

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 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost/Father's

** THE GATHERING	Prelude in C	Charles Callahan
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THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to Worship.

PRELUDE

Adagio on 'Hyfrydol'

Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through Abraham God created two great peoples and nations. Issac would give life and heritage to the Jewish people, and Ishmael would give life and heritage to the Arabian people. The children of Abraham and Ishmael have family connection and a long and varied history. *We all come from long and varied histories as well. Sometimes we delight in the stories of our heritage and sometimes we grieve the brokenness that shaped our journeys.* To God, all people belong to God and God celebrates that connection. In worship we join in God's celebration.

PRAYER

God of all peoples, watch over our history and our future that we may gather in your kingdom where all are one. Amen.

* HYMN	<i>God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian</i>	UMH 618
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* A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH		UMH 884
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* GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	<i>Genesis 21: 1-21</i>	Pew Bible OT 16
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A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE LESSON	<i>Romans 6: 1-11</i>	NT 146
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* HYMN	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	UMH 144
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GOSPEL LESSON	<i>Matthew 10: 24-39</i>	Pew Bible NT 9
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A PSALM PRAYER in Unison	<i>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</i>	UMH 749
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SERMON	<i>Family Stories: It Is Enough...</i>	Reverend Gooch
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PRAYERS FOR ALL FAMILIES

THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
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OFFERTORY	<i>Meditation on 'Of the Father's Love Begotten'</i>	Callahan
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*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
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* HYMN	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	UMH 710
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* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE	<i>Verbum supernum (The Word of God)</i>	Callahan
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The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Ramona DuBose
Greeter, Stephie Harty

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Katy Jones
Ushers, Elton Brown, Neblett Bullock

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.

FATHER'S DAY OBSERVED: Today, items and pictures in our church windows honor and remember men who have been our fathers and father figures. Please join in the observance by viewing those collections.

READERS NEEDED: Next Sunday, June 28, we will celebrate John Wesley's birthday. He was one of the founders of the Wesleyan Movement and the Methodist Church. Six scripture readers are needed for this special service. If you are willing to read one of the lessons, please sign up in the narthex and carry your reading with you.

CHURCH T-SHIRTS: Several people have asked about getting church T-shirts, and we now have a couple of selections to choose from: a unisex light heather gray crew neck and a ladies fit white v-neck. Both shirts have the church name, town, state, and UMC flame and cross on the front. Order forms are in the narthex. Please make your selections on the form, indicating how many of each size you would like. Make checks payable to the church. Once all orders are in by the deadline of July 12, we will place one order with Lake Gaston Sign & Graphic Co. and distribute the shirts when they arrive.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Tuesday's Table will be serving meals on July 7 and 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Several volunteers are needed for each date 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 & FISHES NEEDS: Loaves & Fishes is in desperate need of egg cartons. Please save and bring your empty ones to the church narthex, and they will be delivered to them.

CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT: This week junior high and senior high youth will be gathering at Louisburg College for Summer Breakaway. The theme for the week is, "You Have a Friend." Please pray for the staff and youth that the reality of this theme will bear fruit. Pastor Ray will be in attendance as part of the staff.

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, and Holly Williams

SUNDAY, June 28, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romas 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42

Altar: Katy Jones

Greeter: Rebecca Harris

Ushers: Michael Comstock, Lee Whitley

COMING UP

June 24 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study,
9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

June 28 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00