

# 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 Word and Table

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

\*\* THE GATHERING

Slane

Healey Willan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.*

PRELUDE

St. Peter

Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are some things that are so extraordinary they defy our imagination. *Yes, and sometimes we are not sure what to believe about those events.* In the transfiguration of Jesus, his disciples witnessed glory beyond their imaginations that would take years before they could incorporate the details in their witness. *Our journeys sometimes take longer than we would imagine to clearly understand some events in our lives and in Jesus' life as well.* Then let us come together to seek clarity in understanding the ways of God.

PRAYER

*Lord God, give us understanding of your revelations so that we may proclaim to the world your greatness in big and small ways. Amen.*

\* HYMN

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

UMH 158

\* PSALM AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Psalms 99 (with sung response)*

UMH 819-820

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Exodus 24:12-18*

Pew Bible OT 69

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Pew Bible NT 1

\* HYMN

*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair*

UMH 258

EPISTLE LESSON

*II Peter 1:16-21*

Pew Bible NT 219

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER

UMH 259

SERMON

*Who Would Believe Such a Story?*

Reverend Gooch

ANTHEM

*As We Gather at Your Table*

K. Lee Scott

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OUR CONFESSION

*Holy God, sometimes we hide in the shadows rather than stepping into the light by saying, "Well, I was not there." or "I don't really know." Forgive us when we are timid or shy in making a strong affirmation of the work that you have done in our life through Jesus Christ. Help us to grow into the boldness of Peter and James and John in proclaiming what we do know, what we have heard and what we have seen. Forgive us for failing to tell and live your story. Amen.*

WORDS OF PARDON

OFFERTORY

*Bishopthorpe*

Willan

\* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

SHARING THE HOLY MEAL

## OUR THANKS

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to discover the holy within us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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| * HYMN                     | <i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i> | UMH 166 |
| * BENEDICTION AND BLESSING |  |         |
| * CHORAL RESPONSE          | <i>Danish Amen</i>                                 | UMH 898 |
| * CHIMING THE TRINITY      |  |         |
| * POSTLUDE                 | <i>St. Anne</i>                                    | Willan  |

*The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.*

*\*\* Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.*

*\* All who are able may stand.*

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Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch  
Liturgist, Jeff Harty  
Greeter, Stephanie Harty

Organist / Choir Director, Chet Hunt  
Altar, Suzi Byam  
Ushers, Kent Copley, Tommy Ross

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**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.

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**HOLY COMMUNION:** Today we will celebrate Holy Communion. In the tradition of the United Methodist Church, all are welcome and invited to partake, as our table is an "open table." For those who need it, there is a gluten-free option, and those who wish to be served at your seat, please signal to the ushers at the conclusion of Communion.

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**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY:** Please join us today for a Covered Dish Fellowship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, following Worship. If you haven't prepared a dish, that's okay - there will be plenty!

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Today is Methodist Home for Children's Sunday. A special offering will be received to support the ministry of this very vital ministry for children, youth and their families. If you are writing a check, make it payable to Wesley Memorial with "Methodist Home for Children" on the memo line, place your contribution in a church envelope and mark that "Methodist Home for Children." You may also mail your contribution to Wesley Memorial, PO Box 614, Warrenton, NC. 27589.

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**LENTEN STUDY:** During the season of Lent, February 22 - March 29, 2026 Ray Gooch will be leading a study each Sunday morning on the Gospel lesson for that Sunday, 9:30 - 10:15ish. Study guides are in the narthex. Please pick up your copy to use along with your favorite Bible translation for our study and discussion. All are welcome to join on any and all Sundays you are available.

**ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE:** An Ash Wednesday service of the Imposition of Ashes will be held at Wesley Memorial UMC on Wednesday, February 18. The opening service will be at 11:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary and will be followed by a Drive-By Ash Wednesday opportunity, 12 noon-2 p.m.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** Beginning Wednesday, February 18, churches in cooperation with Warren Ministries United will host Lenten Devotions each Wednesday at 12 noon. You are invited to attend, and if you like, bring a bag lunch. The host church will provide beverages and dessert. The schedule for devotions is: Feb. 18, Solitude Retreat Center; Feb. 25, Wesley Memorial UMC; March 4, Jerusalem Global Methodist; March 11, Warrenton Church of God; March 18, Oak Chapel AME; March 25, Warrenton Missionary Baptist; April 1, Cooks Chapel Baptist.

**BASKET COLLECTION:** Basket funds are used to provide relief to those of our community who are in need. In 2025, the amount raised was \$2,561.00. Thanks to all who contribute throughout the year.

**SUNDAY, February 22, 2026**

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Altar:** Suzi Byam

**Greeter:** Mabel Bullock

**Ushers:** Elton Brown, Neblett Bullock

**COMING UP**

**Today** - MHC Sunday; Fellowship Luncheon, following Worship, Fellowship Hall

**February 18** - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church  
WMUMC Ash Wednesday Service, 11:30 a.m., followed by curbside imposition of ashes  
WMU Lenten Devotions, 12 noon, Solitude Retreat Center

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

**February 22** - Lenten Study with Ray Gooch begins, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

**February 25** - WMU Lenten Devotions, 12 noon, WMUMC

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Members

Tom Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet,  
Mary Lou Bond, Anne Harris, Richard Hunter,  
Cynthia Jenkins and Saralee Scott

### Friends

Nancy Guthrie, mother of *Today Show* host  
Savannah Guthrie, abducted on February 1 in  
Tucson, Arizona

Tonya - Store clerk lifted up for prayer by Ray  
Gooch as she faces heart surgery

Martine Gomory and Kevin Geraghty, both  
cancer patients and friends of Cynthia Jenkins

The Family, Friends and Colleagues of  
Marcus Tunstall

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

Logan Barber, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton,  
Steve Brooks, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,  
Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper,

Abby and Josh Cordes, Suzanne Fleming,  
Allen Harris, Sarah Hickman, Ronnie Hight,  
Candy Holland, Donna Hunt, Phil Hunt,  
Luke McCullough, Chris Pegram,  
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, John Paul Taylor,  
Harriet Tillett and Holly Williams

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**2026 Church Budget - \$129,346.95**  
**Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00**

*Collection Last Sunday - \$3258.00*  
*Attendance Last Sunday - 37*