

# 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.*



* HYMN	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	UMH 303
* BENEDICTION		
* BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth (choir and congregation)</i>	UMH 431
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Chaconne in G minor</i> <i>The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.</i>	Louis Couperin

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

\* All who are able may stand.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch  
 Liturgist, Jeff Harty  
 Greeter, Betsy Frazier

Acolyte, Ellen Hunter

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt  
 Ushers, Tommy Ross, Todd Wemyss  
 Altar, Jennifer Franks

**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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Following today's service, we will gather on the front lawn for a children's Easter Egg Hunt and a time of fellowship.

**EASTER LILIES:** Our thanks to everyone who donated the beautiful lilies for today's service. At the conclusion of the service, Jennifer Franks will be in the chancel to assist you as you collect your lilies to enjoy at home or to deliver to a loved one.

**OUR THANKS:** In celebration of Palm Sunday, we collected gently used or new coats, sweaters and sweatshirts, and afterwards donated them to the Warren Ministries United Clothing Closet. You also stepped up and responded to an urgent food drive for Loaves and Fishes. Our thanks to all of you for your generous support of both projects.

**A STUDY ON DISCIPLESHIP:** Next Sunday, April 12, Ray Gooch will begin a new six-week study on Discipleship, each Sunday morning through May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Study guides for the class are available in the narthex. The class will meet in the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

**CAMPAIGN TO LAUNCH APRIL 12:** Next Sunday, we will begin participating in a capital campaign that seeks to establish an endowment for theological education in Africa, the Philippines and Europe. The campaign, "How Did Jesus Call Disciples?," is a worldwide effort sponsored by the United Methodist Church that will inform people about the urgent need for the local church to assist with theological education for clergy, internationally.

**PRAYER TREE CROSS:** The additional cross in our sanctuary was constructed from the Community Prayer Tree that graced our church lawn during Advent. Attached at the center of the cross are the shredded prayer concerns from the Prayer Tree, reminding us that our prayers and concerns are held in God's heart. Throughout the season of Lent, this cross has helped us focus on the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus.

**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, April 12, 2026**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 116;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**Altar:** Susan Whitley

**Greeter:** Kay Copley

**Ushers:** Richard Hunter, Steve Milligan

**COMING UP**

**Today** - Children's Easter Egg Hunt, church front lawn

**April 8** - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church  
NO Choir Rehearsal

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

### **Members**

Tom Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet,  
Anne Harris and Saralee Scott

### **Friends**

Members of the US military and those abroad,  
engaged in and affected by warfare

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

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,  
Suzanne Fleming, Kevin Geraghty,  
Martine Gomory, Allen Harris, Sarah Hickman,  
Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,  
Luke McCullough, Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley,  
Travis Pulley, Roger St. Louis, John Paul Taylor  
and Holly Williams

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**2026 Church Budget - \$129,346.95**

**Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00**

*Collection Last Sunday - \$3,971.00*

*Attendance Last Sunday - 43*