

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 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING Trumpet Tune in C Major David N. Johnson

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken arr. Dan Chadburn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Church is a place where God's people gather in the safety of sanctuary because Church affirms that we are loved and protected by God. ***Church is our community of faith where we learn from one another and find connection with others on the journey of faith.*** Church is a gathering of multiple generations, who share the story of faith, encourage one another and challenge one another to keep on a pathway of obedience to God's leading. ***In this community of faith, we celebrate our connection with God and our connection with one another. Let us celebrate God and our place in God's kingdom. Let us worship!***

PRAYER

God of all generations, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together in love. Amen.

* HYMN Morning Has Broken UMH 145

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Affirmation From Romans UMH 887

* GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:32-34 Pew Bible NT 71

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Pew Bible OT 599

* HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful UMH 147

* PSALTER LESSON Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 UMH 783-784

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Pew Bible NT 209

SERMON Risky Church Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY Trumpet Tune in D Major Jeremiah Clarke

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

* HYMN Lord of the Dance UMH 261

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE Chaconne Louis Couperin

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, Kae Aycock

Acolyte, Ellen Hunter

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Ushers, Elton Brown, Grady Strickland
Altar, Cynthia Jenkins

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.

PRAYER PAL REVEAL LUNCHEON: Today we especially welcome our visitors who are here for the Prayer Pal Reveal, during which children will learn who has been in daily prayer for them and making contact throughout the year. Following Morning Worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and for the Reveal. We hope all of you will stay for lunch and the Reveal!

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.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! We are now collecting school supplies for Mariam Boyd Elementary School through today, August 10. The following items are needed and may be placed in the back of the church: wide rule notebook paper, #2 pencils, glue sticks, spiral composition notebooks and marble notebooks, pencil top erasers, highlighters, colored pencils, packs of crayons, Post-It notes, boxes of tissues, black or blue ink pens, and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Delivery will be made prior to the start of school. Thank you for your generosity!

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 until August 31. Please leave your items in the collection boxes in the Parlor. We will be collecting through the end of the month. Thank you for participating in this important local project.

STORM RELIEF EFFORTS: Tropical storm Chantel caused significant damage in parts of our Conference. Homes, churches, and neighborhoods face cleanup and recovery. Among those flooded was Saxapahaw UMC and parsonage. You can help with recovery by contributing to the NC Storm Fund through our church. Please make checks payable to Wesley Memorial and mark your checks and offering envelope "Storm Fund," and place them in the offering plate. We will collect these funds through August 17, 2025.

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.

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

Mike Aycock, Logan Barber, Lesa Bobbitt, Mark Byam, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,

Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper, Abby & Josh Cordes, John Boyd Davis,

Jake Echols, Suzanne Fleming, Allen Harris, Terri Hedrick, Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,

Donna Hunt, Diane Lynch, Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf, David Proctor,

Tim Proctor, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, Bobby Tippet, Nancy Walman, Holly Williams
and Collins Wilson

SUNDAY, August 17, 2025

Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;
Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Altar: Kay Copley

Greeter: Kay Copley

Ushers: Kent Copley, Heath Frazier

COMING UP

Today - Prayer Pal Reveal/Covered Dish Luncheon
Fellowship Hall, following Worship

August 13 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary
Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

August 17 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$2421.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 33