

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

**Pastor, Sandi Perl**  
**Aimee Perry, Choir Director**

**Elly Stempien, Organist**  
**Jeff Stempien, Liturgist**

As you contemplate the seeds you received today think about the seeds in your life - Did they provide fertile ground or ground full of rocks or choked by weeds? What kept them from being completely smothered?

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE (FWS)2095 v 3 "Star Child"**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Sowing seeds, scattering them around, have we prepared the land?

**P:** **Will our seeds land on fertile ground?**

**L:** Will their roots take hold? Will the new growth be strong?

**P:** **And will the harvest be bountiful?**

**L:** How do we take our mustard seed faith and grow it?

**P:** **Come gather, gather and be fed and nourished.**

**L:** Come gather, gather and raise your voices in praise.

**ALL:** **Come gather, gather and worship our God, the nourishment of our lives. Amen**

**MORNING PRAYER:**

God of growth, you bring nourishment to our land and to our lives. You plants seeds of love in our hearts to grow and to blossom so we can welcome and serve your world in your name. Christ our cultivator, we ask that you break up the guild that stifles our growth. We pray that you will uproot our wrongdoings to allow us and this world to grow into something beautiful. For our shortcomings, spoken and unspoken, in action and by not acting at all, forgive us. Sowing Spirit, may you create in us a people of peace, a collective of compassion and a household of hope for all. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE - (FWS) 2237 As A Fire Is Meant for Burning**

**CHORAL ANTHEM - Help Us Accept**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN - 2215 "Cares Chorus"**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 126 (UMH 847), Mark 4:1-34 (p38)

**SERMON: Prepping the Ground**

**\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**What can I do? Where do I begin? What difference is that going to make? As we dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. May we be amazed by all that we can accomplish in your service. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN: (UMH) 567 Heralds of Christ**

**\*GOOD NEWS:**

**Lord, send us out into our community to scatter the seed of your word, to sow the seeds of your love, to tend the shoots that we see growing and taking root. Give us courage and patience to nourish others as you have nourished us today. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sharing Grace – Take time to think about the opportunities we each have to sow seeds of trust, friendship and support with those around us.**

**FWS –Faith We Sing**

**UMH – United Methodist Hymal**

**Please join us for fellowship with our hostess Trish DeMontfort**

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Terry and Doug Fingar

Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo

Scripture Reader: Joyce Wiedrich

Fellowship: Trish deMontfort

Sunday School: Pam Althouse

Nursery: Michele Covert and Sherri Hunt

Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/24/16)**

Greeters: Donna Johnston and Sally Head  
Ushers: Phil Pearce and Russ Heggie  
Scripture Reader: Becky Laumeier  
Fellowship: Marguerite Miller  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues. Noon: **Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn.** All women are invited to come share a meal with one another.  
Tuesday - 7PM, **Choir Rehearsal**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising Lasagna Dinner – details soon  
Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner – details soon  
Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm

### **Contact Us:**

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### **Inside & Out Reaching Out**

On Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 6:30pm at the Penn Yan UMC (166 Main Street Penn Yan) motivational speaker, Jim Law will be speaking. He draws on his experience as convicted drug dealer and career criminal, whose life was radically changed by God while serving eleven years in prison. You are invited to come join us learn how to help people, who come out of jail, to be able to stay out of jail. "We have a heart to help change lives." Questions call Gary Littell at [607-316-9652](tel:607-316-9652) or Doug Brooks at [585-755-0721](tel:585-755-0721).

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**"BLUFF POINT UMC...  
FAITH AND LOVE...  
IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S WHAT WE DO!"**



**What we sow we reap**