

~Page United Methodist Church~

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

Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.** *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Martha Watkins

LEADER: Give thanks to God and call on Christ's name.

ALL: We proclaim God's grace and sing God's praise.

LEADER: Seek the Lord, who is here with us now.

ALL: We rejoice in God's glory and strength. Let us worship God!

(Abingdon Worship Annual 2017 pg. 204)

*HYMN: *God Will Take Care of You* Red Hymnal #130

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM

*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: *God is so Good* Black Hymnal #2056

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *(p.430)* Martha Watkins

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15 *(p.51)*

SERMON: *Gratitude* Rev. Laura Stratton

*HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God* Red Hymnal #102
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 in memory of our father, James Judd, by Anita Miller & Steve Judd.

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: *Mighty God, we thank you for your wondrous gifts and your constant love. Guide us on the journey of faith, and feed us with your sustaining grace. Live in us this day, that we might live in you and answer your call. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.* (The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture readings. What does Communion mean for your life? What memories do you have associated with Communion?

SERVICE: How does taking Communion spur you to act? How is your life different because of Communion?

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 September 10th

**Attendance: 57 Joined Church: 0 People in Mission: 4 Small Groups: 5
General Fund: \$2882.43 Amount Needed Each Week: \$2222.00 Amount to Mission: \$531**

*****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: Janie Grinnan & Joyce Jenkins
- Nursery next Week: Barbara Thomas & Lois Foley

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

GRATITUDE



(<http://thewoundedbird.blogspot.com/2012/04/manna-from-heaven.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: pageumcpastor@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, 9/17	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship
Monday, 9/18	10:00am Nurture Group Meets
Tuesday, 9/19	2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours
Wednesday, 9/20	12:00pm Wednesday Prayer
Thursday, 9/21	10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds
Sunday, 9/24	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship

Looking Ahead

Monday, 9/25	1:00-2:30pm Bible Study on Revelation Begins!
Wednesday, 9/27	1:00pm United Methodist Women's Meeting 7:00pm Nominations Meeting
Thursday, 9/28	7:00pm Called Charge Conference for Parking Lot Replacement
Saturday, 10/14	United Methodist Women Bazaar & Rummage Sale
Sunday, 11/5	3:00pm Charge Conference

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.
- **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 September we are collecting **Peanut Butter & 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.

Community Events

- **"Sundae on Tuesday":** On Tuesday, September 26, the Weekly Religious Education (WRE) will be having their annual fundraiser. See Ruby Hoover for tickets.
- **Luray United Methodist Women Prayer Breakfast:** The Luray UMW invites Page UMC to join them for their prayer breakfast on Saturday, September 23rd at 9:00am in the LUMC's Fellowship Hall.

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!

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
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- ³⁷ Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who
stumbled.
- ³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- ³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

⁴² For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

⁴⁴ He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the
peoples,

⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

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

All: Thanks be to God