

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, June 14, 2026

Third Sunday of Pentecost

** THE GATHERING

Deep River

Afro-American Spiritual

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to Worship.

PRELUDE

'Going Home,' Largo from New World Symphony

Antonin Dvorák

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the course of a day we might just encounter things that seem to be out of sync: doors that do not close properly, drawers that do not open easily, patterns that do not match precisely. To make repairs we have to adjust the doorways, the drawers, the patterns so that they fit more properly. *Sometimes we feel like our lives resemble those things: no matter how we try, things just do not work as we wish, and we wonder how we can ever get them in good working order again.* God often worked with people to help them make those adjustments so that they worked in harmony with God's will and God's way. *May God help us find that peaceful place where we live in right relationship with God.*

PRAYER

Lord God, guide us through your Word and in the power of the Holy Spirit to find your peace as we daily live as your disciples. Amen.

* HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive

UMH 553

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH 886

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible OT 13

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

* PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

UMH 837-838

* HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

UMH 79

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pew Bible NT 8

LOOKING AT SOME JUSTIFYING TOOLS

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

Pew Bible NT 146

SERMON

Finding Peace with God

Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

OFFERTORY

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles Converse

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

* HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

UMH 358

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Go in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

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, Elaine Coleman

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Elaine Coleman
Ushers, Ben Hunter, John 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Tuesday's Table will be serving meals on June 16 and July 7 and 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Several volunteers are needed for each of the July dates to help with meal prep, serving food and filling beverages, room tear down, and kitchen clean-up. Volunteer hours are flexible between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for those who are unable to stay the entire time. If anyone is available to help on either of those dates, please let Jennifer Franks know or contact her at 252 257-0633. Volunteer applications are available in the narthex and may be returned to Jennifer. Tuesday's Table will begin service every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in August at the Warrenton Rural Vol. Fire Station, 236 S. Main St., Warrenton.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS: Loaves and Fishes has posted that they are in desperate need of egg cartons. Please save and bring your empty ones to the church narthex, and they will be delivered to them.

NC CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT: The NC Annual Conference will be in session June 18-20 at the Greenville Convention Center. Cathelene Nunn is the lay member from Wesley Memorial, and Ray Gooch the clergy member. You can follow the activities through the conference website nccumc.org. NC Conference junior high and senior high youth will gather for Summer Break-away at Louisburg College June 22-27. Ray Gooch is a staff member.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Our next fellowship luncheon is planned for Sunday, August 16. Also planned for that day is the Prayer Pal BIG REVEAL, the day when children will learn who has been in daily prayer for them and making contact throughout the year. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us here! As we approach our Prayer Pal Reveal Celebration, Adult Prayer Partners are encouraged to send notes to Prayer Pals telling them how excited you are to share this day and reminding them to plan to be present.

MIRACLE SUNDAY REPORT: As of June 8, 2026, the Miracle Sunday Commitment Total is \$185,557.41, with 102 churches contributing. The Heritage District has collected \$10,916.77 from 12 participating churches, about 1/5 of which impressively came from Wesley Memorial. Contributions can still be made by making gifts to Wesley Memorial with a notation for Miracle Sunday.

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 Aycok, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet 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, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton,
Chip Bristow, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III, Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper,
Jimmy Crenshaw, Dee Draffin, Suzanne Fleming, Iris Frazier, Kevin Geraghty,
Martine Gomory, Allen Harris, Karla Hehl, Sarah Hickman, Candy Holland, Donna Hunt,
The Rev. and Mrs. Carson Jones, Luke McCullough, Nathan Medlin, Chris Pegram,
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, Desiree Robertson, Heidi Seifert, Holly Williams
and Margaret White

SUNDAY, June 21, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-21; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Altar: Katy Jones

Greeter: Stephie Harty

Ushers: Elton Brown, Neblett Bullock

COMING UP

June 16 - Tuesday's Table, WRFD, 11 a.m.

June 17 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study,
9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

June 21 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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

Collection Last Sunday - \$1,652.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 26