

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2014

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

*SONG OF PRAISE - #2162 "Grace Alone"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. *Teach us, O Lord, all of your ways,*

P. **And we will follow You until the end.**

L. Give me understanding, that we may keep your covenant,

P. **And trust it with our whole heart.**

L. *Lead us in the path of your commandments,*

P. **For we find joy in following You.**

L. *Turn our hearts to your decrees,*

P. **And away from selfish gain.**

L. *In this time of worship, lead us to draw closer to You.*

P. **May we love You and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Open our hearts and minds to You in this time of worship.

OPENING PRAYER: Loving Savior, lead us into the way of life. Help us to love our enemies, to resist evil whenever we can, to live in your ways of peace and justice. Remind us to seek Your wisdom and guidance and not the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of the world leads us to seek fame, wealth, and our own success. Your wisdom calls us away from the path of the world and into the path of righteousness, where we seek the well-being of others, remembering to love our neighbor as You have first loved us. Guide us, and keep us close, and help us to seek the strength and love of others on the journey. In Your name we pray. Amen

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #395 "Take Time To Be Holy"

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Leave It There"

CHILDREN'S TIME –

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: *I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23(p.167,NT);
Matthew 5:38-48(p.5,NT)*

SERMON: "*Sometimes It's Just Plain Hard*" Rev. Judy D. White

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of Unimaginable Love, you sent your Son into our midst that we might see his way of love, which is so different from what the world has shown us. It calls us to give with extravagant generosity and to love those who wrong us. Holy God, bless the offering we give, and may what we share this morning be used to bring your compassion and grace to those who need it the most. May people know we belong to you by the way we love and the way we give. In the name of Christ, who gave all for us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: #389 "*Freely, Freely*"

POSTLUDE:

***Those who are able please stand**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Dick Smith

Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl

Greeters: Bev Dean and Ron Sergent

Ushers: Deb Smith and Marilyn Sands

Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer

Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse

Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen

Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland

Please pick up new birthday and Sunday schedule sheets at front and back of church

SERVING NEXT WEEK(3/2)

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Stacy Wyant
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Greeters: Ed and Sally Head
Ushers: Joyce Wiedrich and Barbara Bailey
Fellowship: Nancy and Bruce Westerdahl
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli
Counters: Ron Salyer and Chris Bailey

TONIGHT: WORSHIP AT THE LIVING WELL -5-5:45

This Week in the Life of the Church

Tues:

Noon: UMW meet at Antique Inn
7pm - Choir Practice this week
Wed. 10:00am, Bible Study(weather permitting)

DATES TO MARK ON CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday(Mar.5th) and beginning of Lent is coming soon.

Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Supper will be Mar. 4th, 5pm

Ash Wednesday service, Mar. 5th, 7pm. Let's begin our Lent Journey together. A very special service you don't want to miss.

Churches of Penn Yan Lenten Lunches will begin Mar.6th 12-1pm at First Baptist Church. 5\$. Schedule will be posted next week.

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