

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, September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING	<i>Andante Religioso</i>	Alec Rowley
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<i>The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.</i>		
PRELUDE	<i>Dix</i>	Noel Rawsthorne
GREETING AND CALL TO CREATION CARE		
* WORDS OF GREETING AND BLESSINGS	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH 666
* PRAYER	<i>Creator God, you make all things beautiful in your time. Teach us to look for beauty so that we may find your peace, a gift for all seasons. Amen.</i>	
* HYMN	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	UMH 92
* AN AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S CREATION	<i>The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. I believe that I am a testament of God's creative power, wonderfully made and loved. I believe that all creation has purpose and meaning, although I may not understand all those purposes. I believe that all creation struggles for survival and that our interdependency is key to our survival. I give thanks to God for the majestic glory of all that God creates. Amen.</i>	
* GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I	<i>Genesis 1:20-31</i>	Pew Bible OT 1
A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN		
EPISTLE LESSON	<i>I Corinthians 12:12-27</i>	Pew Bible NT 164
* HYMN	<i>God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale</i>	UMH 122
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON II	<i>Isaiah 32:14-18</i>	Pew Bible OT 627
ANTHEM	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Philip Stopford
SERMON	<i>What Can I Do Without?</i>	Reverend Gooch
PRAYERS FOR ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
OFFERTORY	<i>Benedictus</i>	Rowley
* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS		
* DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
* HYMN	<i>This Is My Song</i>	UMH 437
* BENEDICTION		
* OUR BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH 666
* CHIMING THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Finlandia</i>	Jean Sibelius
<i>The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.</i>		

** Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.

* All who are able may stand.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Jeff Harty
Greeter, Martha Hicks

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Sheila Blackwood
Ushers, Tommy Ross, 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.

SEPTEMBER'S OBSERVANCE: September is being observed as a Season of Creation. The theme is based on the text of *Isaiah 32:14-18* and sets the tone for our worship. The logo for this season, which is on display in the sanctuary, pictures the differences between a tree planted in a well-watered environment and a tree planted in an arid location. The dove at the top of the logo reminds us of the dove that returned to Noah's ark with a branch from the olive tree to assure Noah that the flood waters had receded. It was time for a new beginning as the people turned from sinfulness to faithfulness to God. A very special thanks to Velvet Boyd and Vivian Paynter for assisting in the preparation of the logo.

OUR THANKS: A hearty thanks to all who helped with Friday's supper for the Warren County High School Football team. Every indication was that it was well-received and appreciated. Also, thanks to all of you who turned out on Saturday to help with much-needed pruning and weeding on the church and parsonage grounds. There is more to be done, but we are off to a good start!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING: The quarterly meeting of the Administrative Council will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but church officers and committee chairs are especially needed at this meeting.

GLOBAL CARING MONTH: Lisa Bolton, WMUMC Missions Committee member and also Finance Director at Capital Ford in Raleigh, announced that September is "Global Caring Month," led by Ford Philanthropy and the Ford Volunteer Corps (Ford Motor Company). Capital Ford will be collecting shelf stable food donations, as well as monetary donations, and has chosen Warren County's Loaves and Fishes as the recipient of its collection efforts. Lisa is encouraging the Wesley Memorial congregation to make donations toward the effort as well as to help publicize Capital Ford's project throughout the community. Food donations may be left in the narthex of the church, and with "Loaves and Fishes" on the memo line, checks should be made out to Wesley Memorial. The donation deadline is September 25. Thank you for your support and for helping make Capital Ford's initiative a huge success for our community.

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

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

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

SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

Scripture: Isaiah 32:14-18; Isaiah 55:6-13;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Titus 3:3-8

Altar: Sheila Blackwood

Greeter: Betsy Frazier

Ushers: Richard Hunter, Todd Wemyss

COMING UP

September 24 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

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

September 25 - NO Men's Fellowship Supper

September 28 - Administrative Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Church Fellowship Hall

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 - \$2,223.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 41