

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
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Bill Sutherland, Liturgist

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE UMH 176 - Majesty**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God knows us

P: knows our names, knows our hearts

L: God is in us still:

P: God is written deep within,

L: God knows us, we know God,

P: and so we come together, God's own, to worship and praise.

Amen.

***MORNING PRAYER**

God of promise, in your presence we come this day, knowing that your word is trustworthy and true, that your hope is steadfast and our love generous. As the stars above symbolize your promise to Abraham, the rainbow reminds us of your promise of mercy, never again to raise your anger against all of creation the food and provision in times of drought a promise of plenty, and recognition of the abundance in our world. May we always acknowledge that we are a creation still in progress, striving, fitfully and uncertainly, towards your desire for us. We ask of you forgiveness for all the times when we know that we have failed: whether in what we have said, in what we have left unsaid, in what we have done, in what we have left undone, in what we think, in what we have ignored. May we come to you in quiet repentance, seeking to make amends and striving to do better. Amen.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH 715 - Rejoice the Lord Is King

Anthem

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER - Blessing of hats and mittens, Thanksgiving Baskets

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2193 (FWS) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23,27-28, 31: 31-34, Luke 22: 19-20

Message

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY (p 95) / PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Write on our hearts, Lord, your way of living, may it swell within our hearts that we would be your servants in all that we are, in all that we do, in all that we give, in all that we offer. Bless now these offerings given with generosity and gracefulness that they might be used in the service of your kingdom here and in the wider world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN UMH 327 - Crown Him With Many Crowns

***GOOD NEWS:**

Each of us has a story. Some of the chapters we may wish had not been written. Some of the chapters we want to relive over and over again. Let this week be a good chapter. Let God guide you, allow Jesus to enter its pages and invite the Holy Spirit to inspire you. Be blessed in all you do. Amen.

SHARING GRACE:

What parts of your story do you regret and feel are holding you back? What chapters of your life are holding you prisoner to the past? This week, take your thoughts and write them down. Take one last look at them before throwing your writings into your home fire, into your shredder or tearing it up by hand into small pieces, and putting them in your bin. Remember the words "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Go forward from here, knowing that in bringing these things before God that God forgives and wants you to go on, forgiven, love free.

Please join us for fellowship with our hosts – Bill and Delores Sutherland

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

SERVING THIS WEEK (11/20/16)

Greeters: Leah and Dick Dibble
Ushers: Jean and Mike Morehouse
Scripture Reader: Gene James
Fellowship: Bill and Delores Sutherland
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Chris & Stacy W
Counters: Elly Stempien and Pam Althouse

SERVING NEXT WEEK (11/27/16)

Greeters: Helen and Dana Schillinger
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse
Fellowship: Turkey and Biscuit Lunch
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Phil P & Breanna S
Counters: Aimee Perry and Pam Althouse

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Hat and Mitten collection ends November 20th.
Thanksgiving Basket collections ends November 20th

Hanging of the Greens Service- Sunday, November 27th
– we will be decorating the church for the Advent season during worship. *Please bring an ornament from your home to add to decorations on the Christmas Tree. After the church service we will share a meal of turkey and biscuits in the fellowship hall.*

Advent Study – Thursdays at 6:00pm at Babs Steinert's home. See Babs for directions.

Small Group Study – 10:00am Wednesday at church.

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Note

This is space to note announcements and sermon thoughts

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



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