

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 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING	Aria	Charles Callahan
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<i>The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.</i>		
PRELUDE	Aria	Paul Manz
GREETING AND CALL TO CREATION CARE		
* WORDS OF GREETING AND BLESSINGS	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH 666
* PRAYER	<i>Almighty God, in every ending we believe that the potential for a new beginning awaits, for in every destruction in creation order, there are rainbows, blue skies, fresh breezes and the hope announced by the dove of peace. Teach us to look for new beginnings in nature and in all humans. Amen.</i>	
* HYMN	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	UMH 707
* AN AFFIRMATION OF FROM ECCLESIASTES	<i>There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.</i>	
GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I	<i>Isaiah 55:6-13</i>	Pew Bible OT 650
A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN		
EPISTLE LESSON	<i>Titus 3:3-8</i>	Pew Bible NT 201
* HYMN	<i>How Can We Name A Love</i>	UMH 111
SERMON	<i>A Time and Season for Every Activity Under Heaven</i>	Reverend Gooch
ANTHEM	<i>Lord of the Small</i>	Dan Forrest
PRAYERS FOR GOD'S TIMING		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
OFFERTORY	<i>Gabriel's Oboe</i>	Ennio Morricone
* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS		
* DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Wom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
* HYMN	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	UMH 377

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON II	<i>Isaiah 32:14-18</i>	Pew Bible OT 627
	<i>A Promise of Blessing after the Destruction</i>	
* OUR BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH 666
* CHIMING THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>For the Fruits of This Creation</i>	Francis Jackson
<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, Betsy Frazier

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
 Altar, Sheila Blackwood
 Ushers, Richard Hunter, Todd Wemyss

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.

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. Please submit your donations by today, September 28. Thank you for your support and for helping make Capital Ford's initiative a huge success for our community.

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.

BEST WISHES: We wish all the best to Monica and Daniel Beech and children, Margaret, Wilson and Vivian, who are moving to Chesterfield, VA in early October. The Beeches have attended Wesley Memorial, have participated in special services and the Prayer Pal ministry, and will be missed by Wesley Memorial as well as the Warrenton community. Please be in prayer for this family as they make this move.

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 5, 2025

Scripture: Lamentations 1:106; Psalm 137;
II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Altar: Renee Teel

Greeter: Mabel Bullock

Ushers: Neblett Bullock, John Coleman

COMING UP

- October 1** - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary
Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
October 5 - Morning Worship; World Communion
Sunday
October 20 - Charge Conference, to be held at
Wesley Memorial UMC, Fireside Room, 6 p.m.
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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

Monica and Daniel Beech and family - Moving
to Chesterfield, VA

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 - \$1,441.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 47