

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Gathering Grace:

A new year, a new start. Take some time this morning to reflect on your life, what you have done, maybe what you feel you did not do. And remember the faith of two beloved saints, Simeon and Anna, who kept faith throughout their long lives, who believed in God's promises and lived in hope that they would see those promises fulfilled. Reflect on the things for which you hope, for yourself and your loved ones, in the New Year, and remember, in God's eyes no one is ever too old or too set in their ways!

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made"**
(658 UMH)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Holy One, A new Year begins so we gather this day to greet the New Year

P: To remember your promises fulfilled, and to give thanks for all that the future brings, that we may live and worship you in 2017. Amen.

*MORNING PRAYER

There is one simple thing to do in this moment, where all our dreams are bundled up at the beginning and time is a great expanse still to happen. And that is to hold close those things that will shape us this year, to spark the light that will guide us, to break the bread that will nourish us, to share the wine that is a promise to us, to pour the water that renews us, to open the Word that will love us, and set the cross that will save us. May we hold them, love them, and discern God's call in them, for us and our community. In the name of Jesus Christ, ever ancient, ever new. Amen

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (234 UMH)

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN "Cares Chorus"
(2215 FWS)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:21-38, Psalm 131

Message

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY (p 95) / PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Loving God, fresh to the world and hardly a breath taken, yet already your light is changing everything. We still have hope in hope, we still long for justice, we still imagine love's evolution is possible. We still hope in hope, we still long for justice, we still imagine love's evolution is possible. For now, in the dulling light of Christmas and the birthing moments of a new year, may we gather around your promise, may we dedicate ourselves and what we have to that promise and begin to set it free, in our living and our loving. Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Joy To The World" (246 UMH)

*GOOD NEWS:

We have worshipped together. We have sung God's praises. We have shared the hope of a new year begun. Now may God's blessing of love be with us this day, this week, this New Year. Amen.

SHARING GRACE:

To your Jar of Blessings add a photo of a person who has had a positive influence on your life. Or if you do not have a photo put their name on a folded piece of paper or make a star with their name on it.

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our hosts –Brunch

SERVING THIS WEEK (1/1/17)

Greeters: Babs Steinart and Michele Covert
Ushers: MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Fellowship: Brunch
Sunday School: None
Nursery: Linda Folts and Kerry Fitch
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/8/17)

Greeters: Ruth Ann Makatura and Meredith Nielsen
Ushers: Ryan Anderson and Doug Fingar
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Fellowship: Barbara Bailey and ?
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Doreen Sorensen
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Grandma's Kitchen – January 19, 2017 – Penn Yan
Academy – see clipboards

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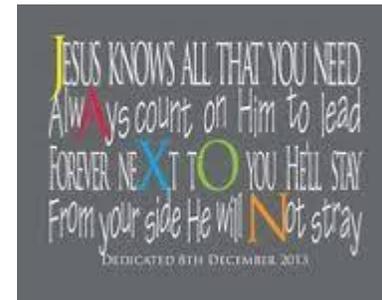
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This is space to note announcements and sermon thoughts

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



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