



Page United Methodist Church

U. S. ROUTE 340 NORTH
LURAY, VIRGINIA 22835

HUGH W. CRAWFORD, JR.

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June 14, 1985

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many joys and kindnesses you have shared with Celia, Tara, Mark, and me over the past five years. Such words seem very inadequate to express the love we feel for you, but we want you to know that we shall not forget you, nor all that you have done for us. We pray that God will continue to bless you with abundant life (John 10:10) and personal peace (Philippians 4:17).

As of June 20 I will no longer be your pastor, but I will always be your friend. While we are in Annandale or wherever we may go, you are welcome at our house anytime. Our new address is 6931 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Our phone number is 703-941-2670. To locate us, go toward Washington on 66, then South on 495 (Capital Beltway), take the Gallows Road exit, go left at the first light (end of the exit), then stay on Gallows Road (includes one left turn) until it intersects with Columbia Pike. Annandale Church is at that intersection and the parsonage is behind the church. There are several other ways of getting there, but this seems to be the simplest.

I sincerely and personally ask each of you to welcome Warren Cash as your pastor with the same warmth and cooperation with which you welcomed me in 1980. He will soon see that Page is blessed with many talents and many opportunities. You are a great church and with God's guidance, you can be even better. There is much potential yet to be fulfilled. I am sure God will use Warren to help you to continued growth in the Spirit.

Please continue to pray for us, as we will also pray for you. It is the greatest single thing any of us can do. There are no "Goodbys" for Christians, there are only "See you laters" until we meet further on in this life or until we are all gathered together in the place God has prepared for those who love Him. So, "See you later" and "God bless you".

Yours in Christ,

Hugh



BASSETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 27, 1986

Rev. Warren S. Cash
Page United Methodist Church
Route 1 - Box 316
Luray, Va. 22835

Dear Warren:

I received your letter today and appreciate the invitation to the Homecoming on May 4. I regret that I must decline the invitation. I have had some sickness which has kept me out of my pulpit for several Sundays, and I do not think it wise that I be away anymore for awhile. I'M doing okay now but don't feel I should ask the church for anymore time off.

Page Charge was my first appointment. We had 6 church at the time. We have some very dear friends at Page and some fond memories of our years there.

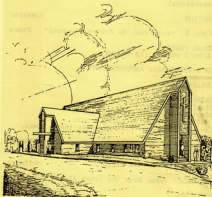
Please express to the people there why we can't come and give them our regards. I also congratulate them and you on the purchase of a new parsonage. I had not heard about this. Those people could always do anything they set their mind to do.

Trusting you will have a great Homecoming, I am

Sincerely yours,


Howard C. Smith

Page United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Study (703) 743-6446

Luzay, Virginia 22835

WARREN S. CASH
Pastor



Resident Bishop
ROBERT M. BLACKBURN
Virginia Conference

District Superintendent
ALFRED L. EASTMAN
Harrisonburg District

 From the Pastor

Greetings!

It is a real joy to become a part of the ministry of Page United Methodist Church. As I join you in ministry, I look forward to participating in the established goals of our church family and look forward to your cooperation and support as I provide leadership for our journey of faith. The testimony of our Lord's faithfulness to us through the years gives us cause to look forward to the future with such enthusiasm and confidence. Jonathan and I appreciate the warm and loving reception shown us on our arrival to Luray and Page County.



Weddings



Our Pastor and Rosemary Myers were united in marriage, Thursday, February 6th, 12:00 pm. at Enon United Methodist Church, Mechanicsville, Va. They will return to Luray, Friday, February 14th, following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group is now engaged in a study of the Acts of the Apostles. Won't you join with us for a time of sharing, study and prayer? Study guides are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

1986

May 1986

From the Minister



I will be appointed pastor of a church in the Richmond area on June 12 during our Annual Conference. The decision to leave Page has been most difficult. My leaving is related entirely to the need for Rose's continuing employment. Her employment in Richmond offers us a reasonable degree of financial stability and security as we think in terms of retirement and a place of our own. Her efforts at finding employment here comparable to her present salary and benefits have not been successful.

We wish to thank the Page Church family for their love, acceptance, patience and support during the past months. We have been blessed during our time with you.



PAGE PAGES

June, 1986

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From the Pastor

On Thursday, June 12th, Bishop Blackburn made the pastoral appointment for the year 1986-87. I will officially become the pastor of Walmaley Boulevard United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 19th. My new address and telephone number is: (Parsonage) 4532 Haymarket Lane, Richmond, VA. 23234; Telephone: 804-275-7038. (Church) 2950 Walmaley Boulevard, Richmond, VA. 23234; Telephone: 804-275-8508.

The Reverend Howard E. Edwards, Jr. was appointed as pastor of Page at the recent Conference. Rev. Edwards and wife, Reba, will be moving into the parsonage on Thursday, June 19th. He and Reba are moving here from the Peninsula District, Providence Church, York County. They have served that pastorate for seven years.

My children experienced five pastoral changes with me while they were still living at home. I think my daughter, at the age of fifteen, expressed the feelings of the family quite well when she wrote these words about moving: (my oldest son wrote the music for her song).

We must move on: I often wonder why,
To far away places, with tears in our eyes.
We live on faded memories to get us through the day,
With pictures and with letters,
Is there a place that we might stay?

What about tomorrow? Will we be here or there?
And all the people that we meet,
Do they really care?
If you find the answer, please do let me know,
I'll be waiting here unless, we move —
So

We must move on . . .

I always think of Lori's song when it's time for me to move again. Upon reflection, she and I agree that the strength to cope with these moves and the ability to adjust to new situations is found in knowing that: "YES, THEY REALLY DO CARE!!!"

Your caring has been expressed to me in so many special ways over the past year. I offer each of the expressions as an honor to God. In your love toward me you have shown your love for Him and His Church. Your caring has made me a better and stronger person. Your caring has allowed me to know of the respect and appreciation for the ministry I brought to

you. Such caring allows me to know that you possess that one distinct characteristic of the Church: the love of God as revealed in and through Jesus Christ. It is this changeless love of God that keeps and sustains us during the many changes of life. It is reassuring to know that the love you offered me was the same love you have extended to previous pastors. It is even more reassuring to know that this same love will be extended to Howard and Reba - and all the other ministers yet to be a part of your wonderful church family.

Rose, Jonathan and I are most appreciative of our time in your community and church. You have been so gracious, kind, cooperative, patient and loving. You have given us many wonderful memories. We consider these memories as a gift from God.

I am sure you understand that it is not merely ministerial ethics which prevents me from returning to your church for participation in weddings or funerals. My ministry at Walmaley, as in any pastoral appointment, will not permit me the time to return. My interest, prayers and love will continue with you, but for now

I must move on

In Christian love,



Warren

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August 4, 1986

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you all know, we now have a new minister, Rev. Howard Edwards, Jr. He and his wife Reba are now settled. You will find enclosed a letter from Rev. Edwards which gives you a bit of information about him and his family. Let's welcome him to our church with the right hand of fellowship and love as we have our ministers in the past.

My main purpose in writing to you as Chairman of the Finance Committee is to let you know where we stand concerning our 1986 church budget. Where we stand is a little bit behind!!! To date, all of our bills are paid, but we are running approximately \$3,000 behind where we should be at this time of year.

Our treasurer, Frances Blosser, does a wonderful job paying our bills and handling our expenses. However, it is not right for her to have to wonder where the money is coming from. We, the people at Page always come through when there's a need. This has been proven many times in the past.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Administrative Board has approved a financial drive. This drive begins Sunday, August 10 and will end Sunday, August 24, 1986. Enclosed is an envelope for your use. All proceeds received from this drive will go to support the budget of our church. We accepted our budget as a step in faith and I'm sure we will meet our 1986 budget with God's help as we have done in the past. You may mail your contribution directly to Marvin Britt or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Either way, please use the enclosed envelope.

Thank you once more for your support in the upbuilding of the Kingdom. God has blessed us so. Let us now give back to Him a part of which is really His own. May God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,

Nora Belle Comer
Chairman, Finance Committee

Enclosure



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Dear Members and Friends of the Page Church:

Reba and I are very much pleased to be your parsonage family. From the day we moved into the community, you have been so gracious and kind. You have shown an interest in us and our family which we truly appreciate. The Psalmist said that he believed he would live to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. In a very real sense of the word I believe we see his goodness in the church as we live together day after day.

We were brought up as children in the Memphis Conference of the Methodist Church and were married after World War II. We believe we were watched up by God's Spirit because of the way our home has been and our interest in the spiritual life.

I attended Business College twice and taught there for two years. I was licensed to preach in 1949 and attended Bethel College. I then was in accounting work for five years and we had my parents, and two sisters living in Virginia. I was called into the ministry of the church and we chose to begin this in the Virginia Conference. We moved to Virginia in 1957 and I attended school at Leisberry College and Duke Divinity School.

We have four children. Two sons and two daughters have given us three grand children and another most any time now. Our oldest daughter lives in Hanover County and has a small child she is staying home with at the present time. Our younger daughter has a little boy and was a nurse at the Va. Hospital in Salem until recently. She has gone back to school for awhile. Our oldest son is a minister of our Conference and is serving a church on the Ashland District. The other son is a doctor and living in Richmond. So Rebecca, Mary, Robert, and Paul have been a blessings to our home.

We pray that our spiritual relationship here in the family of God will be as rewarding and fulfilling as our family life with our children. A church and all who are a part of it always has some need. We pray that God will be with us in a way that will lead us down a happy and rewarding pathway of Christian service. We as a family and minister and wife love you and look forward to these times ahead.

Sincerely,

Howard & Reba

Howard and Reba

PRELUDE	<i>The Light of Christ Comes Before Us</i>	Acolyte
*INVOCATION		Minister
*HYMN NO. 1	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	Wesley
*THE ACTS OF PRAISE NO. 561		Psalms 24
	<i>"The Earth is the Lord's"</i>	
*GLORIA PATRI		Weineke
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
ANTHEM	"Glorious In Thy Name"	McKinney
CHILDREN'S TIME		
SILENT MEDITATION		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Three-fold Amen"	Danish
OFFERING		
	Offertory Ministry of Music	
*Offertory Response	"Doxology"	Ken
*Offertory Prayer		
*HYMN NO. 223	"When We Walk with the Lord"	Sammis
SCRIPTURE READING		Amos 3:1-8 I John 2:1-6
SERMON	"Can Two Walk Together"	Minister
INVITATION TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE		
*HYMN NO. 170	"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"	Gladden
BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"You Walk with God"	Minister Skillings
*POSTLUDE		
	The Light of Christ Goes Before Us	Acolyte
	Recessional	

Beyond This Hour

Today ✓ - Reception following worship service honoring
Rev. and Mrs. Edwards.

Today - 3:00 - 5:00 pm., Reception to welcome new
 District Superintendent, The Rev. L Carl
 Whitter at Otterbein U.M.C.

From the desk of Ralph H. Crabill . . .

Biographical Information

Rev. Ralph H. Crabill

- Native of Strasburg, Va.; 1958 graduate of Strasburg High School
- graduate of Madison College (James Madison University) with a bachelor's degree in history
- Classroom teacher and administrator at Handley High School in Winchester for 15 years
- Reporter/Editor for three newspapers for the next 12 years (the *Northern Virginia Daily*, *The Warren Sentinel* and *The Front Royal News*)
- Entered full-time ministry in 1990 following a part-time associate appointment with the four-point Shenandoah Valley Charge (John Wesley in Front Royal, John Mann in Winchester, Mt. Zion in Woodstock and Mt. Zion in Strasburg)
- Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 1994
- Hospital chaplaincy certification at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md.
- Completing ninth year as pastor of the Warren Charge (Asbury, Beuett's Chapel and Limeton)
- served as lay leader, chairperson of the finance committee, member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and Sunday school teacher at the Strasburg United Methodist Church
- Past president and secretary of the Strasburg Rotary Club; served in various capacities at local and district level with the Boy Scouts of America
- Past president of the South Warren Ruritan Club
- Completing third year as president of the Warren County Ministerial Association; member of the chaplaincy staff at Warren Memorial Hospital
- To be ordained as elder at this year's Annual Conference in Norfolk

Rebecca Y. ("Becky") Crabill

- Born in North Carolina, daughter of retired Virginia Conference pastor
- Graduate of Elkton High School; received associate degree in nursing from Shenandoah University
- Enjoys reading and a variety of crafts
- Currently president of the Asbury-Limeton United Methodist Women

Family Information

- three children (Margo, 34, of Portland, Ore., mother of five children; Carl, 30, of Strasburg, father of a daughter, and a mechanic at Jack Evans Chevrolet in Front Royal; & Jimmy, 27, of Bealeton, father of a son and currently employed at Randolph-Macon Academy)
 - seven grandchildren
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Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
D.S. Paul Martin



September 1969
Groundbreaking Ceremony



Durwood Comer



D.S. Paul Martin



**Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
District Superintendent Paul Douglas Martin
Joseph Foley, Sr.
Durwood Comer**

Rev. Blaine Blubaugh



D.S. Paul Martin
Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
J.R. Waters



**D.S. Paul Martin
Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
Brenda Petefish**



**Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
Mrs. Blanche Rickard**



Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
Mrs. Nora Belle Comer



Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
Mrs. Alma Jobe



Rev. Blaine Blubaugh
Mrs. Nellie Sours
Mrs. Nora Belle Comer

BRIEF HISTORY OF
PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Page United Methodist Church had its beginnings in 1877 as the "Page Mission", part of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Baltimore Conference (there was no Virginia Conference then), Rockingham District. The first pastor was G. O. Homan.

In 1966 the five churches composing the charge - Rileyville, Fletcher's Chapel, Springfield, Oak Hill and Compton - all one-room churches, held a meeting to consider a new modern building that would serve them all.

In 1967 Rileyville, Springfield and Oak Hill approved the merger. Fletcher's Chapel and Compton declined.

In 1968 John and Becky Thomas donated the land for the new church.

Ground breaking took place in September 1969.

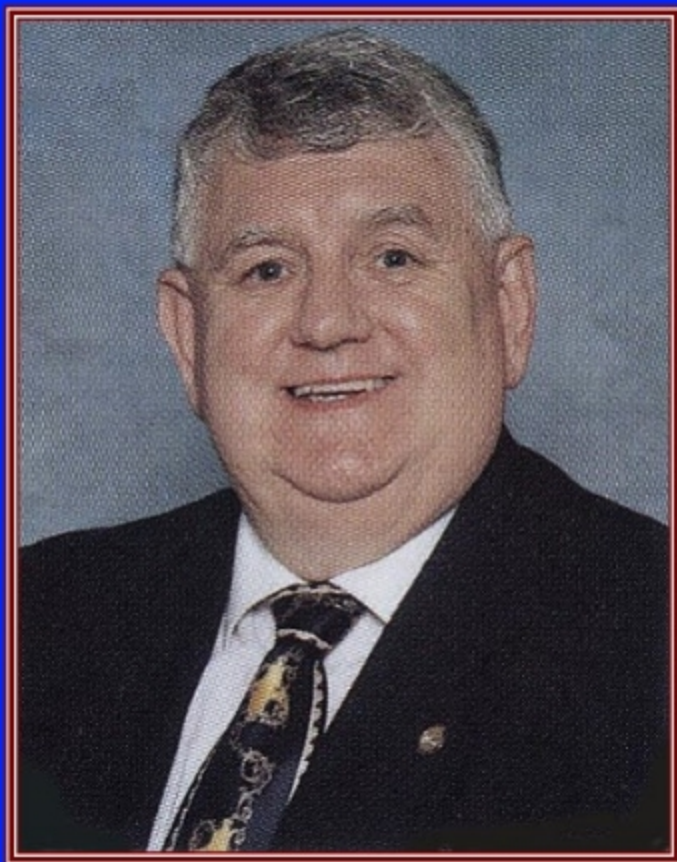
The first service in the new building took place on May 3, 1970.

J. Blaine Blubaugh was the minister at the time Page United Methodist Church was built.

The first person to become a new member of Page was Gernie Frances Meadows Sours (wife of Oscar T. Sours). Gernie transferred her membership from Main Street Baptist Church in Luray. Their daughter, Brenda Sue Sours Wyatt, was the first member to join Page on profession of faith.



BLUBAUGH



Rev. Dr. J. Blaine Blubaugh 1968-1973



Dr. Sarah L. K. Calvert 2010~2013



Rev. Warren Cash 1985~1986



Rev. Edward Shepherd 1994~1999



Rev. Ralph C. Crabill 1999~2010



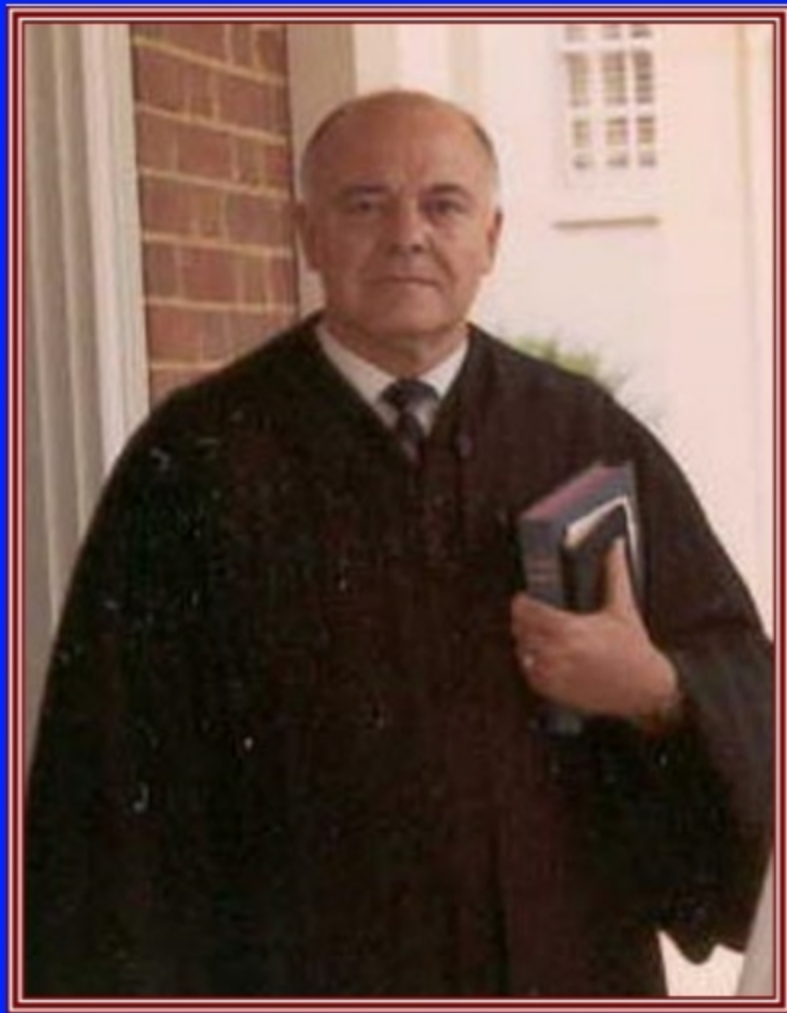
Rev. Hugh Crowder 1981~1985



Rev. Howard Edwards 1986~1987



Rev. William Fisher 1978~1981



Dr. Franklyn Melton

1973~1978



Rev. Laura Whittle Stratton 2013~Present



Rev. Wilton B. Thomas 1987~1994