

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 Word and Table

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost/Holy Communion

** THE GATHERING *Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Down Ampney* Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is the great day of Pentecost, when God fulfilled his word, delivered through Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit would be delivered to the Church and power would provide the resources for the disciples of Christ to transform the world. ***Indeed this is a day of blessing for us and our hearts are filled with hope and joy!*** Then let us rise to celebrate God's abiding Spirit among us, even as we worship.

* OUR PENTECOST CELEBRATION *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place* UMH 328

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN *Come Down, O Love Divine* UMH 475

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 2:1-21* Pew Bible NT 112

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *John 7:37-39* Pew Bible NT 95

* HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH 539

* PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 104:24-35* UMH 827

EPISTLE LESSON *I Corinthians 12:3-13* Pew Bible NT 164

SERMON *No One Can Say Jesus is Lord Except by the Holy Spirit!* Reverend Gooch

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S PARDON UMH 12

OFFERTORY *Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost* Dietrich Buxtehude

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

SHARING THE HOLY MEAL

OUR THANKS

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Touch us with your Spirit and ignite us with faith and power. 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 *Forward through the Ages* UMH 555

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE *Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest* 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
Liturgist, Jeff Harty
Greeter, Suzi Byam

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Rebecca Harris
Ushers, Neblett Bullock, Richard Hunter

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.

PROJECT AGAPE PRESENTATION: This coming 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.

Project Agape began following a disastrous earthquake in Armenia in 1988, when church leaders were approached by Armenian businessmen in America asking for help in recovery for folks in their home country. A delegation from the United Methodist Church made a trip to Armenia and came home to seek ways for us to support the Armenian people. In 1989, a joint effort of the NC and Western NC Conferences initiated Project Agape. Rev. Charles Davis, a pastor then in the Sanford District, was at that initial meeting and heard God calling him to go to Armenia to facilitate Project Agape. Charles was a native of Warrenton and a member of Wesley Memorial UMC.

MIRACLE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN: Our thanks to all of you who participated 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. Wesley Memorial raised \$1680 toward this effort! If you missed the opportunity to contribute, you may still do so. Checks should be made out to Wesley Memorial UMC and marked "Miracle Sunday" on the memo line. Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

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.

TUESDAY'S TABLE: All are invited to attend the Grand Opening for Tuesday's Table, Warren County's first soup kitchen, on Tuesday, June 2, at the Warrenton Rural Fire Station, 236 S. Main St., Warrenton. There will be a ribbon cutting at 10:45 a.m. followed by lunch service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday's Table, an initiative spearheaded by Wesley Memorial UMC in partnership with Loaves & Fishes Ministries, is more than just a soup kitchen. Its mission is to provide not only a lunchtime meal, but also fellowship, referrals to resources for those in need, and a means for building relationships and community through a shared purpose.

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 31, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
11 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Altar: Rebecca Harris

Greeter: Claudia Wemyss

Ushers: Heath Frazier, Lee Whitley

COMING UP

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

May 27 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary
Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

May 31 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

June 2 - Tuesday's Table Grand Opening, 10:45 a.m.
Warrenton Rural Fire Department, 236 S. Main
Street, Warrenton

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, Stacie and River Barber and family, as
Baby River recovers from serious heart surgery

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 - \$5,694.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 35

Miracle Sunday Collection - \$1680.00

Methodist Retirement Home Collection - \$923.00
