

## BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl  
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

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Jeff Stempien, Liturgist

Gathering Grace:

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #2272 – Holy Ground**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Home

**P: Home is where the heart is, so the saying goes.**

L: Nazareth

**P: Nazareth, home town of Jesus.**

L: Return of the son of Joseph, familiar

**P: Familiar ground**

L: But the challenge proves too much, the initial hero's welcome turns sour.

**P: What changed?**

L: Come gather round as we hear afresh the story of Jesus' homecoming.

**P: Come gather round as we lift our voices in praise to the one who continues to challenge us in our lives. Amen.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

Thank you, God, for this place we call church. Thank you for those who speak within this building stories both old and new that somehow give us a sense of how much you love us. Thank you for those who take part in worship, those who read the bible, those who provide reflections, those who sing and those who use craft to paint a picture of you. Thank you for the technology we have that allows people to see what is being read, or hear what is being said. None of this is to be taken for granted, for what is done here in this place is vital to our growth as the people of God. Thanks be to you God. Amen.

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE: #60 – I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath**

**PARTY WITH THE PREACHER**

**PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2215 – Cares Chorus**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 146, Luke 4:14-30**

**Message**

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

**You are our inspiration, Lord, and sometimes we recognize it, at other times we reject it, but you never give up on us. May we recognize your challenge to us all this day as in that synagogue in Nazareth, and may we commit ourselves to you Way. Use us and what we bring before you to serve the Kingdom you inaugurate, that we might be good and faithful in all we are and all we do. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN #127 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\*GOOD NEWS:**

**May we go from here with our eyes and ears open to the constant wonders of our world; our hearts open to caring for all who seek love; and our doors open to all who seek refuge. And in all we sense and do, may the blessing of God almighty, our Creator, Companion, and inspiration, be with us for all our days. Amen.**

**SHARING GRACE:** Add to your Jar of Blessings a piece of paper or folded star or in another way the promise to do a good deed

**FWS –Faith We Sing      UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

Please join us for fellowship with our host – Sarah Stackhouse

**SERVING THIS 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

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/22/17)**

Greeters: Donna Johnston & Sally Head  
Ushers: John Prinzivalli & Russ Heggie  
Scripture Reader: Becky Laumeier  
Fellowship: Jane Salyer and Deb Smith  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Nursery: Linda Folts & Trish deMontfort  
Counters: Ron Salyer & Pam Althouse  
Door Greeter: Ron Miller

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

January 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact Us**

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**Note**

This is space to note announcements and sermon thoughts

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