

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, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

** THE GATHERING *Prelude in C* Charles Callahan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Ornamented Chorale on 'Darwall's 148th'* Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The events of Easter Day began at the dawning on the first day of the week as the women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. Throughout the day there were stories of angels and sightings of Jesus, who was now alive. It would be late in the evening before the disciples would experience Jesus' resurrection presence. It was both joyous and startling. *The events of Easter Day are almost exhausting for us. We can understand the weariness and overwhelming joy combined in these moments.* Let us continue our Easter journey with the disciples and Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord Christ, as you made your resurrected self evident to your disciples on Easter evening, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour. Amen.

* HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From Corinthians and Colossians* UMH 888

* GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 71

A MISSION MOMENT REGARDING CLERGY LEADERSHIP IN EUROPE,
AFRICA AND THE PHILIPPINES

A VIDEO WITNESS

OUR COMMITMENT AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST TO:
LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY AND LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON *I Peter 1:3-9* Pew Bible NT 216

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 2:14a, 22-32* Pew Bible NT 113

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:19-31* Pew Bible NT 109

* HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* UMH 312

* PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 16:5-11* Pew Bible OT 748

SERMON *In the Aftermath of Resurrection* Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN OUR EASTER JOURNEY

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on 'Dawall's 148th'* Callahan

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

* HYMN *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won* UMH 306

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

UMH 671

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE *Chorale on 'Darwall's 148th'*

Callahan

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

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt

Liturgist, Jeff Harty

Altar, Susan Whitley

Greeter, Kay Copley

Ushers, Richard Hunter, Steve Milligan

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.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING: Today, we 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.

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

EASTER LILIES: Our thanks to everyone who donated the beautiful lilies for our Easter Sunday service. There are a few lilies remaining, out in the old entrance. If you haven't picked up yours, you may do so following today's service.

CHERRY HILL CONCERT TODAY: This afternoon at 3 p.m., Music at Cherry Hill will feature Rachel Yonan, viola, and Kwan Yi, piano, in a performance that includes Schubert, Macmillan, Pärt, Liszt, Debussy, Faure and Mendelssohn. Historic Cherry Hill is located on NC Hwy 58 in Inez. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: This year's National Day of Prayer observance will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 12 noon on Warren County's Courthouse Square, and again at 6 p.m. at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. This year's theme is *The Lord is My Light and Salvation, Psalm 27:1*. Plan to bring your own lawn chair and be a part of this community-wide effort.

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.

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, and Holly Williams

SUNDAY, April 19, 2026

Scripture: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Altar: Susan Whitley

Greeter: Cathelene Nunn

Ushers: Michael Comstock, Lee Whitley

COMING UP

Today - Cherry Hill Concert, 3 p.m.

April 15 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary
Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
NO Choir Rehearsal

April 26 - *Discipleship* Study with Ray Gooch,
9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

May 7 - National Day of Prayer, 12 noon,
Warren County Courthouse Square and 6 p.m.
Warren County Armory Civic Center

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2026 Church Budget - \$129,346.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$4,755.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 82