

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2014**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**P. Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

L. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**P. For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**

L. The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P. And also with you.

***OPENING PRAYER:**

God of all time,
we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this
world with the glorious light of your presence.
A light which made your love for the world visible
in the babe born in Bethlehem—
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar
to find and worship the Christ-child.
A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.
We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts
and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE:- #245 “The First Noel” vs.3,4,&5
CHILDREN’S TIME -**

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2160 “Into My Heart”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: We give these gifts, O God - in
thankfulness for your love. We offer these offerings, O God, for
the work of your Kingdom. We ask you to bless them on their
way. We ask you to use them and us in your service. Through
Christ, our Lord, we ask. – Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: - Isaiah 60: 1-6(p.690 O.T.)Matt.2: 1-12(p.2
N.T.)**

SERMON: “Our Journey” Rev. Judy D. White

CHORAL COMMUNION ANTHEM: “Communion Song”

HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN: #254 “We Three Kings”**

POSTLUDE

***Those who are able please stand**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Jeff Stempien

Communion Steward: Sherri Hunt

Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen

Greeters: Fremont and Carole Clow

Ushers: Mary Anne Miller & Joel Warren

Fellowship: Fremont and Carole Clow

Sunday School: Pam Althouse

Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen

Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

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Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Jeff Stempien

Scripture Reader: Fremont Clow

Greeters: Fremont and Carole Clow

Ushers: Terry and Doug Fingar

Fellowship: Birthday Sunday – Fingar, Sorensen and Andersen

Sunday School: Marguerite Miller

Nursery: Sherri Hunt and Michele Covert

Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

We will take down all Christmas decorations after church. Please stay if you can, get some refreshments and have an Epiphany Party making our church ready for the New Year.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Tues:

Noon: UMW meet at Antique Inn

7pm – Choir Practice

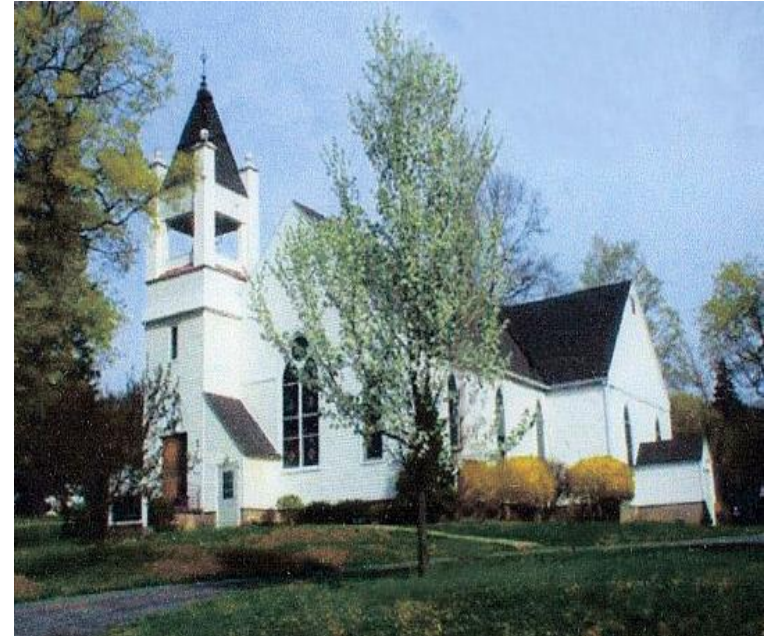
Wed. 10:00am, Bible Study

If anyone has an idea for fellowship in our church this coming year, please notify Michele Covert, Laurie Prinzivalli or Pastor Judy.

So many of you made our Advent Season and Christmas Eve service possible. Many thanks goes to those who were actors, refreshment servers and set-up people for the Living Nativity. Also thank you to those who gave of their time and money to Christmas For the Needy and the Living Well. The choir, Cindy Heggie and Aimee Perry deserve special kudos for all the beautiful music we were able to hear. A special thank you to those who participated in our Fifth Sunday Musical Sunday. We are so blessed to have all the talent we have.

We don't want to forget all of you who made a special effort to come worship our Christ child during all the Sundays and Christmas Eve. All in all we had a wonderful year. God bless you in this new year, 2014. May Christ be glorified even more.

Love, Pastor Judy



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