

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

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost/

Sunday, June 28, 2026

John Wesley's Birthday

** THE GATHERING

Adagio on 'Slane'

Charles Callahan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to Worship.

PRELUDE

Interlude on 'Buinessan'

Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate John Wesley's birthday. The founder of Methodism was born June 28, 1703. Each birthday was an occasion for Mr. Wesley to give God thanks for the gift of good health. John Wesley dedicated his life to helping people find better physical, mental and spiritual health. *As inheritors of this legacy, we celebrate that faith and daily life go hand in hand. Just as we seek to grow in our spiritual walk, also we commit ourselves to practice wholesome living for ourselves and others. We seek to practice respect for people of all conditions so that they can find help and hope and healing.* Our worship honors our mentor in the faith and a visionary for wholeness.

PRAYER

Holy God, we give you thanks for our daily health. In times of strength and in times of weakness, in times of vigor and times of demise we give you thanks that we are surrounded by your presence and your Holy Spirit. Help us to care for ourselves and one another so that we all see improving help and support in our journeys. Amen.

* HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (Tune: St. Catherine)

UMH 183

* A MODERN AFFIRMATION

UMH 885

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

CELEBRATING WITH MR WESLEY

3 John 1: 2; Proverbs 14: 30; I Corinthians 6: 19-20; I Timothy 4: 7-8; Proverbs 23: 20-21; Philippians 4: 8

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6: 12-23

NT 147

* HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10: 40-42

Pew Bible NT 10

A PSALM PRAYER

Psalms 13

UMH 746

with sung response before and after the prayer

SERMON

Mind, Body and Spirit

Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

OFFERTORY

Ornamented Chorale on 'Darwall's 148th'

Callahan

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 385

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'

Callahan

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, Ramona DuBose
Greeter, Rebecca Harris

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Katy Jones
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.

CELEBRATION OBSERVED: During July, in concert with our nation's 250th celebration, each of our services will celebrate a freedom that we treasure in our country and our commitment to guarding those freedoms.

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. Sizes Small-XL are \$18; 2X and 3X are \$19. 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.

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.

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.

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 Aycock, 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, July 5, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67;

Psalms 45: 10-17; Romans 7: 15-25a;

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Altar: Kate Hazen

Greeter: Cynthia Jenkins

Ushers: Ben Hunter, Ted Echols

COMING UP

July 1 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study,
9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

July 5 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00