

~Page United Methodist Church~

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

Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **God of Miriam and Moses, you are our help from age to age. Accept our worship, our living sacrifice, and transform us by your Spirit, that being many members of one true body, we may dare to pray together in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.** *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Vicki Davison

LEADER: Amidst the forces of death and destruction,

ALL: it takes a village to save us.

LEADER: Amidst the rivers that would carry us out to sea,

ALL: it takes people of real courage to pull us from the water courses of life.

LEADER: Amidst the fear and hatred in our world,

ALL: it takes mercy and compassion to reveal the face of God. Come let us worship God!

(The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017, pg. 184)

*HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Red Hymnal #140

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, SPECIAL MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY: *(In Unison)* **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.** *(Red Hymnal #95)*

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: *The Servant Song* Black Hymnal #2222

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 124 *(p.441)* Vicki Davison

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10 *(p.40)*

SERMON: *Allies of Life* Rev. Laura Stratton

*HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* Red Hymnal #577
You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *God Be With You (vs. 1)* Red Hymnal #672

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.

Pastor Laura wants to thank everyone who helped lead worship, who visited our shut-ins, and who just kept things running smoothly during her maternity leave! She is deeply grateful to you all!

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

PRAYER: This week pray this prayer: *Gracious God, we come this day, to present our minds and bodies to you as a holy and living sacrifice. We seek the blessings that come from the renewal of our minds. May we discern your will and come to know what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight. Amen.* (The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017 pg. 184)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture readings. How are the people in the story either on the side of life or on the side of death? What references to creation do you see?

SERVICE: Whose side are you on – life or death? How does this affect your daily actions?

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 August 20th

Attendance: 40 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 3 **Small Groups:** 4
General Fund: \$1909.00 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2153.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$10

*****For gifts above and beyond your regular offering, please cross out "Roof" and write-in "Parking Lot" on your offering envelope. We will need to replace the parking lot in the future, and we want to begin saving money for this project.*****

Serving today:

- Pianist: Rachel Milam
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Acolyte: Grace Hulse
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell
- Nursery this Week: Bonnie Judd & Lois Foley
- Nursery next Week: Sharon Lamb & Marcy Campbell

AUGUST 27, 2017

ALLIES OF LIFE



(<https://www.saatchiart.com/art/Painting-Moses-in-the-rushes/691799/2445282/view>)

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. E. Thomas Herndon, Jr.

Bishop, Virginia Conference.....Rev. Sharma Lewis

~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

- Sunday, 8/27** **9:45am Sunday School**
11:00am Sunday Worship
September-October Newsletter Deadline
- Monday, 8/28** **10:00am Nurture Group Meets**
- Tuesday, 8/29** **2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours**
- Wednesday, 8/30** **12:00pm Wednesday Prayer**
7:00pm Administrative Council Meeting
- Thursday, 8/31** **10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds**
- Sunday, 9/3** **9:45am Sunday School**
10:30am Choir Practice
11:00am Sunday Worship

Looking Ahead

- Saturday, 9/9** **5:30 Supper Club Picnic at Lake Arrowhead!**
- Wednesday, 9/27** **7:00pm Nominations Meeting**
- Saturday, 10/14** **United Methodist Women Bazaar & Yard Sale**
- Sunday, 11/5** **3:00pm Charge Conference**
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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.
- **Fellowship & Fun at Hidden Springs:** Look for more information about opportunities to serve the residents of Hidden Springs Senior Living!
- **Fall Study:** We will spend 8 weeks studying the book of Revelation! Come and join us as we take an in-depth look at this book of the Bible. We'll use *Immersion Bible Study: Revelation* as our guide. Books are \$9. The study starts Monday, September 25 and runs through Monday, November 6. We'll meet 1:00-2:30pm. Let Pastor Laura know if you want to join!

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During August we are collecting **Canned Meat**. Don't forget to add this to your shopping list!

Community Events

- **Supper Club:** We are restarting our Supper Club in September! We will kick off with a picnic at Lake Arrowhead on Saturday, September 9th at 5:30! Everyone is asked to bring either a side or desert and the meat and drinks will be provided. Tickets are \$5.

We are blessed at Page UMC to have wonderful lay leadership! Thank you to everyone who is serving in some role! However, if you serve as a leader in our congregation, such as serving on a committee, and no longer want to or are no longer able to continue to serve in 2018, please let Pastor Laura know as soon as possible. Our Nominations Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00pm to nominate our 2018 leaders. If you would like to serve in a leadership role in 2018, please let Pastor Laura know! Thank you again for your service!

the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;