

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2015**  
**VETERANS CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

**WELCOME AND GREETING/PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS**  
**ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE – #2068 “I Love You Lord”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP -**

**\* LITANY FOR VETERANS**

L: God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

**All: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Merchant Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.**

*L. We pray for those who have served in the armed forces in wartime and peace time to keep us safe from harm.*

**All: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.**

*L. We pray for all who gave their lives to defend our nation.*

**All: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.**

*L. We pray for those who answered the call to defend our freedom of beliefs.*

**All: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace. Amen.**

**A TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES – Jeff and Elly Stempien**

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE: #117 “O God Our Help In Ages Past”**

**CHORAL ANTHEM: “Only Under God”**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**PRAYER HYMN - #2162 “Grace Alone”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE: I Sam.1:9-20 (p.245 OT), Heb.10:19-25 (p.223 NT)**

**SERMON: “Perseverance and Love” Rev. Judy D White-Wunder**

**\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: Lord, we give you thanks that we can worship as we choose in this sanctuary. Let us give freely as those who gave freely to us that we might continue to worship you in the way we choose. In Jesus’ name. Amen**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION # 2153 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

**HYMN OF BENEDICTION – “Eternal Father, Strong To Save” –  
Bruce Westerdahl, soloist**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*All who are willing and able, please stand**

**TODAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**PLEASE GATHER TOGETHER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE. Our Hosts are Marilyn & Gene James**

**SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:**

Organist: Elly Stempien  
Choir Director: Aimee Perry  
Liturgist: Bill Sutherland  
Greeters: Leah and Dick Dibble  
Ushers: Jean and Mike Morehouse  
Scripture Reader: Gene James  
Fellowship: Marilyn and Gene James  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Nursery: Blanche Fingar and Sonya Andersen  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Pam Althouse

**SERVING NEXT WEEK: (11/22/15)**

Organist: Elly Stempien  
Choir Director: Aimee Perry  
Liturgist: Bill Sutherland  
Greeters: Helen and Dana Schillinger  
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo  
Scripture Reader: Gene James  
Fellowship: Trish deMontfort  
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse  
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant  
Counters: Aimee Perry and Dick Smith

**THIS WEEK**

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

Wed. BIBLE STUDY at 10am . Chapter 16 "Meaning of Suffering"

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**CHARGE CONFERENCE, SAT., NOV.21, 3-5PM AT GORHAM UMC. All members are urged to attend. Worship is at 3. Our conference begins at 4pm.

**Our Thanksgiving Sunday is Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget to bring a thank you card for someone on that day. They will be given out at the service.**

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Our Musical Sunday and First Sunday of Advent. A meal will follow the service.

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