN 514**

Jesus, I Come
JESUS, I COME

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome and receive you into the fellowship of Marvin Methodist Church. We promise to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ. Today, we renew our vows of loyalty both to Christ and the church. As representatives of Christ in the world, we promise to do all in our power to strengthen Marvin’s ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Grant Us Thy Peace
by Mary Wood Chaplin

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale
by Sigfrid Karg Elert

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church
Lead Pastor: Dr. Doug Baker | **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Joiner
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story
Acolytes: Luke Philley, Jack Philley (8:30); Marietta Oden, Maggie Oden (11)
Altar Flowers: Placed in loving memory of Robert M. Rogers by Robyn, John, and Joseph upon the twenty-ninth anniversary of his passing to Heaven.
Liturgical color: Green, indicating our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

Coming Events

3rd Grade Bible Presentation
Today, 11 a.m.
We will present our current 3rd graders with a Bible during the 11 a.m. worship service in both traditional and Core worship.

Confirmation Fall 2025 Begins
Sunday, September 21, 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation is one of the most forming catalysts of a student’s faith. We will begin Confirmation with a breakfast, introduction of prayer partners, and class. Confirmation classes will be every Sunday (Sept. 21-Nov. 16) at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge. Students will learn about essential Christian doctrine, Methodist beliefs/history, and will ultimately be able to make a decision to follow Christ and be baptized if they have not already done so. Upon being confirmed, students will become members of the church! For more information, contact Jonathan Becker.

Missions Expo 2025
Sunday, October 5, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Pirtle Hall
Visit more than 40 booths highlighting the many local and international partner agencies Marvin Methodist Church supports and serves alongside. Talk to leaders from the agencies about what they do, who they serve, and how you can plug in. There will be snacks and door prizes all morning.

Stewardship Campaign
Sunday, October 5 and 12
The first Stewardship Sunday is Sunday, Oct. 5. We invite you to build a Christ centered community to serve the world together. The invitation is out – will you accept?

Marvin Midweek
Will you be here on Wednesday night for Marvin Midweek? Each week the meal begins at 5 p.m. followed by classes from 6–7 p.m. Meal reservations must be made the Tuesday before the meal. You can register for classes and make meal reservations by scanning the QR code.



Marvin’s Family

Pray for | Ken Aitken, Joan Beach, Betty Bower, Suzy Bruce, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Janell Edwards, Rusty Fletcher, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, John Horton, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Maria Lopez, Dorothy Mackey, Anita Nourse, Anne Odendhal, John Perkins, Pam Petty, Su Plunkett, Nick Sholars, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Nancean Stover, Kathy Strain, Suzie Tomme, Susan Turner, Russ Willis, military personnel and their families.

New this week | Carol Glidewell

Sympathy to | Anthony and Margaret Callens, Austin, Sarah and Whitney Callens on the death of Anthony and Margaret’s son, Austin, Sarah and Whitney’s Brother, Zachary Callens, August 31.

NOTES

Giving News



On Sunday, August 10 we came together to celebrate God’s goodness and look ahead with hope. The joy, food, and fellowship of our Fall Kick-Off were possible because of your generosity.

Thank you, Marvin, for making it such a special day!

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Invitations of Jesus

JOHN 1:35–42
JOHN 1:43–51
MATTHEW 11:28–30
MARK 6:30–34
JOHN 7:37–39
MARK 10:17–27
JOHN 21:1–14
MATTHEW 25:31–40



DR. DOUG BAKER, LEAD PASTOR | MARVIN.CHURCH