

~Page United Methodist Church~

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!

Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Easter

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR & LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **Spirit of life, breathe new life within us. Blow through our worship with your enlivening presence, and rise up in us with new hope. Dwell in our community, in our church, and in our hearts this day, that your love may bind us together and send us forth to serve. Amen.** (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*, pg. 116)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Wigton

LEADER: Gathered as one,

ALL: We worship as a community of love.

LEADER: Gathered in love, giving thanks for life,

ALL: we come to sing God's praises. Alleluia! Let us worship God.

(adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*, pg. 116)

*HYMN: *Thine Be the Glory*

Red Hymnal #308

*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

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.**

*HYMN: *Jesus, United By Thy Grace*

Red Hymnal #561

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 13:31b-35 (*p.763*)

Jim Wigton

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 11:1-18 (*p.779*)

SERMON *Following the Spirit*

Rev. Laura Stratton

*HYMN: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

Black Hymnal #2223

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

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *Alleluia (vs. 1)*

Red Hymnal #186

Today's Altar Flowers are given for 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: *Alpha and Omega, First and Last, glory outshining all the lights of heaven: pour out upon us your Spirit of faithful love and abundant compassion, so that we may rejoice in the splendor of your works while we wait in expectation for the new heaven and the new earth your promise when Christ shall come again. Amen.* (adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers pg. 121)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture readings. What does Peter's experience of baptizing the Gentiles teach you? How was God's Spirit at work? How did Peter fulfill the new command that Jesus gave all of us in John 13?

SERVICE: How will people know that you are Jesus' disciples? How are you loving others?

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 May 12th

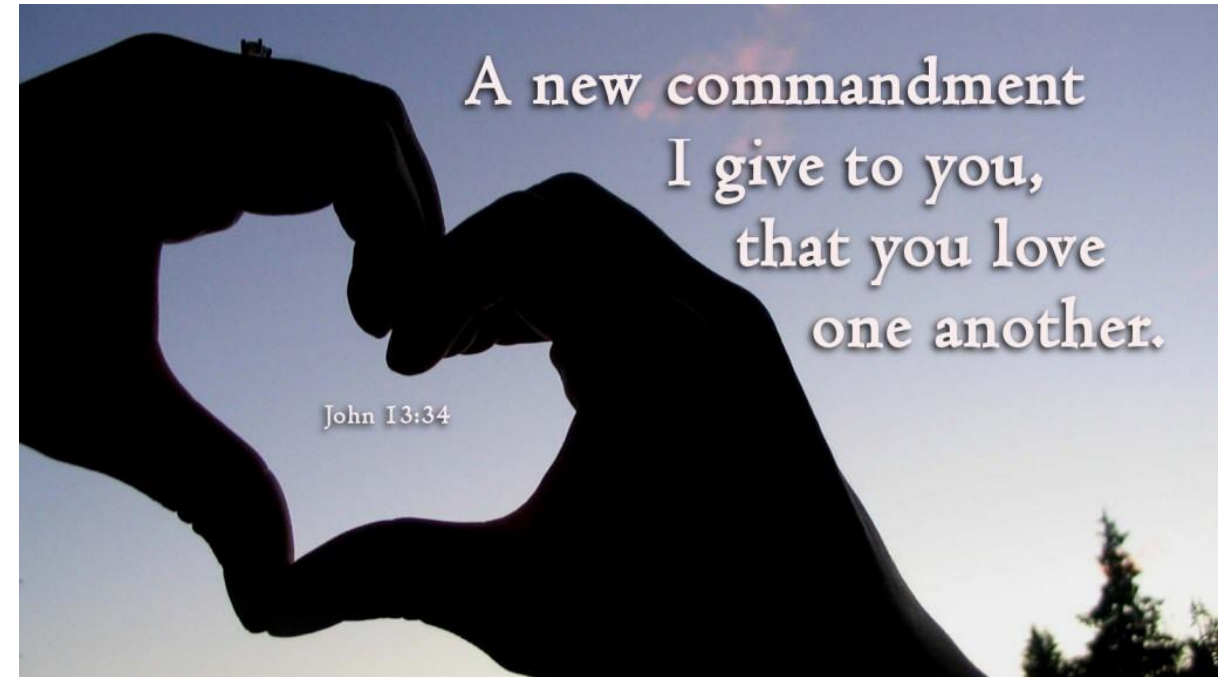
Attendance: 49 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 3
General Fund: \$1610.10 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2179.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$105

Serving today:

- Pianist: Dale Hamilton
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell

MAY 19, 2019

FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT



(<http://ivehadanepiphany.blogspot.com/2016/04/what-love-looks-like.html>)

PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1062 Springfield Road, Luray, Virginia 22835
www.pageumc.org

Sunday School 9:45am

WORSHIP 11:00am

Pastor.....Rev. Laura Stratton
Parsonage: 743-5556 Office: 743-6446 - Email: pageumpastor@gmail.com
(Office Hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:30 & By Appointment)

Lay Leader.....Nora Belle Comer
District Superintendent.....Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez
Bishop, Virginia Conference.....Rev. Sharma Lewis

~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

Sunday, 5/19	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship
Monday, 5/20	10:00am Nurture Meets 1:00-2:30pm Afternoon Study on Parables
Tuesday, 5/21	2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours
Wednesday, 5/22	12:00pm Wednesday Prayer 1:00pm United Methodist Women Meeting
Thursday, 5/23	10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds
Sunday, 5/26	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship 12:00pm Packing for Feeding the Lambs

Looking Ahead

Saturday, 6/29	Vacation Bible School!
Sunday, 6/30	5th Sunday Special Offering for the West End Rec Center

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.
- **Spring Study:** We will have a short three-week afternoon study Monday, May 6th– Monday, May 20th from 1:00-2:30pm. We will spend some time diving deeper into Jesus' parables.
- **Star Parties:** If you are interested in observing the night sky and enjoying God's creation, then let Pastor Laura know. She is currently creating a list of people who are interested in participating in star and planet-gazing. Weather-permitting, we will begin having events this summer.

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During May we will collect **Macaroni & Cheese**. Don't forget to add this to your shopping list.
- **Feeding the Lambs:** Thank you to everyone for helping to pack the bags of food for the children at Springfield Elementary! We will let you if we need to pack again this school year.

Pastor Laura has created Summer Travel Devotionals for use while on vacation this summer in case you can't make it to a church to worship. They are on the table in the sanctuary.

John 13:31b-35.

Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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