

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, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING Meditation on 'Down Ampney' Charles Callahan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE To A Wild Rose Edward MacDowell

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Bible is a collection of stories about people, who in the midst of their daily lives realize that the challenges of every day are in tension with the plan that God has for faithful living. *That tension often wears us down, and sometimes we just cave in, following our own devices that lead us to seemingly hopeless circumstances.* Worship is another opportunity to face those realities and accept God's help in choosing new pathways, but first we must pause to listen and hear the leading of God's Spirit. Let us pray:

Gracious God, like the Hebrews of old, we have some daily needs, like bread and water, but we also need some stability in our lives. Speak to us today by the power of your Spirit that we may find our stable places, where we may faithfully live and serve you in wholeness of heart and mind. Amen.

* HYMN When Morning Gilds the Skies UMH 185

* STATEMENT OF FAITH From the Korean Methodist Church UMH 884

* GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Pew Bible NT 212

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pew Bible NT 72

* HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH 339

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-13 Pew Bible OT 662

A PSALTER PRAYER Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Pew Bible OT 520

SERMON Honey in the Rock Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR OUR JOURNEY

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY Meditation on 'Aurelia' Callahan

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

* HYMN Christ for the World We Sing UMH 568

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE Aurelia Noel 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, Jeff Harty
Greeter, Ramona DuBose

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Ramona DuBose
Ushers, Alan DuBose, Lee Whitley

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.

NEW CONFERENCE OFFERINGS: Two Conference offerings will be received this morning: *The Golden Cross* offering assists families in financial distress because of medical bills. *The Cross and Key Prison Ministry* helps to fund Bible study to incarcerated persons in our state prison facilities. You can earmark your offering for either or both of these ministries.

PRAYER PAL SIGN-UP: The process of signing up Adult Prayer Pals, as well as children and youth to be assigned Prayer Pals, is underway. Both forms are in the narthex and should be returned to Vivian Paynter. There is a box in the narthex in which to place completed forms. We need to complete the sign-up process as soon as possible since Prayer Pal 2025-2026 is about to get underway.

WIC BREASTFEEDING WEEK: Warren County Health Department's Women, Infants and Children Program, also known as the WIC program, is celebrating Breastfeeding Week and collecting supplies that will be distributed to clients later in the month. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex. Supplies will be collected through today, August 31. Please leave your items in the collection box in the Parlor. We will be collecting through the end of the month. Thank you for participating in this important local project.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES: Following a summer break and beginning September 3, the Chancel Choir is resuming Wednesday night rehearsals. Choir Director Chet Hunt looks forward to the return of all veteran choir members, and urges anyone else with a love for making music to join the group!

FOOTBALL TEAM SUPPER: The Men's Fellowship group will host a pre-game supper for the Warren County High School Football Team on Friday, September 19. Please plan to participate and help prepare for and serve this much-appreciated meal.

MUSIC NOTES: Edward MacDowell (1861-1908) was the first appointed head of the Columbia Department of Music in 1896. Upon his appointment, MacDowell was heralded as "the greatest musical genius America has produced." MacDowell produced a vast array of piano music, but his best known effort is a charming suite of musical miniatures, *Woodland Sketches*, Opus 51. *To A Wild Rose* is the first of the ten pieces for solo piano that make up this work. (Source: Willard A. Palmer)

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP: On Saturday, September 20, there will be a Church Grounds Cleanup Day. Please bring your favorite tools, rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. and plan to pitch in and give the church grounds a much needed sprucing!

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, September 7, 2025

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6. 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Altar: Mary Hunter

Greeter: Vivian Paynter

Ushers: Ben Hunter, Grady Strickland

COMING UP

September 3 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

September 7 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

September 19 - Supper for WCHS Football Team

September 20 - Church Grounds Cleanup

September 25 - Men's Fellowship Supper, 6 p.m.

October 20 - Charge Conference, to be held at Wesley Memorial UMC

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

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

Friends

All who are affected by devastating wildfires,
hurricanes, floods and tornadoes in the US
The families of all in peril in the Middle East

The families of all in peril in the Ukraine
conflict

The Family, Friends and Colleagues of
Earl King

Mike Aycock, Logan Barber, 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,
Terri Hedrick, Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,

Donna Hunt, Diane Lynch, Doris Milligan,
Edgar and Debbie Milligan and Family,

Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf,

Tim Proctor, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley,

Nancy Walman and Holly Williams

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$1,980.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 34