

# ~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 24, 2017**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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\* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **Holy Giver of life and love, you work in us and around us and through us. As you travelled among the Israelites on their way from slavery to freedom, you gave them water from the rock when they were thirsty. As you move in and through our worship today, you offer yourself to us and to all the world. Unite us in love and service, that we may bless the world in the name of Jesus, who teaches us what it means to do your will. Amen.** (Abingdon Worship Annual 2017 pg. 208)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Donnie Grinnan

LEADER: Long ago, God led the Israelites through the desert – by fiery pillar at night, and by cloud during the day.

**ALL: We come to worship today, searching for God, wondering if the Holy One is among us or not.**

LEADER: God split the rocks open in the wilderness, causing water to flow down like rivers to save the people from thirst.

**ALL: We come hungry and thirsty for compassion, wondering if anyone cares about our lives.**

LEADER: Jesus said that outcasts and sinners would be welcome in heaven, because they believe the good news of God's love.

**ALL: We come today, longing to believe. Let us worship God!**

(Abingdon Worship Annual 2017 pg. 207)

\*HYMN: *Surely the Presence of the Lord (2x)*

*Red Hymnal #328*

\*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: *Abide With Me*

*Red Hymnal #700*

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *(p.417)* Donnie Grinnan

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 *(p.52)*

SERMON: *Abide and Remember*

*Rev. Laura Stratton*

\*HYMN: *Be Still and Know that I Am God*

*Black Hymnal #2057*

*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*

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Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of beloved wife Maria Fowler on her 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday and their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Chris Fowler.

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: *Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts me. Graciously look upon me. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.* (United Methodist Hymnal #535)

**STUDY:** Reread today's Scripture readings. Have you ever asked, "Is the Lord among us"? If so, what prompted this question? If not, why not? What has kept you secure in the knowledge of God's presence?

**SERVICE:** Be intentional about being the presence of God for somebody else this week.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendance:** 50 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 5  
**General Fund:** \$4529.50 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2222.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$0

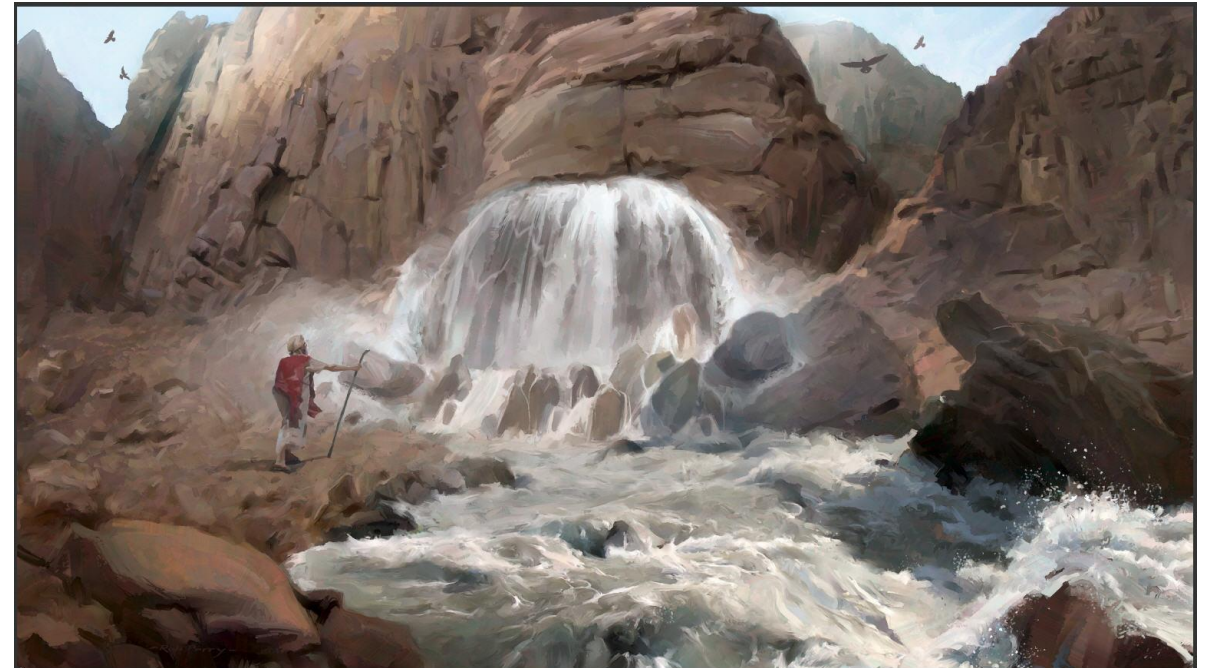
**\*\*\*For gifts above and beyond your regular offering, please cross out "Roof" and write-in "Parking Lot" on your offering envelope. We will need to replace the parking lot in the future, and we want to begin saving money for this project.\*\*\***

**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: Barbara Thomas & Lois Foley
- Nursery next Week: Marcy Campbell & Bonnie Judd

# SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

## ABIDE AND REMEMBER



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### PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:45am  
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

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## ~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

### This Week

<b>Sunday, 9/24</b>	<b>9:45am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Choir Practice</b> <b>11:00am Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Monday, 9/25</b>	<b>10:00am Nurture Group Meets</b> <b>1:00-2:30pm Bible Study on Revelation Begins!</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9/26</b>	<b>2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours</b>
<b>Wednesday, 9/27</b>	<b>12:00pm Wednesday Prayer</b> <b>1:00pm United Methodist Women's Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm Nominations Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, 9/28</b>	<b>10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds</b> <b>7:00pm Called Charge Conference for Parking Lot Replacement</b>
<b>Sunday, 10/1</b>	<b>9:45am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Choir Practice</b> <b>11:00am Sunday Worship</b>
<h3><u>Looking Ahead</u></h3>	
<b>Saturday, 10/14</b>	<b>United Methodist Women Bazaar &amp; Rummage Sale</b>
<b>Sunday, 11/5</b>	<b>3:00pm Charge Conference</b>

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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.
- **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.

***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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 78:1-4, 12-16

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

<sup>12</sup> In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels  
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

<sup>13</sup> He divided the sea and let them pass through it,  
and made the waters stand like a heap.

<sup>14</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud,  
and all night long with a fiery light.

<sup>15</sup> He split rocks open in the wilderness,  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

<sup>16</sup> He made streams come out of the rock,  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

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**All: Thanks be to God**