

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.

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.

* 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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