

# ~Page United Methodist Church~

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

*Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!*

**October 13, 2019**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

\* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **God of eternal love, we thank you for the sense of belonging and nurturing we enjoy from our church family. Make us worthy to go out and serve others in the same we have been served, so that through our hands, all may come to know your love, peace, and joy.**

**Amen.** (adapted from *Words for Worship 1*, #200 & #201)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Vicki Davison*

LEADER: Lord, we come before you, not alone, but in the company of one another.

**ALL: We share our happiness with each other, and it becomes greater.**

LEADER: We share our troubles with each other, and they become smaller.

**ALL: We share one another's griefs and burdens, and their weight becomes possible to bear.**

LEADER: May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

**ALL: For in giving and receiving, we learn to love and be loved; we encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of existence – and discover you. Let us worship God!**

(adapted from *Words for Worship 1*, #194)

\*HYMN: *Here I Am, Lord* *Red Hymnal #593*

\*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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Red Hymnal #400*

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 146 *(p.447)* *Vicki Davison*

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ruth 1:1-17 *(p.187)*

SERMON: *Clinging* *Rev. Laura Stratton*

\*HYMN: *The Servant Song* *Black Hymnal #2222*  
*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*

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*Today's Altar Flowers are given in to 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: *Beloved Companion, you deal with us kindly in steadfast love, lifting up those bent low with care and sustaining the weak and oppressed. Release us from our anxious fears, that we, holding fast to your commandments, may honor you with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.* (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers pg. 208)

**STUDY:** Reread today's Scripture readings. How are you like Ruth, like Naomi? Have you turned wholeheartedly to following God? Do you inspire others to follow God?

**SERVICE:** How can you love others in the same way that Naomi and Ruth loved one another?

**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 October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendance:** 39 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 4  
**General Fund:** \$3553.37 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2179.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$104

**Serving today:**

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

**OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**CLINGING**



(<https://www.audible.com/pd/Ruth-and-Naomi-Audiobook/1680478443>)

**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](mailto: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**

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## ~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

### This Week

- Sunday, 10/13**     **9:45am Sunday School**  
**10:30am Choir Practice**  
**11:00am Sunday Worship**
- Monday, 10/14**     **10:00am Nurture Meets**  
**6:00-7:30pm Fall Supper Study**
- Tuesday, 10/15**     **2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura Office Hours**
- Wednesday, 10/16**     **Pastor Laura out of town**
- Thursday, 10/17**     **Pastor Laura out of town**
- Sunday, 10/20**     **9:45am Sunday School**  
**10:30am Choir Practice**  
**11:00am Sunday Worship**

### Looking Ahead

- Saturday, 10/26**     **5:00-7:00pm Harvest Party/Chili Dinner**  
**Sunday, 10/27**     **November-December-January Newsletter Articles & Christmas Greetings Due to Steve Judd!**
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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, 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. 7<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 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!
- **Shoe Drive:** Springfield Elementary has expressed a need for shoes to give to kids who need them. They need sizes 10-13 for smaller kids and 1-8 for the older children. Your help in this mission is greatly appreciated!

## *Community Opportunities*

- **Page One Benefit Concert:** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Luray High School is a concert featuring church choirs, local ministries, and singers, such as Lisa Meadow and Doug Gochenour. Admission is 2 canned goods of Thanksgiving food and a free will offering will be taken.

## Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith for ever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

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

**All: Thanks be to God**