

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1st Sunday after the Epiphany - Baptism of the Lord
Pastor, Sandi Perl

Please take some time as we gather before the service this morning to offer a celebration to be prayed over during our time together. The paper and pens can be found on the altar table as well as the place to put your celebration.

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE 2095 v 2 "Star Child"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In our journeying do we give up? Resigning our discipleship into a resignation of worshipping the old?

P: God calls, again, again, again, come with me, give up your blindness. Look and see. Find a new vision, follow me home. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER:

God of old and new, of young and aged, of traditional and contemporary, we gather to praise you. As we gather for this time of worship may we create space to allow for your Spirit to lead us. As we gather with our own stories and histories may we leave ourselves open to the breath of change. But we know change is not always easy.... (PAUSE) God of renewal, may we be your new wineskins. May we have room to change and to grow as we seek to further the work of your kingdom. Bless this time and the work we do in your service. Today. Tomorrow and always. Amen.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE 252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

CHORAL ANTHEM "Surely the Presence"

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN - 2215 "Cares Chorus"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103:6-14 Gospel: Mark 1:1-22

SERMON: What is old is new again

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

Holy God, may all that we offer to you this day be used for your purpose. May we each play our part in providing for those in need of healing, guidance or renewal. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

***GOOD NEWS:**

Send us out Lord, into the world, your world, go with us and may your Holy Spirit guide us in your ways. Through your Son teach us to embrace the changes that our God wills for the creation. Amen

POSTLUDE

Sharing Grace – as you walk through this week keep a list of the celebrations you experience. Thank the Creator!

Please join us for fellowship with our hostess Michele, Sherri and Laurie. It is BIRTHDAY Sunday 

SERVING THIS WEEK: (1/10/16)

Organist: Elly Stempien

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Jeff Stempien

Greeters: Phil Pearce & Jim Houle

Ushers: Terry & Doug Fingar

Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller

Fellowship: Birthday Sunday, Sherri, Michele, Laurie

Sunday School: Terry Fingar

Nursery: Phil Pearce & Doreen Sorensen

Counters: Ron Salyer & Dick Smith

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/17/16)

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Jeff Stempien
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

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!

Wednesday, January 13th – 10:00am – Bible Study will start – we will meet at the church

Saturday, February 6th - Fundraising Lasagna Dinner – details soon

Tuesday, February 9th - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner – details soon

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FAITH AND LOVE...
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