

I am still learning

~ Michelangelo at age 87

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given to thee by prophecy ... Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy work may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto thy doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. *1 Timothy 4:14-16*

Talent is the most agile athlete, the completed formula, the masterpiece, the race won, or the professionalized finale. Yet, gifts come planted in a broader range with less perfection in the living out of them. A giver opens their time, soul and personhood to the Sacred generosity owned inside them and expresses a talent. Talents that are not always the masterpiece, but rather, are given parcel by parcel along your journey rather than a finale of ambition or what might be perceived as finished. Finales do happen and we love to applaud, but perhaps talent giving can be a vessel of subtle movements toward God, the greatest of givers. Conceivably, the Colossians possess some wisdom on giving, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for people." Simply, walking is a way of moving too.

Recently our community used the phrase "Fearless generosity" and conceivably, this phrase might be fitted toward how we visualize and offer talents. The broader United Methodist Church conveyed through its website last fall, "Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others." With this in our mind, we might consider the intentional, generous walk of Jesus. For Jesus there are so many moments of giving, it might blur our minds to recall them all. The rough landscapes walked to heal, feed and give humanity a taste of compassion are quite endless.

Most pivotal though is Jesus' walk to Jerusalem. Yes, there were masses cheering, yes, there were palms waving and swaying their approval and yes, there was one Holy man assuredly set on a path toward suffering. In this success driven, prosperity-wins culture is there a time to see a different landscape of giving? Embedded in this fearless generosity we see the uneven geography wherein we can immerse our eyes in the integrity of Jesus. This giving takes note of when a woman's gift of a coin is more than an ample offering, a meager manger is hospitality and a meal fulfills hungers. Might we see the bounty when a child's short stemmed bouquet blooms of beauty, when the day not life changing, is sustaining and when we are sheltered, enough and loved? This fearless generosity allows for a kinder continuum of our ability to parcel out our best at any age and any time.

Soul-learning and prayer offerings can feel slow and perpetual to our earthly spirits. It is the slow work of change. This is one of the purest, most honest prayers. Occasionally, we would prefer the quick-fix transformation of our landscape. Most especially for the places that are hard and rocky. When we lend a prayer we would like a revolution rather than the slow, simpler evolution that is embedded in change. Oh, how a grounded spirit wants to wander. Great prayers and change can take time to ponder. Offering a prayer again in an erodible, pliable form allows our prayer and us to take shape. This prayer is the simmering, persistent, evolving prayer lent to God because, we trust God to be who God is. Amen.

~ J. 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 email Dave Hegdahl at shegdahl2@comcast.net.

The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com.



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We are a community of faith seeking to "provide nourishment for the hungers of life," and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life. Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.



9am Worship ~ Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS | + PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"You may not control all the events that happen to you,
but you can decide not to be reduced by them."

~ Maya Angelou

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Arr. by Michael Burhardt

WELCOME

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1-11 Reader: Doug Mulder

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honor" No. 280
1, 2 & 5

ANTHEM "Hosanna" by Christian Gregor, 1723-1801
Arr. by Jeffrey Blersch
Children's Choir, Cherub Coir & Chancel Choir

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

MINUTE SPEAKER Karen Flynn

MORNING PRAYER

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 Matthew 7:7-11 Reader: Doug Mulder

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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 Seven Deadly Fears: Fear of Losing Control Pastor John McBride

+HYMN "Blest Are They" No. 2155
1, 2 & 5

CONNECTION CARDS
Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING "Metamorphosis Five" by Philip Glass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN "You Are My Hiding Place" No. 2055
Twice through

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Hosanna Loud Hosanna" Arr. by Michael Burhardt

IN MEMORIAM
The white rose on the altar is in remembrance of charter WBLUMC member and first UMW president Shirley Almberg, 90, who passed away on March 28. Her service was Saturday, April 13, at First Evangelical Free Church in Maplewood. Memorials preferred to First Evangelical Free Church or donor's choice.

Sign up ASAP for men's intro yoga classes

If you'd like to feel better in your body, find some peace, connect with your spiritual nature — even improve your golf game! — but have always hesitated because you're not flexible and don't know what to expect, now's your chance. Yogadevotion will offer three entry-level classes for men to explore the benefits of yoga on **Thursdays, April 25-May 9**, 6-7pm at WBLUMC. Cost is \$25. To register or get more information, email Cindy Senarighi at cindy@yogadevotion.com.

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

8am-noon—Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery

Monday, April 15

10-11am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, room 206
6:30-8pm—Bethany to Tiberias class, room 200

7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

Tuesday, April 16

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library
6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall
6-8pm—Board of directors, room 200

Wednesday, April 17: No children's/youth events

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room
6-8pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
7-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday

7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10:30am—Lenten devotion group, room 206
5:30pm—Maundy Thursday supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Maundy Thursday worship, sanctuary

Friday, April 19: Good Friday

Office closed
6:30pm—Good Friday worship, sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, room 200/206
1-4pm—Music rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

8:30 & 9:45am—Traditional worship; nursery
9:30 & 10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall
11-11:45am—Contemporary worship; nursery

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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

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| Sunday | 9am to 12pm |
| Monday-Thursday | 9am to 3pm |
| Friday and 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 no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **10am 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, email your request to office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit wblumc.org for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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HOLY WEEK 2019



APRIL 18: MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30pm community supper

6:30pm worship

APRIL 19: GOOD FRIDAY

6:30pm service of candlelight and reflection —

portions of this service will be performed in American Sign Language

APRIL 21: EASTER SUNDAY

The Fear of Death and the Invitation to Life

8:30am & 9:45am traditional celebration

with brass ensemble, handbells and Chancel Choir.

Join us for coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall after both early services.

11am contemporary worship celebrated in many musical traditions.

God loves **all** people. So do we.

**“This is not the love of Jesus Christ as I have learned and try to follow ...
Now is not a time for me to remain silent. As much as I cannot stand
getting involved in church politics, this goes way beyond that ... because
my soul cries out in pain over this vote.”**

~ Kurt Johnson, WBLUMC congregant

Hearts & Hands invites you!

If you want to learn how to knit or crochet, Hearts and Hands invites you to our meeting on **Monday, April 15**, 7-8:30pm in the church library. contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com so we can have yarn and needles and/or hooks for you. We look forward to sharing our hobby!

Board of Directors candidates

On **Saturday, May 5**, an All-Church Conference will occur between services to elect three new members of our Board of Directors. These people will serve from July 2019 to June 2022. The following people have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected: Virginia (Ginger) Davis, Margie Grilley, Gerry Keith, Randy LaFoy, and Al Rausch. All are urged to join us at 10:10am to select our new Board of Directors members.

Spring anyone?

Once the snow is gone, the “adopt-a-flower-garden” group would love some new members. Join us in tending one of the beds that surround and beautify our church. For information or to join, please contact Linda Anderson at ljrandonson@comcast.net.



April book club

April's selection is *A Place for Us* by Fatima Mirza. Everyone is welcome to discuss it on **Monday, April 22**, at 7pm in the church library.

Men's golf group

Any guy interested in an informal golf league playing on Tuesdays around 1pm should contact Paul Steffek at pncsteff@aol.com/920-493-2657 or Arlo Halsey at aehkak@yahoo.com/651-426-4725.

Looking for help with grief?

The BeFriender Ministry sends *Journeying Through Grief* materials, a series of four pamphlets, throughout the year after the death of a family member. If you'd like to receive these materials or know of someone who might, please call Roberta Schmidt at 651-653-0067 or Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465.

Welcome new members!



Les and Liz Edinger

If their names sound familiar, it's because Les and Liz were charter members of WBLUMC from 1963 to 1987, when they moved to Plymouth, Minn. They're now living in Blaine. Les is retired from Honeywell and enjoys woodworking, baking bread and reading. Liz was an art teacher and homemaker who loves working with art and reading. They both were volunteers at Brooklyn United Methodist Church in Brooklyn Center and with Boy/Cub Scouts. Les also volunteered with the volunteer rescue squad and the historical society for Gunflint Lake. They have three adult children.

Sherry Jordon

Another familiar face: As you may already know, Sherry is married to Pastor Bill Eaves. She is a professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and has taught adult classes and Vacation Bible School at her previous church, Anoka United Methodist. She enjoys reading, traveling, hiking and kayaking.



Les, Liz and Sherry officially joined WBLUMC during last Sunday's 9am service. If you wish to send our new members a card or note of welcome, you can find their home addresses by going to the church website, wblumc.org, and logging in to ACS or look them up on the Church Life app on your smart device. You may also email office@wblumc.org to request the information. Thank you!

UMW to Celebrate 150 Years

The women of White Bear Lake United Methodist Church invite you to join them **Saturday, May 11**, as United Methodist Women across the world are celebrating 150 years – and counting! — of women in mission. Here at WBLUMC, our United Methodist Women are proudly celebrating 54 years. The day's events will include a short business meeting at 10am, followed by a presentation at 10:30am by Linda Kotschevar, Minnesota Conference UMW Social Action Mission Coordinator, speaking on Childhood and Maternal Healthcare. A light lunch will be served at 11:30am with time to get to know each other and share stories about how UMW has played a part in our church or your life. Come for all or part of the day — everyone is welcome. We'll collect donations for the White Bear food shelf. RSVP to Eva Shipley 651-429-3570 or shipley.41@comcast.net

