

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 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

** THE GATHERING *Be Thou My Vision (Slane)* Paul Manz

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Abide with Us, Our Savior (Christus, der ist mein Leben)* Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes the things of God are so far beyond our comprehension, God has to use familiar objects in our lives to reveal God's truths: a broken loaf of bread, a mustard seed, or a gate. *Yes, we admit that sometimes earthly objects help us to see heavenly things.* The revelations of the Easter season are amazing gifts. May God help us to see them more clearly as we journey with Christ and his disciples.

PRAYER

Lord Christ, while walking with a friend, talking about recent happenings, sharing our questions about faith, you may surprise us with your presence. As you blessed the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we yield ourselves to you for the blessings you have in store for us. Bless us now, Lord, as we worship. Amen.

* HYMN *We Know That Christ Is Raised* UMH 610

* 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

VIDEO WITNESSES

PRAYER

Lord God, we love our church and want it to be strong in every part. Help us embrace the efforts to provide scholarships for clergy in Europe, Africa and the Philippines as we approach Miracle Sunday. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:13-35* Pew Bible NT 85

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 2:14a, 36-41* Pew Bible NT 113

* HYMN *This Is the Spirit's Entry* UMH 608

* PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19* UMH 837-838

EPISTLE LESSON *I Peter 1:17-23* Pew Bible NT 216

ANTHEM *Once Upon A Tree* Pepper Choplin

SERMON *Made to be Lord and Messiah* Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S AWAKENINGS

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *Thy Strong Word (Ebenezer)* Manz

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
* HYMN	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	UMH 559
* BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>The Task Thy Wisdom Hath Assigned</i>	UMH 438
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)</i>	Manz
	<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, Vivian Paynter

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
 Altar, Susan Whitley
 Ushers, Michael Comstock, Lee Whitley

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.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Mother's Day is May 10, a day that our focus is on love. In observance of that special day, we invite you to bring to church an item that symbolizes love or a message of love, such as a plaque, a figurine, a picture etc., to display in a window of the church. Please include a small tag with a short explanation of the significance of your display.

MIRACLE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN: Last Sunday, we began 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. Our participation in this campaign will culminate on Sunday, May 17, *Miracle Sunday*, when you will have the opportunity to contribute to the capital campaign/endowment.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Our next Fellowship Luncheon will be held on May 17, *Miracle Sunday*, following morning worship. Please plan to bring a favorite dish or dessert and stay for lunch. Consider bringing guests!

A STUDY ON DISCIPLESHIP: Last Sunday, 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, and all are welcome and encouraged to participate.

PROJECT AGAPE PRESENTATION: On Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m., Nara Melkonyan, who works with Project Agape, will be at Wesley Memorial UMC to share news about the project that was started in Armenia in 1989 to provide relief to those impacted by a disastrous earthquake. You are invited to this informational and conversational meeting with Nara that will be held in the sanctuary. A reception will follow the gathering. Please invite others to join us.

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 26, 2026

Scripture: Acts 2:43-2:47; Psalm 137;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Altar: Kay Copley

Greeter: Margaret Echols

Ushers: Elton Brown, Ted Echols

COMING UP

April 22 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

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

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Miracle Sunday; Fellowship Luncheon, following morning worship, Fellowship Hall

May 26 - Project Agape Presentation, 7 p.m.,
WMUMC Sanctuary

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

Judy Joyner Morgan - Sister of Cecile Renn, in treatment for lung cancer; lives in Farmville, VA

Logan Barber, John Blalock, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton, Chip Bristow, 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, Jackie Glover Newell, Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, Roger St. Louis, and Holly Williams

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

Collection Last Sunday - \$442.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 31