# ~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 9, 2018** **Second Sunday in Advent**

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR & 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 for ever. Amen.** (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers pg. 30)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *The Davison Family*

LEADER: Come, thou long expected Jesus! God, you have changed judgement to hope, destruction to restoration, oppression to liberation, and dread to praise.

**ALL: We, God's people, proclaim with Isaiah, "God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation."**

LEADER: On this Sunday of Advent, we light this candle in recognition of all God's mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

**ALL: Come, thou long expected Jesus!**

(adapted from Amy Sigmon; www.umcdiscipleship.org; Luke 1:78-79)

*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.**

*Christmas on Trial*
By: Greg Thomas

Captain of the Guards: Daryl Davison
Judge: CT Campbell
Prosecutor: Carolyn Chrisman
Shepherd: Jimmy Jenkins
Boy One: Isaac Judd
Boy Two: Eva Judd
Stable Boy: Ben Vile
Maidservant: Bonnie Judd

Director: Marcy Campbell

*During various points in the play, the congregation will be directed to sing the following hymns:*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 5-7)* – Red Hymnal #211
*Angels We Have Heard on High* – Red Hymnal #238
*Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 3)* – Red Hymnal #217
*We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1-4)* – Red Hymnal #254

*HYMN: *Joy to the World* *Red Hymnal #246*
*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: *Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* *(United Methodist Book of Worship #249)*

**STUDY:** Read Luke 1-2. What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Why? What people in the story do you identify with the most? Why?

***SERVICE***: How can you celebrate Christmas by being in service with others?

***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 2nd**

***Attendance:*** 45 ***Joined Church***: 0 ***People in Mission:*** 4 ***Small Groups:*** 4 ***General Fund***: $2483.00 ***Amount Needed Each Week:*** $2179.00 ***Amount to Mission:*** $98 ***Parking Lot Fund:*** $50

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

**Serving today:**

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

# DECEMBER 9, 2018
# CHRISTMAS ON TRIAL

(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. Dr. Victor Gomez**
**Bishop, Virginia Conference……..……..……..Rev. Sharma Lewis**

# ~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

**This Week**

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| ***Sunday, 12/9*** | ***9:45am Sunday School*** |
| | ***10:30am Choir Practice*** |
| | ***11:00am Sunday Worship – Christmas Play & Potluck Luncheon*** |
| ***Monday, 12/10*** | ***10:00am Nurture Meets*** |
| | ***1:00pm Advent Study on A Christmas Carol*** |
| ***Tuesday, 12/11*** | ***2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura's Office Hours*** |
| ***Wednesday, 12/12*** | ***12:00pm Wednesday Prayer*** |
| | ***7:00pm Choir Practice*** |
| ***Thursday, 12/13*** | ***10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds*** |
| | ***7:00pm SPRC Meeting*** |
| ***Sunday, 12/16*** | ***9:45am Sunday School*** |
| | ***10:30am Choir Practice*** |
| | ***11:00am Sunday Worship*** |

**Looking Ahead**

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| ***Wednesday, 12/19*** | ***7:00pm Blue Christmas Service*** |
| ***Tuesday, 12/24*** | ***7:00pm Christmas Eve Service*** |

## *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 Study:** We will meet two weeks during Advent for our study. Our first meeting is Monday, December 3rd at 1:00pm where we will watch the classic Christmas film, *A Christmas Carol*. Then, we will meet the next week (Dec. 10th) to discuss the film from a Christian perspective. Come and join us!

## *Serve With Us*

- **Page One:** During December we will collect **Canned Ham**. 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 our packing dates in the new year.
- **Donations for Springfield Elementary School:** During December, we will collect **children's hats, scarves, gloves, & mittens** for the kids at Springfield!