

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.

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Creation Care Month - Show Your Care

* *All who are able may stand.*

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Jeff Harty
Greeter, Sheila Blackwood

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Betsy Frazier
Ushers, Michael Comstock, Todd Wemyss

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.

SEPTEMBER - CREATION CARE MONTH: Our theme is *Creation Care - Show Your Care*. **On Saturday, September 19, 8 a.m.,** we will have an organized trash pick-up along the roadsides of Warrenton. Supplies will be in the parking lot of the church. Let's show the community that we care about how our community looks! Each Sunday of September there will be an open spot in worship for a word of witness about why we care about our created world. Consider sharing a time or experience that caused you to treasure something in this world more dearly. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **On Sunday, September 27** we will sponsor a plant exchange at the church. Bring plants to exchange with others to take home or to give to someone for fall planting.

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2026 AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Charge Conference will be held on September 27, 2026 at First UMC, Henderson. This will be our first Charge Conference under the leadership of our new District Superintendent, The Reverend Dr. Gloria Winston. All Charge Conference reports are due September 13, so meetings of the church's various committees need to be scheduled, if they haven't already, before the next Administrative Council meeting, set for next Sunday, September 13, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS: A recent delivery at Loaves and Fishes was sparse and left the pantry in dire need of canned goods, rice, noodles and other non-perishables. Please consider making donations directly to Loaves and Fishes or drop off goods at Wesley Memorial. Other needs continue to include your empty egg cartons and 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR TO RESUME: Attention all choir members - and potential choir members! Wednesday evening choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Please plan to get back in the groove to prepare for making music again! All are welcome and encouraged to join in. The choir will begin singing from the chancel on Sunday, September 13.

TUESDAY'S TABLE WISH LIST: Tuesday's Table is in need of a few disposable items used for weekly meal services. An Amazon Wish List has been created under the name Tuesday's Table for anyone who would like to make a contribution. Items purchased from the Amazon list will be shipped to Jennifer Franks, or you may have them sent to yourself, and then bring them to church and place them in the handicapped entrance by the bench. Many thanks for your support!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: In the narthex, there are sign-up forms seeking volunteers in Warren County Schools. Please consider helping out! Contact Elizabeth Comstock, a member of the Education Committee, at 252 468-8272 or 252 468-8273 for more information. The volunteer program is a joint venture between Wesley Memorial's Missions and Education Committees.

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, September 13, 2026

Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Altar: Vivian Paynter

Greeter: Kay Copley

Ushers: Elton Brown, Kent Copley

COMING UP

September 8 - Tuesday's Table, WRFD, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

September 13 - Administrative Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

September 19 - Trash Pickup Day, 8 a.m.
Meet in church parking lot

September 27 - Charge Conference, First UMC, Henderson, 5 p.m.

October 2 - Warren County High School football team supper; details TBA

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycok, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet,
Ted Echols, Saralee Scott and Renee Teel

Friends

Joey Lamanna - Eight-year-old great-grandson of the late Dorothy Roberts, recovering from a serious head injury/bike accident

All who are impacted by catastrophic flooding and other natural disasters, across the globe

Members of the US military and those abroad, engaged in and affected by warfare

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, Brenda Fuller,

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, Sarah Hickman, Donna Hunt,

The Rev. and Mrs. Carson Jones, Teresa Keim,

Glenn Mason, 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 - \$1,459.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 36