

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 8, 2013
GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY

WELCOME AND GREETING
ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

*SONG OF PRAISE – #2153 “I’m Gonna Live Lord, So God Can Use Me”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A Psalm for giving thanks: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Congregation: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: #382 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

**A TRIBUTE TO ALL SENIORS, ELDERS AND GRANDPARENTS:
(see insert)**

**PRAYER HYMN - #2160 “Into My Heart”
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “He Touched Me” - Sylvia Demay, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 18: 1-11(OT p.720)
Luke 14:25-33(NT p.78)**

SERMON: “God Threw Away the Mold” Rev. Judy D. White

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: O Lord, our great and wonderful parent, We are grateful for the gifts of love and grace you have given us, your children. May these gifts we give to your glory, be acceptable in your sight, so that we can give love to others and help them to know you as their great creator. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #2252 “Change My Heart, O God”**

**GOING FORTH TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL
POSTLUDE**

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

After the morning service we invite all worshippers to come downstairs in our fellowship hall and enjoy delicious refreshments and good conversation. It’s BIRTHDAY SUNDAY. If you cannot do stairs there is a lift in the Gathering Room. Someone will help you if you need it.

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Jean Bascom

Liturgist: Carole Clow

Greeters: Roger and Nancy Scott

Ushers: Gene and Marilyn James

Scripture Reader: Fremont Clow

Fellowship: Joyce Wiedrich and Meredith Nielsen(BIRTHDAY SUNDAY)

Sunday School: Carole Clow

Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen

Counters: Fremont Clow and Bill Sutherland

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (9/15/13)

Organist: Jean Bascom
Liturgist: Carole Clow
Greeters: Phil and Kathy Burdick
Ushers: Jean and Mike Morehouse
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: John and Laurie Prinzivalli
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Blanche Fingar
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

This Week Schedule:

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn
CHOIR BEGINS THIS TUES. Sept.10th, 7PM

COMING UP:

Trustees' Meeting following church next Sunday, Sept. 15th.

YATES COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING, MON, SEPT. 23RD AT OUR CHURCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, Mon., Sept. 30th, 7pm

PASTOR JUDY WILL BE LEAVING FOR VACATION TOMORROW, SEPT. 9TH – SEPT. 17TH. She and Pastor Babs Steinert will be going to Maine. In case of emergency, please call John Prinzivalli. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey.

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A TRIBUTE TO ALL SENIORS, ELDERS AND GRANDPARENTS:

Loving God, we approach your throne today with a spirit of thanksgiving for our seniors, elders, and grandparents. Thank you for allowing them to rear, inspire, and love us into who we are today. You've used them to bless our lives and for that we are grateful. Now, Lord, we ask that you will remind them that they are special to the Body of Christ. Please remind them that they are blessed and will be sustained, carried, and rescued by you. And please, Lord, let this church be your hands and feet in this regard. God, bless all seniors, elders, and grandparents with sweet peace and hope in you to continue the journey of loving, living, and thriving. In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HONORING OUR ELDER ELDER

GRANDCHILDREN'S PRAYER TO THEIR GRANDPARENTS:

Eternal God,
faithful, merciful, tender, and stern,
you are the God of all generations:
Bless our grandparents/ May they know your call to share their wisdom and faith with us.
May they have courage and confidence
to hand on your gifts
of experience and knowledge
of stories, songs, and memories.
May they continue to learn and grow with us as good stewards of your world.
May they delight in the wonder of each day.
Bless them with length of days and joy at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER TO THEIR GRANDCHILDREN:

God of wonder and life,
we bless you that from one generation to another
you hold us in a web of relationships.
We rejoice in our children's children.
We rejoice in all children you prompt us to call "grand."
We thank you for the delight of touch and love expressed.
*We thank you for the uniqueness of all the fun and little of the responsibility.**
We thank you
for songs to sing and Play Dough to shape,
for laughter at silly stories,
for moments of recognition,
for hugs to give,
for wisdom to share,
and for knowing when we must simply pray silently.
Lead us in forming faith with our grandchildren
so that with them and all your people
we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

