

## Wings of prayer: Sacred swans project

**Children, youth and adults:** Stop in room 200 between services on **Sunday, April 15**, to help fold origami swans to add to our Wings of Prayer display in the narthex. Each swan is sacred, as it represents a prayer that a Prayer Team member will offer each day. This flock of hope brings visual definition to the energy of prayer. Contact Julie Jacot at [ljjacot@q.com](mailto:ljjacot@q.com) or Joan Hartman at [joan.Hartman@wblumc.org](mailto:joan.Hartman@wblumc.org)

## Imagine the Peace Room

It was a long walk to the upper room in Emmaus not only because of the dusty distance, but the cavern of distance from a disciple's dream. Along our way we have journeyed to a room or two. Rooms that seem starchy and cool where we hope to never return and in contrast, rooms which are warm and inviting that refresh life anew. We find the disciples in a significant room jostling the seaming of their past with their present. They band together in what is known now as the upper room after the death of Jesus. A sorrowful circle gathers to cup the immensity of their loss like fragile vessels that once encased their futures. The hope for things for them and for their friend, Jesus were more than broken, they were irreparable. If you have lived through the jaggy fragments of a dark night of the soul or have watched from a close proximity, you can immediately imagine how it is to grovel at holding the harsh memories at bay while crystalizing as much of a loved one into your inner most being. It is an internal tussle from a profound want to forget the pain of loss and an utter hope to possess what was most intimately beloved, understood and known. Our Easter lens is quite different. These followers simmered in many uncertainties. Their conversation must have ushered the presence of Jesus into this space far before He ever arrived.

Jesus enters into the immensity of this room not bound by the past, but with ample room to touch and to be touched in the present. He appears not in perfect form, but with his wounds apparent and open for all to see. He is here for everyone no matter how imperfect. In these last days Jesus shares ample extra helpings of what we imagine grace

to resemble. He familiarly breaks the Passover bread, and asks Thomas and others to capture the whole of Him. He not only asks Thomas and us to touch his wounds, he invites the wayward Peter back with a personal fish fry. Significantly, Jesus announces He has come for peace. I bet most of us would have liked to have been there as the conversation stilled, as the room became silent, as eyes met and the peace of Christ began to fill the air one morsel of bread at a time. Jesus hosts this holy meal with the purposeful intention of reuniting God's Sacredness with their past scruffy, imperfect humanity. Peace be with you. "The mist of regret seems to thin and meaning pours through time like wine and the scent of fresh bread. A grace-filled peace comes to the all the children of God which resounds into this faraway century. Like Jesus' disciples who begin to recognize Jesus as He breaks bread, might we dream of ourselves and of others with Jesus?

In this room without walls there is an openness to let your doubts, flaws and questions fall out. Stunningly ---the ideal of the upper room is still being served each time we allow our humanity to be moved, urged and loved. "Peace be with you." We have no reason to shy away. Our worldly wounds and waywardness are held as fragilely as those spaces where we remember an unconditional, sacred welcome. The human-Savior, Jesus asks to come closer where we might comprehend His compassion and forgiveness weighed with our heart and in turn, asks us to join the Creator in serving ample platefuls of peace to others.

~ Julie Jacot

## Prayer at WBLUMC

One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or [ljjacot@q.com](mailto:ljjacot@q.com).

**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto:rondalauva2@msn.com).

**The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.



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9am Worship - Communion Sunday, April 8, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION

A rabbi sat talking with two of his friends. The rabbi asked one of the men, "How do you know when the night is over and a new day has begun?"

His friend replied, "When you can look into the east and can distinguish a sheep from a goat, then you know the night is over and the day has begun." The second man was asked the same question by the rabbi and replied, "When you can look into the distance and can distinguish an olive tree from a fig tree, then you know the new morning has come."

The two friends then asked the rabbi how he could tell when the night is over and the day had begun.

The rabbi thought for a long time and then said, "When you can look into the east and see the face of a woman and you can say, 'She is my sister.' And when you can look into the east and see the face of a man and can say, 'He is my brother.' Then you know the light of a new day has come."

PRELUDE

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Setting by John Carter

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"I. Temuná" (A Picture)

Eric Whitacre

From the Five Hebrew Love Songs | Sophie Amelkin, soprano; Cara Wilson, violin

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

God of all people: break down the barriers that divide us.

**Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.**

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

**Breathe new life into your people, O God.**

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

**We are all sisters and brothers through God's love.**

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

**Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.**

✚OPENING HYMN

“We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus”

No. 2251

UNISON PRAYER

Spirit of God, the touch of your love permeates our hearts forever and makes us new. Keep us aware that in all we think and speak and do, we exercise the power to offer or withhold the gift of your transforming grace, the word of forgiveness, the touch of healing, the presence of hope, and the clarity of truth. You are the flame of life within us that draws us into kinship with you and with one another. Let us be open every day to the joyful presence of Christ our risen savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

“II. Kalá Kallá” (Light Bride)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children’s message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:23-29

Reader: Cheryl Larsen

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for. But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe — Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise. In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendant,” heirs according to the covenant promises.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dream Catchers: God’s Dream

Pastor Bill Eaves

After the message, high school students are invited to leave for first pick of refreshments and meet in the High School Program Room to unpack today’s sermon.

✚HYMN

“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

No. 3122

(see lyrics on video screen)

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, you can place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“III. Lárov” (Mostly)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We will receive communion by intinction — dipping the bread into the cup so as to take them together. Individual and gluten-free servings are available at the table. We serve communion at an open table — you are welcome to participate as you choose.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“IV. Eyze sheleg” (What Snow)

“V. Rakut” (Tenderness)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Creating God, we give thanks for this feast of life.  
We are fed by your love and strengthened by your presence.  
We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.  
Now let us feed the hungry as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚BENEDICTION

✚POSTLUDE

“I Come with Joy”

Setting by John Carter

Seeking garden plot volunteers

The flower gardens surrounding our church are maintained by volunteers, many of whom have been involved for several years. We need more people to help keep them beautiful! Responsibilities include weeding and maintaining one of our plots throughout the spring/summer season. Please join us by contacting Linda Anderson at [ljranderson@comcast.net](mailto:ljranderson@comcast.net), 651-777-3435.

Sunday, April 8

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:10am—Cherub Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

Monday, April 9

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
1-3pm—UMW Sarah Circle, room 200  
3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary  
6:40pm—Organ demonstration, sanctuary

Tuesday, April 10

6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, room 107  
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee meeting, room 200  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

Wednesday, April 11

9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200  
6-6:30pm—Children’s Choir, room 205  
6pm—Faith Formation Committee, room 200  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6:30-7:30pm—Children’s & Youth activities  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107  
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library

Friday, April 13

9am-noon—Kitchen Angels cleanup, kitchen

Saturday, April 14

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200

Sunday, April 15

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:10am—Cherub Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

Welcome to

WHITE BEAR LAKE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.  
**Our vision** is to provide nourishment  
for the hungers of life.

**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday:	9am to 12pm
Monday-Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday-Saturday	CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

**Have a church-related event you’d like to appear in the Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast?** Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org) no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. All information is subject to staff approval. Thank you!

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday — call the office at 651-429-9026 or email your request to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org).

Visit **[wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org)** for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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Dream Catchers

Join us at 9am and 10:45am worship for our new spring sermon series!

God has a dream for all of us and for the world we live in. Connecting with God through faith offers us a way to live in hope and confidence, to transform the pain and sorrow we all face, and to catch the dream that God has for us. Join us as we look at how we can work with God to create the world that God dreams of.

- Today: God’s Dream
- April 15: God Loves You as You Are
- April 22: God Loves Your Enemies
- April 29: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart
- May 6: Hearing God’s Voice
- May 13: In the Fullness of Time
- May 20: God Only Has Us

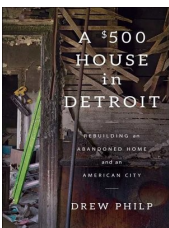


### Getting greener

Dorcas Circle is looking for people willing to help make placemats for church events so we can avoid using paper products. Eva Shipley will share information about ways we can be greener. We'll meet **Wednesday, April 11**, at 9:45am in room 200.

### April book club

**April's book has been changed!** It now will be *A \$500 House in Detroit* by Drew Philp. **Meeting will be April 23.**

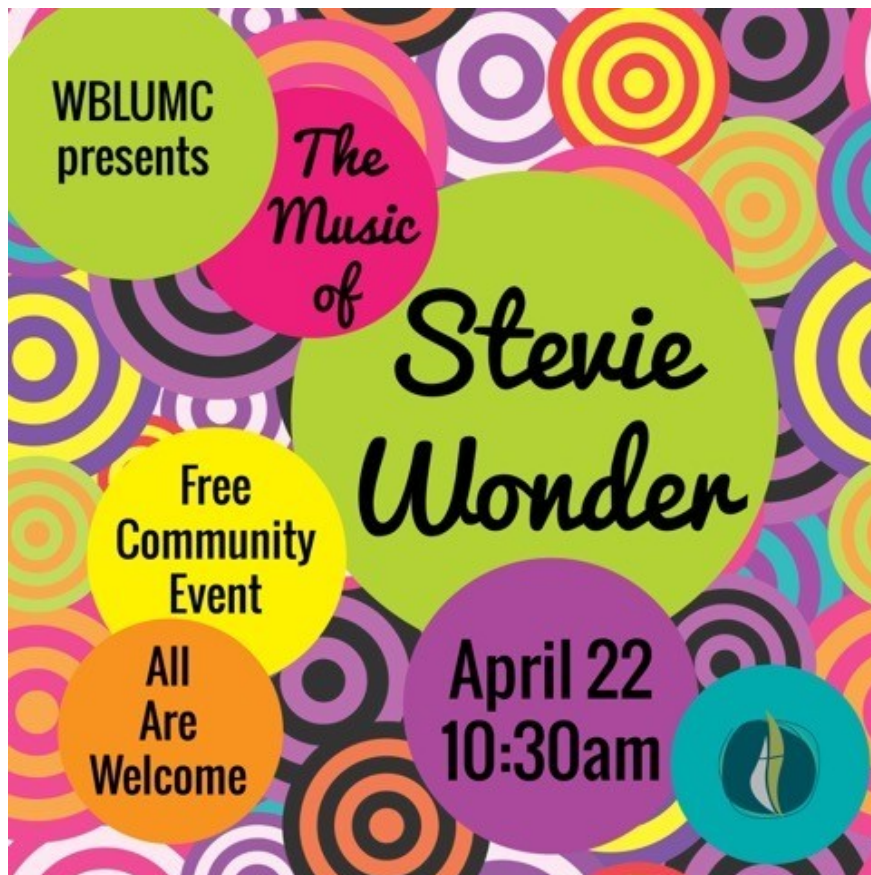


### New member class

Are you interested in joining WBLUMC? Come to a class and lunch on **Sunday, April 29**, from 11:30am- 1:30pm in room 200. To sign up either indicate it on the connection card or e-mail Carol at doncarol@q.com

### Wheelchair needed

WBLUMC's in-house wheel-chair fell into disrepair and had to be disposed of. The church needs to have one on-site. If you have one that's in good shape that's not being used and would like to donate it, please contact Patricia Kytola in the office.

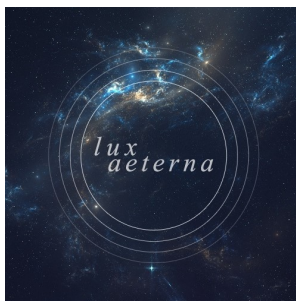


## 10:45am worship on Sunday, April 22:

Come for messages of love and peace from Motown's legendary musical artist. Bring a guest!

### May 13: "Lux Aeterna" Choral Presentation

Join us for 9am worship on **Sunday, May 13**, for choral composer Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." This is a five-movement work for chorus and organ organized around several Latin texts that contemplate the idea of light. The WBLUMC Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars will be accompanied by Peteria Cochran Routt on WBLUMC's new organ. If you're interested in singing with the choir for this presentation, please contact Matt Goinz at Matthew.Goinz@wblumc.org. Rehearsals will start Wednesday, April 11, 7-8:15pm.



## MISSION DAY 2018 Saturday, April 28 | 9:30am-noon



### This year's timetable

9:30am – Light breakfast  
10am – Opening by Brooke in the sanctuary  
10:15am-noon – Break out into groups (sewing groups may go longer)

### This year's projects

- Putting together UMCOR health kits for world disasters (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
- Making sandwiches for the homeless
- Baby kits for Solid Ground shelter
- Sewing items for confidence kits for Haitian girls
- Making fleece blankets

### How to participate

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex beginning April 8, or you can contact Marcia Lantto at malantto@hotmail.com.

### Other ways to help

Even if you can't be here to work on a project, you can still participate by donating the following items that will be used in these projects:



### **GIRLS' CONFIDENCE KITS**

Wash cloths and hotel-size soap bars.

### **BABY KITS FOR SOLID GROUND**

Bibs, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, soft books, teething rings, pacifiers, small packs of disposable diapers, small toys.

### **UMCOR HYGIENE KITS**

Gallon Zip-Lock bags  
Band-Aids in ¾- or 1-inch size  
Adult toothbrushes, individually packaged only  
Bath-size individually-wrapped soap, no Ivory or Jergens  
Metal nail file or clippers, no emery boards  
Large combs with 6 inches or more of teeth  
Wash cloths and hand towels, no kitchen, cleaning cloths or microfiber cloths.

Starting Sunday, April 8, place all donations in the bins along the north wall in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

### A hearty thank-you

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast to raise money for UMW's mission work. It took many hands to organize, set up, cook, serve and clean up. Special thanks to Bob Knutson for his logistical expertise, Margie Grilley for organizing volunteers, and Paul Dickson for getting the grill set up. We just might do an encore in the fall — stay tuned!

~ UMW Executive Board