

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Established 1812
Warrenton, North Carolina



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Our mission is to assist people in recognizing God's call to a new life through faith in Christ Jesus. We exist to worship God, to serve Christ and to love our neighbors in the same way God loves us. We are a family of believers who profess our imperfections at the same time that we strive to help each other become more Christ-like through worship, education, service and fellowship.

Service of the Word

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING Picardy, St. Columba and Slane Noel Rawsthorne

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE Olivet Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering for worship, we are reminded that in all the pathways we have walked, God was there. *Indeed our worship is a showcase of all the ways God strives to bring us to an abundance of life.* In worship we are afforded the opportunity to show gratitude to God and to our fellow sojourners. *Praise be to God for all the wondrous ways we are blessed!*

* PRAYER

Glory, majesty, power and authority be to you, our Savior God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord God, bring your majesty into our worship that we may be transformed by your power and filled with gratitude and humility. Amen.

* HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee UMH 452

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Affirmation From I Timothy UMH 889

* GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Pew Bible OT 692

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible NT 76

* HYMN How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ UMH 654

EPISTLE LESSON II Timothy 2:8-15 Pew Bible NT 199

ANTHEM Simple Gifts Aaron Copland

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 66:1-12 Pew Bible OT 508

SERMON Come, See What God Has Done Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR OUR LIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY Maryton Rawsthorne

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

* HYMN Faith of Our Fathers UMH 710

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION Danish Amen UMH 898

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE St. Catherine Rawsthorne

The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.

** Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.

* All who are able may stand.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Kae Aycock
Greeter, Lisa Bolton

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Elaine Coleman
Ushers, Kent Copley, Steve Milligan

TO OUR VISITORS: We welcome all of our visitors today! In this hour, may your life be filled with peace as we worship our Lord together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please sign a visitor's card and let us know if you would like a call or a visit.

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Charge Conference will be held this year on Monday, October 20 at 6 p.m., here at Wesley Memorial. This year's conference will be held in the Fireside Room, and will include Bethlehem UMC. All members of the Administrative Council are also members of the Charge Conference, and the meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: In our ongoing partnership with Loaves & Fishes, we will be volunteering (rain or shine) to help with curbside food distribution on Tuesday, October 21. To save on limited parking near the food pantry, those planning to help should meet in the church's back parking lot no later than 7:40 a.m. to carpool over. For anyone needing to drive themselves, Loaves & Fishes is at 538 W. Ridgeway St., Warrenton, behind Warren County Health Department. Please park in one of the angled spaces on the right side of the parking lot. Plan to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. We should be finished by 11 a.m. depending on how many clients come through.

COOKIE DELIVERIES: We'll be conducting our Cookies for Schools project on Tuesday, October 28, delivering boxes of homemade cookies to all schools in the Warren County Schools district and other public agencies as long as boxes are available. Those wishing to participate, please bring your favorite homemade cookies to the church fellowship hall by 9 a.m. that morning and plan to stay to help box them up for delivery. Arranging the cookies in boxes (provided) takes about an hour or so, then we will disperse for delivery across the county. The last time we conducted this project, we had more than 1,600 cookies and delivered to some 17 schools and other agencies such as law enforcement, town halls, and the health department. For more information, please see Jennifer Franks.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUPPER: The monthly Men's Fellowship Supper will be held on Thursday, October 30, at 6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend, and consider bringing a guest! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex so that we can get an accurate head count.

MUSIC NOTES: This morning's anthem, *Simple Gifts*, is a Shaker song written by Elder Joseph Brackett in 1848. The song reflects the Shaker's spiritual beliefs and lifestyle, emphasizing life's simplicity and joy. American composer Aaron Copland used its melody in his score for Martha Graham's ballet, *Appalachian Spring*, which premiered in 1944. While "turning" is a theme common in Christian theology, the reference to "turning" in the anthem's last two lines are also dance instructions: when the traditional dance is performed, each dancer ends up where they started, "come round right."

WREATH PROJECT 2025: It seems early, but plans are underway for the 2025 Wreath Project. Supplies have been ordered and most are here, calls are being made, and orders are being taken. **Bow Making will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.** Please plan on helping out. Boxwood will be gathered during Thanksgiving weekend, and wreaths will be made the week of **December 1 - 5.** Please mark your calendars and plan to lend a hand for this church-wide project! Orders for wreaths may be placed by contacting Elaine Coleman, ElaineGibson-Coleman@gmail.com, or Mary Hunter, mal-hunter210@gmail.com. Note: We are happy to accept and recycle your old wreath forms!

BASKET COLLECTION: Basket funds provide relief to those in need in our community. In 2024, the amount raised was \$2,777.00. Thanks to all who contribute throughout the year.

SUNDAY, October 19, 2025

Scripture: Matthew 20:20-28;

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Romans 12:4-8;

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Altar: Martha Hicks

Greeter: Martha Hicks

Ushers: Elton Brown, Grady Strickland

COMING UP

October 15 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

October 19 - Morning Worship

October 20 - Charge Conference, to be held at Wesley Memorial UMC, Fireside Room, 6 p.m.

October 21 - Wesley Memorial Volunteer Day at Loaves and Fishes; Carpool from church at 7:40 a.m.

October 28 - Cookies for Schools Project, 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall

October 30 - Men's Fellowship Supper, 6 p.m., WMUMC Fellowship Hall

November 9 - Covered Dish Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, following Morning Worship

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycock, Jules Banzet, Mary Lou Bond,
Anne Harris and Saralee Scott

Friends

The family, friends and colleagues of all who
are killed or injured in senseless violence

The families of all in peril in the Middle East

The families of all in peril in Ukraine

Mike Aycock, Logan Barber, Chip Bristow,
John Bender, Lesa Bobbitt, Mark Byam,
Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III, Janet Coleman,
Syd Cooper, Abby and Josh Cordes,
John Boyd Davis, Jake Echols,

Suzanne Fleming, Allen Harris, Ronnie Hight,
Candy Holland, Donna Hunt, Scott Lang,
Diane Lynch, Doris Milligan,

Edgar and Debbie Milligan and Family,

Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf,
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley and Holly Williams

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95
Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$1,552.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 33