

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

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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, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

** THE GATHERING *Aria* Paul Manz

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Songs My Mother Taught Me* Antonin Dvorák

CALL TO WORSHIP

During the season of Easter, we marvel at the many things God revealed to us through the resurrection of Jesus. On Mother's Day we pause to reflect on all the ways we experience love, or not, through the women entrusted to care for us. *May our reflections today on God's pattern of love revealed in Jesus Christ strengthen our witness and our actions toward others.*

PRAYER

Lord God, bless us with new visions of how bold love, joyful service and courageous leadership can strengthen the witness of the Church in this age. Amen.

* HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

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

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

PRAYER

Lord, help us to put into practice, the conviction that an equipped and trained clergy can better lead the church. Give us the courage to help pay it forward for the leaders who will help make disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:15-21* Pew Bible NT 104

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 17:22-31* Pew Bible NT 130

* HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

* PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 66:8-20* UMH 790-791

EPISTLE LESSON *I Peter 3:13-22* Pew Bible NT 218

ANTHEM *Take Time to Be Holy/Near to the Heart of God* Tyrell, Huntsinger & Griffith

SERMON *God's Pattern of Love in Jesus Christ* Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR PATTERNS OF LOVE UMH 12

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *O Perfect Love* Noel Rawsthorne

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

* HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Go Forth For God, Go to the World in Love* UMH 670
* CHIMING THE TRINITY
* POSTLUDE *Nun danket alle Gott* Rawsthorne
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, Ramona DuBose
Greeter, Elizabeth Comstock Ushers, Alan DuBose, 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.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE: In observance of Mother's Day, a day that our focus is on love, we have items on display in the windows of the church that symbolize love or a message of love, placed there by many of you. Please pause to admire the display.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today, there will be a special collection to support residents in The United Methodist Retirement Homes communities who have outlived their resources. The offering supports their care and provides a continued quality of life for them. As always, we thank you for your support and generosity.

CHERRY HILL CONCERT: This afternoon at 3 p.m., pianist Keiko Sekino will present music of Mozart and Franz Schubert at Cherry Hill in Inez. Dr. Sekino is an Associate Professor of Piano and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at the East Carolina School of Music. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and children 12 and under, free. As always, following the concert, a reception will be served in the dining room, and the home will be open for tour.

MIRACLE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN: We are 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: Next Sunday, May 17, *Miracle Sunday*, there will be a Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship. Please plan to bring a favorite dish or dessert and stay for lunch. Consider bringing guests!

MUSIC NOTES: *Songs My Mother Taught Me* is the fourth of seven songs written in 1880 by Czech composer Antonin Dvorák (1841-1904), for his song cycle, *Gypsy Songs* (Op. 55). The prelude this morning is a solo piano arrangement written by King Palmer.

A STUDY ON DISCIPLESHIP: Ray Gooch's six-week study, *Discipleship*, will conclude next Sunday morning, May 17. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome and encouraged to catch the final episode!

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, May 17, 2026

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

Altar: Ramona DuBose

Greeter: Vivian Paynter

Ushers: Kent Copley, Todd Wemyss

COMING UP

Today - Cherry Hill Piano Concert, 3 p.m.

May 13 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

May 17 - Discipleship Study with Ray Gooch, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Miracle Sunday Fellowship Luncheon, following Morning Worship, Fellowship Hall

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycok, 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 and family, John Blalock,
Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton, Chip Bristow,
Steve Brooks, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,
Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper, Jimmy Crenshaw,
Desiree Robertson, Suzanne Fleming,
Kevin Geraghty, Martine Gomory, Allen Harris,
Sarah Hickman, Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,
Donna Hunt, The Rev. and Mrs. Carson Jones,
Luke McCullough, Judy Joyner Morgan,
Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, and
Holly Williams

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

Collection Last Sunday - \$2,172.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 34