

# ~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 8, 2019**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

\* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.** (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, pg. 30)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Bonnie Judd*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Bonnie & Kenny Judd*

LEADER: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**ALL: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him...the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and fear of the Lord.**

LEADER: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

**ALL: They will not hurt or destroy on all God's holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

(adapted from Isaiah 11:1-10)

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

*Red Hymnal #211*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, SPECIAL MUSIC

*Brian Thomas*

\*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.**

*One Night on Earth*

By: Leanne Kilpatrick; Adapted & Directed By: Marcy Campbell

Assistant Director: Jennifer Strickler

This is a participatory play. Each person in the congregation will have one recurring line that is written on the back of a colored star. Please let an usher know if you do not have a star. The actors up front will guide you when it is time to say your line.

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

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* – Red Hymnal #230, verse 1

*Away in a Manger* – Red Hymnal #217, verse 1

*The First Noel* – Red Hymnal #245, verses 1-2

*The First Noel* – Red Hymnal #245, verses 3-5

*Silent Night* – Red Hymnal #239, verses 1

\*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*

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*Today's Altar Flowers are given 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: *Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have ignored the promise of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.*

*(Worship & Song: Worship Resources #5)*

**STUDY:** Read Matthew 3:1-12. What do you need to repent of this Advent season as you prepare to welcome Christ?

**SERVICE:** Is there anyone to whom you need to repent or to whom you need to extend forgiveness?

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Attendance:** 39 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 6  
**General Fund:** \$2984.00 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2179.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$120

**Serving today:**

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

# DECEMBER 8, 2019

## ONE NIGHT ON EARTH



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

### PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1062 Springfield Road, Luray, Virginia 22835

[www.pageumc.org](http://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

<b>Sunday, 12/8</b>	<b>9:45am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Choir Practice</b> <b>11:00am Sunday Worship</b> <b>Christmas Play &amp; Luncheon!</b>
<b>Monday, 12/9</b>	<b>10:00am Nurture Meets</b> <b>1:00-2:30pm Afternoon Advent Study</b> <b>6:00-6:30pm Advent Prayer Service</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/10</b>	<b>2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura Office Hours</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12/11</b>	<b>Wednesday Prayer</b> <b>3:00-5:00pm Christmas Tea at the Mimslyn benefiting Page One for \$5</b>
<b>Thursday, 12/12</b>	<b>10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds</b>
<b>Sunday, 12/15</b>	<b>9:45am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Choir Practice</b> <b>11:00am Sunday Worship</b>

### Looking Ahead

<b>Thursday, 12/19</b>	<b>7:00pm Blue Christmas Service</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Sunday, 12/29</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Offering – Page Free Clinic</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, 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.
- **Afternoon Advent Study:** This study is based on Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, and "explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus." We will meet Monday, November 25 – Monday, December 16 from 1:00-2:30pm. Hope you can join us!
- **Advent Prayer Service:** Monday evenings from 6:00-6:30pm starting Monday, December 2 – Monday, December 23. This will be a time of quiet contemplation and prayer as we look forward to Christ's return and the full establishment of God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

## Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During December we will collect **Canned Hams**. 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.

*On Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.*