

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

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Jeff Stempien, Liturgist

Gathering Grace: John, the baptizer, the one who sets the scene and paves the way, shows the path to repentance and renewal. Imagine for a moment you have followed the crowd who sought out this wild man of the desert. Listen to his words as directed to you: “Brood of vipers!”, share, be fair, be content, present and believe. The words when first spoken were truly shocking: change your life around; don’t live as you have been living, but start over. The message continues to hold true for us and has lost little of its challenge. As you prepare for worship this morning, as God’s guidance into the areas that need it most.

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE #251 (UMH) Go Tell It On The Mountain**

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: As we gather this day we remember your promises in the pouring of water

L: And we give thanks for all that the future brings

P: That we may live and worship you this day and the next. Amen

*MORNING PRAYER

Dear God, we have seen rain and rivers, floods and flows, lochs and lakes, ponds and puddles, and in every drop there is life. God, may we share that life, generously; live that life fairly, and celebrate that life fully. May we know you are in it all; every moment of story, every molecule of water, every morsel of life, which makes every drop sacred and special. Amen

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: #252 (UMH) When Jesus Came to Jordan

Special Music

We Three Kings

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:1-22, Psalm 51:6-17

Message

Terry Fingar

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

It is water through which creation was birthed, it is our invitation to be birthed anew in God. It is water by which God’s people gather, it is our invitation to be a gathered up into new life. It is water in which we are called by name, and it is our invitation to be called God’s children. It is through these gifts we give life to Your people. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #664 (UMH) Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

*GOOD NEWS:

We have worshipped together, we have sung God’s praises, we have shared the joy of all that comes from baptismal promises. Now may God’s blessing of love be with us this day, this week, this New Year. Amen.

SHARING GRACE: Jar of Blessings – add to the jar a picture or name of someone who has influenced your faith.

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our hosts – Barbara Bailey

SERVING THIS 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

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/15/17)

Greeters: Ruth Ann Makatura and Meredith Nielsen
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo
Scripture Reader: Joyce Wiedrich
Fellowship: Sarah Stackhouse and ? (Aimee's Baby Shower)
Sunday School: Trish deMontfort
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant
Counters: Ron Salyer & Pam Althouse

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 15th – baby shower for Baby Perry during fellowship. Aimee is registered at buybuybaby.com

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

Family First Friday – January 20th.

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Note

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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