

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE –#2176 “Make Me A Servant”**

CALL TO WORSHIP -

L Seek the Lord while he may be found.

P Call upon God while he is near.

L Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

**P Let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

GATHERING PRAYER:

Loving and merciful God --we gather today in the name of Jesus to praise you, pray to you and tell one another what you have done - because we do remember your miracles and your wonders and because not only do we remember them - we continue to see them in our lives and in the lives of others. Grant, O Lord, that in this time together our awareness of your goodness and your grace may increase. Pour out your Spirit upon our assembly so that our prayer and our praise, our hearing and our saying, may be worthy in your eyes and so that it may be a testimonial to your transforming power. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

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

HYMN OF PRAISE - #402 “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

CHORAL MUSIC: “Psalm 139”

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2272 “We Are Standing On Holy Ground”

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

SERMON: “Get a Little Closer” Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

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

Bless, O God, these tithes and offerings --

As we ask you to use it in your service, we ask you to help us remember that all we have and all that we are came first from you. Grant us hearts of praise and thanksgiving and trust so that we bring glory to your name by all that we think, say and do. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #420 “Breathe On Me Breath of God”

GOING FORTH IN JESUS’ NAME

POSTLUDE

**LET US GATHER TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP DOWNSTAIRS
FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

SERVING CHRIST TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Organist – Elly Stempien

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Carole Clow

Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse

Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond

Ushers: Doug and Terry Fingar

Fellowship: Marilyn and Gene James

Sunday School: Leah Dibble

Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant

Counters: Aimee Perry and Pam Althouse

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK: 9/27/15

Organist – Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Carole Clow
Greeters: Linda Folts and Michele Covert
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Trish deMontfort
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Donna Johnston
Counters: Elly Stempien and Marilyn James

COMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

TUES: NOON, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEET AT THE ANTIQUE INN. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO COME.

TUES, 7PM, CHOIR REHEARSAL. NEW VOICES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

WED: **BIBLE STUDY GROUP, 10AM.** COME AND LEARN HOW GOD WORKS THROUGH SUFFERING. We will be using Philip Yancey’s book, “Where Is God When It Hurts” THIS WEEK Chap. 11.

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WE ARE PLANNING A BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA IN NOVEMBER 11-12TH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOW AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER. See the sign up sheet for more details. Need deposit by Sept. 24th.

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