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BAPTISM

Sincere congratulations to Ian Strickler who was baptized on April 23. A big welcome to you from your church family.




In Sympathy

Members of Page United Methodist Church and friends were devastated to learn of the death of Shannon Stanley. Shannon was the son of Yvonne (Bonnie) Stanley and grandson of Marvin and Shirley Britt. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

MAY 13, 2000

The Youth met on Sunday, May 21st and went to the Garden Maze at the Luray Caverns. There were 14 adults and youth who made it through the maze. After that we all had a sample of dippin' dots. This was enjoyed by all.

Two of our members, **Wanda and Yates Dameron**, moved to Virginia Beach in May. Your church family at Page certainly misses you both but wishes you contentment and joy in your new home.



Hannah Renee Buracker was born May 24 to Ginny Judd and Jeremiah Buracker. The grandparents are Bonnie and Kenny Judd and Shirley and Keith Buracker.

THANKS

Many thanks to Bob Voilten for the drawing of the Page United Methodist Church for the bulletin on Homecoming Day and for the cover on the pictorial directory. Bob has always used his great talent for helping to support the Page UMC. Thanks, Bob, from all the members.



CHURCH PICNIC

It's that time of year again when we all gather together for our annual church picnic, once again being held at Lake Arrowhead.

So, fix another one of those favorite recipes and bring it to the Ruritan shelter at about 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4th. Bring the family, bring the kids, and bring a hearty appetite! Plates, utensils and soft drinks will be provided.

Jonathan Lamb had a very exciting couple of days the first part of July. After being a preparatory member, he became a regular member of Page UMC on July 2 and celebrated his twelfth birthday on July 3.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!!



On Sunday, June 4th, our high school graduates will be recognized during our worship service.

These special young people are:

Lara L. Keyser, daughter of Frank and Anita Keyser. She is graduating from Luray High School.

Jeremy A. Printz, son of Carolyn and Tim Griffith and grandson of Vera Smith. He is graduating from Luray High School.

Aaron C. Eastman, son of Christian R and Janet Eastman, graduating from Page County High School.

Our congratulations to these students for their endeavors as God closes one door and opens another.

There are birthdays of two of our members that should be noted individually.

Danna Kauffman was 95 years old on July 30. In retrospect, the church wants to wish you a very happy birthday.

Raymond Sours was 93 years old on August 15. There was a luncheon for close family and friends. Happy birthday, Raymond.





Michael (also known as Mikey) **Jeremiah Crabill**, was born on August 5 weighing in at 8 lbs, 1 oz., and 21 inches tall. Mikey has an older brother, Matthew, 3 1/2 years old. The parents are James and Kathy Crabill. The proud grandparents are Ralph and Becky Crabill.

Shelby Lynn Voliten received the Sacrament of Baptism on August 20. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Lynn Voliten. Shelby, everyone is so proud to have you in our church family.

BAPTISM

Hearty congratulations to Brian William Thomas, James Ralph Lewis, Jr., and Laura Marie Lewis, who were baptized during the church service on Sept. 20. Brian, James, and Laura have recently finished confirmation class.

SCHOOL DAYS

Dawson Burns left August 18 to return to Virginia Tech for his junior year. Dawson is living off campus this year so there is hope that you or one of your buddies can cook. Majoring in Math should help you figure out your grocery bill. Good luck, Dawson.

Lara Keyser left August 18 to enter her first year at Radford. She will be majoring in elementary education. Good luck, Lara.

Thomas Grinnan left August 19 to return to Shepherd College. Thomas is a senior this year. Thomas, next year you will be thinking about - oh, gosh - what is that word I'm looking for? I believe it starts with a W. Ah, I know what it is. WORK. Good luck.

Ginny Judd is returning to Lord Fairfax Community College as a junior. Good luck, Ginny.

Shelby Sours left on August 18 to return to Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. Shelby is a junior and majoring in theater. May we see you on Broadway one of these days. Good luck, Shelby.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kemp and Mae Ward became members of Page UMC on Nov. 7, transferring from Howellsville UMC in Warren County.





Shelma A. Kemp

Shelma Adkins Kemp, of Luray, died on Saturday, July 1, 2000 in Richmond.

She is survived by four children, Louann Daniel of Richmond, Robert Thomas Kemp II and Paul Gregory Kemp, both of Luray, and Debra Kemp Fraser of Chantilly; and 10 grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted on Monday, July 3, at Columbia Gardens in Arlington.

A memorial service will be held at the Page United Methodist Church at a later date. Persons may contact the church for details.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Mildred M. Sours

Mildred Marie Sours, 73, of Luray died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray.

She was born April 13, 1928, in Luray and was a daughter of the late Ernest Jackson Montgomery and Katie Faye Ertle Montgomery.

She was a textile worker and operated Montgomery's Store in the Springfield section of Page County.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith Ann Campbell of Rileyville and Diane Marie Hilliard of Luray; one son, William Millard Sours of Brownstown; three sisters, Frances May Hammer of Luray, Jane Alexander of Lake Anna and Evelyn Wright of Annapolis, Md.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Ernest J. Montgomery Jr.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Oct. 3, by the Rev. Ralph H. Crabill. Burial was in the Sedwick family cemetery in Luray.

Raymond S. Sours

Raymond Sola Sours, 93, of Rileyville, died on Friday, Dec. 15, 2000 at Page Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1907 in Rileyville and was a son of the late James Lester and Nellie Mae Strickler Sours.

Mr. Sours was a farmer and a member of the Page United Methodist Church.

On Jan. 21, 1931, he married the former Mildred Marie Bradley, who died on July 18, 1987.

He is survived by four sons, Kenneth L. Sours of Sheepshead, Robert A. Sours of Fairbanks, Alaska, and K. Peabody and Eddie Sours, both of Rileyville; two daughters, Charlotte Meadows of Arlington, and Frances Strickler of Luray; three brothers, Nelson and Maurice Sours, both of Rileyville, and Gary Sours of Luray; four sisters, Linda Updike of Pratts, Nora Smeltzer of Rileyville, Maude Bennett of Keyser, W.Va., and Mildred Carter of Vienna; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Bradley Funeral Home by the Rev. Ralph Crabill. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

**A Service of Death & Resurrection
for
*Katheryn Alger***

Sept. 8, 1999 - 11 a.m.

at the

Evergreen Cemetery - Luray, Va.

***Rev. Ralph H. Crabill officiating
with***

Rev. E.B. Shepherd assisting



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Easter 2003 at Page United Methodist Church
Samantha (8yrs old) and Joseph Strickler (7yrs old)



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U.M.Y.F.
Gathering at Corn Maize
Meems Bottom, Mt. Jackson
November 2, 2003





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And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

*Closing Prayer

*Dismissal with Blessing.....Recessional

**Those able to stand, please stand!*

The service will conclude at the graveside. The family invites friends to join them afterwards in the church social hall for a meal and fellowship.

Rebecca Thomas

Feb. 15, 1918 – Feb. 19, 2005

- Born at North Conway, N.H., daughter of the late Dr. John Ziba Shedd & Alice Estelle (Allen) Shedd
- Married John W. Thomas on April 3, 1951
- Member of the Page United Methodist Church where she had been active with the Adult Choir and the United Methodist Women
- Past regent of the John Rhodes Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution – served as the first senior president of the reactivated White House Society Chapter, Children of the American Revolution
- Surviving are her husband; three sons, John B. Thomas, David L. Thomas and Tim K. Thomas; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren
- Service of Celebration & Resurrection – Page United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21
- Burial: Beahn's Chapel Cemetery, Luray
- In lieu of flowers, memory gifts may be made to the Page UMC Building Fund, in care of Marvin Brit, Financial Secretary, 123 Mechanic St., Luray, VA 22835



"BUT CHRIST
HAS INDEED
BEEN RAISED
FROM THE DEAD.
THE FIRSTFRUITS
OF THOSE WHO
HAVE FALLEN
ASLEEP."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

**A Service of Celebration & Resurrection
for
Rebecca Thomas**

Feb. 21, 2005 – Page United Methodist Church – 2 p.m.

*Rev. Ralph H. Crabill, officiating
Pastor Edward Rodriguez, assisting*

Gathering and Prelude

The Word of Grace

Greeting

***Hymn....."Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Lessons From the Old Testament

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
- Isaiah 40:3-11

Lessons From the New Testament

- I Corinthians 12:27-13:13
- Revelation 21:1-5

Prayer

Special Music....."Hymn of Promise"
(The Page UMC Adult Choir)

A Time of Sharing

The Gospel Lesson

- John 14:1-6

Comfort for the Living....."It Was Time"

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Prayer

***Hymn....."How Great Thou Art"**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

35 years of unity

2005 Homecoming

Page United Methodist Church

March 30, 2005

May 1, 2005 will mark thirty five years in the history of the Page United Methodist Church. May 1970 saw the merger of three churches into one congregation located in the beautiful Page Valley. The journey that started thirty five years ago continues.

May 1, 2005 will be a day of celebration and remembrance. The featured speaker will be retired minister Blaine Blubaugh, the first to serve the merged congregation. Special music will include the Adult and Youth Choirs.

We are inviting all members, past members and friends and past pastors of the Page Church to be with us. The day will commence with a 10 AM reception followed by the 11 AM service. Following the service, a covered dish meal will held in the Fellowship Hall, a time for renewing old friendships and creating new ones.

The day will also feature a display of artifacts from the church's past, particularly from the three congregations that agreed to merge. Oak Hill, Rileyville and Springfield merged to form the initial congregation that became what we are today.

The church's newest pictorial directory is expected to be completed and ready for distribution.

So please mark your calendars and join us on May 1, 2005 for a day of fellowship and good food.

Yours in Christ, .

Mrs. Clara Cullers
Honorary Chairman
Homecoming Committee

Roland Foley
Chairman
Homecoming Committee

Rev. Ralph H. Crabill
Pastor
Page U.M.C.

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