~Page United Methodist Church~

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!
Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

February 4, 2018 **Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **Through suffering and rejection, O God, you bring forth our salvation, for in Jesus you embrace our humanity and transform our lives by the glory of his cross. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may rebuke the lure of this world, take up our cross, and follow your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.** (*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers,* pg. 187*)*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeffrey Vaughan

LEADER: Who do we say that Jesus is?

ALL: He is our Savior and Lord, our Messiah.

LEADER: God gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue confess…

ALL: That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Let us worship God!

(adapted from Mark 8 and Philippians 2*)*

*HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *Red Hymnal #154*

*INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Red Hymnal pg. 12*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM

*****DOXOLOGY: *Red Hymnal #95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN: *Grace Alone* *Black Hymnal #2162*

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 19 *(Pew Bible p.390)* Jeffrey Vaughan

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 8:27-33 *(Pew Bible p.714)*

SERMON: Peter Rev. Laura Stratton

HOLY COMMUNION *Red Hymnal pg. 13*

LORD'S PRAYER: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. 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.** (*Red Hymnal pg.11*)

*HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* *Red Hymnal #451*

You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*****BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *Make Me a Servant* *Black Hymnal #2176*

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God!

We have large-print hymnals available. If you would like one, please let Pastor Laura or an usher know.

Don't let Sunday be the end of your spiritual focus this week. Continue your faith journey with:

PRAYER: This week, pray this prayer: *Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death. Grant us the wisdom to recognize your Messiah, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory. Amen.* (*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*, pg. 187)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture lessons. How have you tried to put limits on God through your expectations of God? How have you gotten living as a faithful disciple right and how have you gotten it wrong?

SERVICE: Listen for God. Is God trying to expand your expectations? If so, how does this translate into how you live and act day-to-day?

Our Stewardship

"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our services and our witness."

Vital Statistics through January 28th

Attendance: 48 ***Joined Church***: 0 ***People in Mission:*** 24 ***Small Groups:*** 5 ***General Fund***: $1334.29 ***Amount Needed Each Week:*** $2179.00 ***Amount to Mission:*** $30 ***Parking Lot Fund:*** $0

******For gifts above and beyond your regular offering, please cross out "Roof" and write-in "Parking Lot" on your offering envelope.******

Serving today:

- Pianist: Rachel Milam
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell
- Nursery this Week:

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

PETER

(https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/a-conversation-between-jesus-and-peter/)

PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:45am **WORSHIP 11:00am**
Pastor……..……Rev. Laura Stratton
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(Office Hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:30 & By Appointment)
Lay Leader……...……...……..Nora Belle Comer
District Superintendent……...……...…Rev. E. Thomas Herndon, Jr.
Bishop, Virginia Conference……...……..……..Rev. Sharma Lewis

~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

Sunday, 2/4	***9:45am Sunday School*** ***10:30am Choir Practice*** ***11:00am Sunday Worship***
Monday 2/5	***7:00pm Administrative Council Meeting***
Tuesday, 2/6	***2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours***
Wednesday, 2/7	***12:00pm Wednesday Prayer***
Thursday, 2/8	***10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds*** ***7:00pm Choir Practice***
Sunday, 2/11	***9:45am Sunday School*** ***10:30am Choir Practice*** ***11:00am Sunday Worship***

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 2/14	***7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service***
Sunday, 2/18	***Revival Sunday at Page UMC!!!***
Monday, 2/19	***1:00-2:30pm Lenten Bible Study Begins!*** ***6:00-7:00pm Lenten Supper Study Begins!***

Worship With Us

- **Liturgists:** If you are interested in reading Scripture and leading the Call to Worship during worship on Sunday, please tell Pastor Laura.
- **Choir:** Join us Sundays at 10:30am in the sanctuary for practice.
- **Nursery**: Children are welcome during Sunday worship, and we have a moment we spend talking just to them. We have Bibles and crayons and paper in the pews for children. Nursery services are available for children ages 0-6 years old. Two adults will be in the nursery, located downstairs. If you need help, ask the ushers to help you find the way.

Grow With Us

- **Sunday School:** Take another opportunity to grow in your faith and join us for Sunday School at 9:45am! We have classes for all ages.
- **Wednesday Prayer:** Pastor Laura invites all to join in a time of prayer & devotion Wednesdays at noon. To receive an email reminder, tell Pastor Laura.
- **Prayer List:** If you asked for prayers for someone, please let Pastor Laura know about updates on their condition. We want to be able to celebrate their joys and continue our prayers for those who need it, while keeping our list current.
- **Lenten Bible Study**: We will meet Monday afternoons during Lent from 1:00-2:30pm. We will study the women who encountered Jesus during his ministry and how we can learn from their discipleship. We'll focus especially on the women who walked with Jesus during his final week on earth. We begin Monday, February 19 – Monday, March 26.
- **Lenten Supper Study**: We will meet Monday evenings during Lent from 6:00-7:00pm. We will share a simple supper of soup while studying different spiritual disciplines. We'll begin Monday, February 19 – Monday, March 26.
- **Lenten Devotion Books**: Available in the sanctuary are Lenten Devotion Books from the Society of St. Andrew. You make pick up one or sign-up to receive the devotion via email at: http://endhunger.org/lent/

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During February we will collect **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. Don't forget to add this to your shopping list.
- **Feeding the Lambs:** Join us after worship once a month to pack bags of food for kids at Springfield Elementary School to take home on the weekends.

On Sunday, February 18th, we are holding a revival! We will begin with our usual 11:00am worship service and conclude around 4:00pm. We will have lunch, a musical concert/hymn sing-a-long, a time of prayer and reflection, and a guest preacher. Stay tuned for more information!

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
[2] Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
[3] There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
[4] yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
[5] which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
[6] Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

[7] The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
[8] the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
[9] the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
[10] More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

[11] Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
[12] But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
[13] Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

[14] Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God