

~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 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **In the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people, O God, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.** *(Revised*

Common Lectionary Prayers pg.130)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Chris Fowler*

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

ALL: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

LEADER: The Lord made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

ALL: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship God!

(adapted from Psalm 103:1, 6-8)

*HYMN: *The God of Abraham Praise* *Red Hymnal #116*

*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: *Holy Ground* *Black Hymnal #2272*

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 1:8-14 *(p.435)* *Chris Fowler*

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15 *(p.11 & 14)*

SERMON: *Moses & The Burning Bushes* *Rev. Laura Stratton*

*HYMN: *Make Me a Servant (2x)* *Black Hymnal #2176*
You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *Spirit of the Living God* *Red Hymnal #393*

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Maria Fowler by Chris Fowler.

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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

MOSES & THE BURNING BUSH



(<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/god-speaks-to-moses-from-the-burning-bush-elizabeth-wang-.html>)

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

PRAYER: This week pray this prayer: *God of deliverance, you called Moses to be your hands, feet, and voice in a troubled world. Teach us how to work, walk, and speak your word in a troubled world. Amen.* (Narrative Lectionary Prayers – Kimberly Leech)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture readings. How have you seen God at work in the world? Who do you know who has been an agent of God's deliverance?

SERVICE: Find ways to be an agent of God's deliverance yourself. Listen for God's call and respond.

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 15th

Attendance: 48 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 30 **Small Groups:** 4
General Fund: \$867.00 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2179.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$0

Serving today:

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

PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1062 Springfield Road, Luray, Virginia 22835
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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. Dr. Victor Gómez

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

~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

Sunday, 9/29	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship 5th Sunday Offering to Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging
Monday, 9/30	10:00am Nurture Meets 1:00pm Afternoon Study on Parables
Tuesday, 10/1	2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura Office Hours
Wednesday, 10/2	12:00pm Wednesday Prayer
Thursday, 10/3	10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds 7:00pm Admin/Finance Meeting on Stewardship
Friday, 10/4	9:00am Set-up for the UMW Rummage Sale & Bazaar
Saturday, 10/5	8:00-1:00pm UMW Rummage Sale & Bazaar
Sunday, 10/6	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship

Looking Ahead

Monday, 10/7	6:00-7:30pm Fall Supper Study Begins!
Saturday, 10/26	5:00-7:00pm Harvest Party/Chili Dinner

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, crayons and paper available 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:** Grow in your faith and join us for Sunday School at 9:45am!
- **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 Supper Study:** We meet Mondays, from Oct. 7th-28th from 6:00-7:30pm in the fellowship room. We will study 1, 2, and 3 John, and we will take turns preparing a simple supper to share. Hope you can make it!

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During October we will collect **Canned Peas**. 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. Stay tuned for the next packing date!
- **5th Sunday Offering:** We will collect a special 5th Sunday Offering on Sunday, Sept. 29 for the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging!

Exodus 8:8-14

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

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