

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, August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

** THE GATHERING *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* Johannes Brahms
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to Worship.

PRELUDE *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness II* David N. Johnson
CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes the happenings in the days of our lives spill over into the night time and our rest and our sleep are disrupted. *And when that happens, the next day is disrupted as well.* Somehow we have to manage the things that keep us awake so that they do not control our lives. *May God guide us into a better place where peace abides in all parts of our day and night.*

PRAYER

Almighty God, when troubles invade our lives and we are not able to set them aside, we pray that you will help us to sort through them and find the help we need to rise above the troubles through your help. Amen.

* HYMN *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* UMH 79

* PSALTER AFFIRMATION *Psalms 17:1-7, 15* UMH 749

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Genesis 32:22-31* Pew Bible OT 29

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 14:13-21* Pew Bible NT 15

AUGUST CHOIR SELECTION *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 9:1-18* Pew Bible NT 149

* HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* UMH 599

SERMON *The Things that Keep Us Awake* Reverend Gooch

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OUR CONFESSION

Sometimes, God, we hold onto hurts and disappointments that trouble us, and they wake us up in the night. Sometimes we allow fear and bad memories to go to our beds, and we do not rest. Sometimes we plot revenge instead of praying for peace before we retire from the day, and things do not go well. Show us a better way and help us to find your peace. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND PARDON

OFFERTORY *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness III* Johnson

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY

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. Move us to be a blessing to others. 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.

*** Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.*

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.

PLEASE JOIN IN! Just for the joy of singing, during each Sunday in August, anyone who would like to join in singing a song beyond our hymnal is invited to gather at 10:30 a.m. for a brief rehearsal, sit in the congregation and come before the altar at the indicated time to join in singing. The music will be provided. The selections are: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, *Jesus Paid it All*, *I Must Tell Jesus*, *Sweet Hour of Prayer* and *In the Sweet By and By*. Come join our August Choir!

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! We are now collecting school supplies for Mariam Boyd Elementary School through **Sunday, August 16**. The following items are needed and may be placed in the back of the church: boxes of crayons, 16-24 pack, pencils, eraser caps, colored pencils, dry erase markers, composition notebooks, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, boxes of tissues, sanitizer wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Delivery will be made to Mariam Boyd prior to the start of school on August 24. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MUSIC NOTES: The hymn tune on which the organ voluntaries are based, *Schmücke dich* (*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*), was composed by Johann Crüger in 1653 and is often sung as a communion hymn to the text written by Johann Franck in 1649.

HAVE EXTRA PRODUCE IN YOUR

GARDEN?: Help Tuesday's Table serve the community nutritious food with your donations. Fresh produce may be brought to church on Sundays and left in the produce collection bin in the narthex, or delivered during the week to Rebecca Harris at Citizens Insurance & Bonding, 130 N. Main St., Suite 4, Warrenton, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS: Loaves and 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. Loaves and Fishes also remains in constant need of your unwanted plastic grocery bags. They will make great use of all that we provide! There is a collection box in the back entrance by the church office. Thanks!

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, August 9, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; Romans 110:5-15;

Matthew 14:22-36

Altar: Fern Boyd

Greeter: Betsy Frazier

Ushers: Heath Frazier, John Coleman

COMING UP

Today - Prayer Pal Sign-up Deadline

August 4 - Tuesday's Table, WRFD, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

August 5 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church.

August 16 - Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon,
Prayer Pal BIG REVEAL
School Supply Donations Deadline

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet,
Ted Echols and Saralee Scott

Friends

Brenda Fuller - A patient at Duke UMC
following a serious car accident

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,
Steve Brooks, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,
Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper, Jimmy Crenshaw,
Dee Draffin, Suzanne Fleming, Justin Fraser,
Iris Frazier, Kevin Geraghty,

Rhonda Gibson, Allen Harris, Karla Hehl,
Sarah Hickman, Candy Holland, Donna Hunt,
The Rev. and Mrs. Carson Jones, Scott Lang,
Luke McCullough, Nathan Medlin,
Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley,
Desiree Robertson, Heidi Seifert, Ann Stultz,
and Holly Williams

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2026 Church Budget - \$129,346.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$2221.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 29