

~Page United Methodist Church~

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!
Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.** (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

C.T. Campbell

LEADER: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

ALL: And the government will be on his shoulders.

LEADER: And he will be called

ALL: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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LEADER: The candle of peace prepares us for Christ's coming.

ALL: Our hearts glow with the light of peace.

LEADER: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: We wait in peace. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

(*Glowing With Advent* by Gail Gaymer Martin; Isaiah 9:6 & Romans 15:13)

*HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1-4)

Red Hymnal #211

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY: (*In Unison*) **What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.** (*Red Hymnal #221, vs. 4*)

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: *Away in the Manger*

Red Hymnal #217

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Starbright

by William C. Dixon

Narrator: Stephanie Huffman

Shepherd: J.R. Stratton

Starbright: Bonnie Judd

Joseph: Mike Rowe

Mary: Laura Stratton

Balthazar: C.T. Campbell

Caspar: Ruth Burns

Melchior: Jimmy Jenkins

Director: Marcy Campbell

*HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Red Hymnal #240

You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Red Hymnal #204

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: *Jesus Christ, Son of God, since you have walked in our shoes, enable us by the same Holy Spirit of our baptism to proclaim the good news and prepare the way for your coming again so that you may be surrounded by people from all earth's cities and countrysides.*

Amen. (Prayers for the Seasons of God's People: Year B)

STUDY: Read Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. Which person in the Christmas story to you most identify with? Imagine what it would have been like to a shepherd. To be a wise man. To be Mary of Joseph.

SERVICE: Find ways to tell others about the good news of Jesus this Christmas season.

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 December 3rd

Attendance: 64 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 4
General Fund: \$3725.69 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2222.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$95 **Parking Lot Fund:** \$120

*****For gifts above and beyond your regular offering, please cross out "Roof" and write-in "Parking Lot" on your offering envelope.*****

2018 Offering Envelopes are available for those with weekly envelopes. If you use envelopes monthly, then you already have 2018 envelopes in your box from last year.

Serving today:

- Pianist: Rachel Milam
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell
- Nursery this Week: Joyce Jenkins & Janie Grinnan
- Nursery next Week: Sharon Lamb & Barbara Thomas

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STARBRIGHT



(<http://www.cookstownparish.com/2012/12/2nd-sunday-of-advent/>)

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, 12/10** **9:45am Sunday School**
10:30am Choir Practice
11:00am Sunday Worship – Christmas Play!
12:00pm Christmas Potluck Luncheon!
- Monday 12/11** **10:00am Nurture Group Meets**
1:00pm Advent Study on Joseph
- Tuesday, 12/12** **2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura’s Office Hours**
- Wednesday, 12/13** **12:00pm Wednesday Prayer**
- Thursday, 12/14** **10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds**
- Sunday, 12/17** **9:45am Sunday School**
10:30am Choir Practice
11:00am Sunday Worship
12:00pm-9:00pm Advent Prayer Vigil

Looking Ahead

- Thursday, 12/21** **7:00pm Blue Christmas Service**
Sunday, 12/24 **7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
Wednesday, 1/10 **7:00pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Meeting**
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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.
- **Advent Devotional:** Feel free to pick up an Advent Devotional book from the Society of Saint Andrew. You also may go online to their website - <http://endhunger.org/advent/> - and register to receive an email version.
- **Advent Prayer Vigil:** On Sunday, December 17th, the sanctuary will be open from 12:00-9:00pm for prayer. This is an opportunity to come and find silence with God in the midst of the holiday busyness. You don't have to sign-up to come and pray and be with God.

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During November we are collecting **Instant Mashed Potatoes and Instant Stuffing Mix**. During December we are collecting **Canned Vegetables and Stocking Caps, Toboggans, and Mittens**. 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 Opportunities

- **Walk to the Manger:** On Saturday, December 16th, Camp Overlook is hosting their annual Walk to the Manger from 6:00-8:00pm. It is free. Come and relive the nativity!

On Thursday, December 21st, we are holding our annual Blue Christmas Service at 7:00pm. This is a service for people who struggle with grief and loss during the holiday season. All are welcome to attend, and please invite those in our community who you think might find solace in this service.

Betty Waymire's New Address:

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