

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2147 "Yes God Is Real"**

CALL TO WORSHIP -

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P And also with you.

L Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

P Lean not to your own understanding.

L In all your ways acknowledge God,

P And God will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving and Merciful God - you who gave Christ Jesus for the sins of the world - and through him opened to us to the way to your everlasting kingdom - be present with us in this holy place. Give us the grace and the power to follow Jesus and to allow your healing, your justice, your spirit to flow through us. Make our worship the worship of a people who are truly new in Christ - of a people who do not fear the journey of faith - for they know that you are, and ever will be their refuge and fortress, a healing stream and cleansing flood. In the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE:-**

#415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

CHOIR ANTHEM -

CHILDREN'S TIME -

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2086 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, as we present to you these our tithes and free will offerings, we recall how Jesus offered himself for our sakes, how he gave not only his time, his energy, his skill for us - but how he offered his very self to you on our behalf.... Bless what we offer to you on these plates and within our hearts, O Lord - that may be worthy of the example we have received - we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING:

SERMON: We welcome our District Superintendent, The Rev. Jeffrey McDowell, to our church today. Thank you Jeff for coming.

CHORAL INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION, P. 13 UMC HYMNAL (taking communion at the rail)

***CLOSING HYMN: #640 "Take Our Bread"**

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Stacy Wyant

Communion Steward: Michele Covert

Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen

Greeters: Ed and Sally Head

Fellowship: Barbara Bailey

Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse

Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli

Counters: Chris Bailey and Ron Salyer

TODAY, Bluff Point is responsible for refreshments at the Well Gathering (4:30-6:00). Come as you are, leave changed. Rev. Sandi Perl will be leading the service.

Next week will take offering for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Stacy Wyant
Scripture Reader: Barbara Bailey
Greeters: Meredith Nielsen and Barbara Allart
Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer and Deb Smith
Sunday School: Joyce Wiedrich
Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen
Counters: Chris Bailey and Ron Salyer

This Week in the Life of the Church

Tues:

Noon: UMW meet
7pm – Choir Practice
No Bible Study this week. Will resume, Mar. 18th 10am.

THE LENTEN LUNCH THIS WEEK....

March 5 Three Servants with Talents (Matt. 25:14-30) Pastor Jeff Childs; Meatloaf, St. Mark's and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches serving

Pastor Judy and Art will be on vacation Feb. 25th- Mar. 16th. If there is any emergency please call Stacy Wyant, 315-536-9589. Rev. Sandi Perl will be covering for Judy Feb.25th-Mar. 7th, Rev. Tom Wunder will be covering for her Mar. 8th – Mar. 16th.

Pastor Judy would like to plan a trip to Lancaster Sight and Sound Theater to see Moses on April 10-11. It is the last time this production will be at Lancaster for some time. We'd like to purchase 15 tickets at \$46.55 each. We can carpool. Stay overnight at a hotel then come back next day.

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**FAITH AND LOVE....
IT'S WHO WE ARE...
IT'S WHAT WE DO...**

