

## BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl  
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Sharing Grace - When you entered the sanctuary you were given a card. Talk to your neighbor about the image of love you find on the card handed to you.

### WELCOME AND GREETING

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #194 (UMH) "Morning Glory, Starlit Sky" v. 1-3

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A life without love would be no life at all!

**C: I worship, in love, today.**

L: A church without love would be no church at all!

**C: We worship, in love, today.**

L: A world without love would be no world at all!

**C: We shall pray for more love, today!**

#### \*MORNING PRAYER

God of Love! We gather our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, our prayers and we come to you to put into words the deepest longings of our hearts. We hear those words; faith, hope and love; we know that LOVE is all. And if only we could love for love's sake- what a wonderful thing that would be. We pray for our country; the season of change beckons, we pray for our world; the events and situations which trouble us and cause us to ask questions; take them and fill them with hope, we pray. We pray for our community, the people who live and work where we live and work; be with them and us. We pray for ourselves; for the things which frighten or trouble us; for the uncertainties and worries we have, that you take them and heal them. And fill us with hopeful love, today and always. Amen

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE** #472 (UMH) "Near To The Heart of God"

### CHORAL ANTHEM – Surprise!

### PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

**PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN** – #2202 (FWS) "Come Away With Me To A Quiet Place"

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (p 175), Mark 12: 28-31 (p 49)

### MESSAGE

#### \*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We bring you our gifts; we bring you our hearts; we bring you our love. Take it all we pray, use it all, use us, to share your love in the world. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** #408 (UMH) "The Gift of Love"

#### \*GOOD NEWS:

As you leave this place where love is found, look for and search for love in the world. Where you find none, be that love. Where you find it, return it tenfold. Be God's love in the community and world. And know his love is with you, always. Amen.

**SHARING GRACE DURING THE WEEK:** This week, challenge yourself to think of love every day. Think of those times:

When you were offered loving despite everything that was happening at the time

That you demonstrated love to someone else when everyone around you was doubtful

People you failed to love, those situations in which you may have some guilt or regret for not playing a loving role

### POSTLUDE

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our host: MaryAnn Miller and Joel Warren

**BLUFF BRUNCH! Today's the day! Join your church family after worship today.**

**SERVING THIS WEEK (5/1/16)**

Greeters: Ed and Sally Head  
Ushers: Trish deMontfort and Deb Smith  
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien  
Fellowship: MaryAnn Miller and Joel Warren  
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Donna Johnston  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Barbara Bailey

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (5/8/16)**

Greeters: Leah and Dick Dibble  
Ushers: Helen and Dana Schillinger  
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller  
Fellowship: Jean and Mike Morehouse  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Nursery: Doreen Sorensen and Brianne Summers  
Counters: Marilyn James and Pam Althouse

Tuesday Noon: **Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn.** All women are invited to come and share a meal with one another.

Tuesday - 7PM, **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday – 10:00AM Bible Study – at church – Half Truths – by Adam Hamilton

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**CROP Walk – May 1<sup>st</sup> – sign up to walk or donate money**

Ladies Tea – more information coming soon!

**Contact Us**

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“BLUFF POINT UMC...  
FAITH AND LOVE...  
IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S WHAT WE DO!”



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