

## Reaching is good news

“We often don’t quite trust that rebirth will follow the deaths of what we thought we knew. We sense that somehow what comes next is up to us, but we’re not sure where to begin. Yet, it’s precisely in these moments when we let our truest, hardest questions rise up in our midst and allow their place among us, that we become able to live into them rather than away and to do so together.” ~ Krista Tippet

As children we tenaciously experience reaching, maybe more than we wish. Whether it’s fingers that stray while grasping the crayon to fashion our imagination’s vision or a stretch to catch and balance on tiptoes, we’ve all reached. Perhaps a ball, surely the cookie jar, a park’s lofty steel bars, a trusted friend, a diploma, more patience or perhaps the best stretch of life is to make a difference? We recognized then, things are changeable and rebirths happen.

Reaching is something we can all connect with from the time we stood in our smaller childhood frame and hoped to be taller to our more astute hopes for a bigger canvass to paint the meaning of our lives. Author Krista Tippet’s words echo a need for enlarging the rebirths of our canvases. You see, Tippet has interviewed people who hold almost all faith traditions from many corners of the world and finds that hope is still a significant reach to rest in. Furthermore, hope emerges from the courageous grasp of goodness in quite contradictory times. That means we might be the carriers of hope now no matter the political, social or personal culture. We may be the ones.

To Jesus, life meant reaching. His testimony and ministry blurred the lines between us and them, and hopes became reachable. Jesus established a place for anyone. History was rewritten, and the words continue to fashion themselves in our history although we might not see hope’s rebirth.

A fresh history appeared because Jesus dared to listen at wells with an unlikely compassion, he sought out to find falsely named lost ones and began to redeem tree climbing, tax collectors, judgmental persecutors and most any of us. Jesus reached for everyone across the breadth of humanity and even for or particularly for, us skeptics. Jesus remembers our souls with us. If you think hope can’t happen now, an example is written into the dark days described upon the pages of Lamentations. Try to put to mind this writer re-

aching his soul and reaching: “Surely my soul remembers. And is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind. Therefore I have hope. The Lord’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Although we might tip in our capacity to reach, the Sacred will not.

As we close, coax hope around you and keep this courageous child-sized view in mind and soul given to us by Tippet of Dorothy Day: “Some call her a saint, yet, none of the actual people who have been sainted were cartoon cutout characters with perfect lives. I mean, they had rough edges, and they knew the darkness in the world, and in themselves. So Dorothy Day had this really messy life. A beautiful life. I see a defining moment for her, again, coming back to the spiritual origin of questions, where she’s an 8-year-old girl in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, living in Oakland, and watches people just emerging from devastation. Day watches also all the adults around her start caring for strangers in a way she’s never seen before, and with the clear-sightedness of a child she sees that somehow they knew how to do this all along. And she asks this question, ‘Why can’t we live this way all the time?’

“And I think that Day’s life was one long question — she walked into questions — I think we could ask that kind of question of us. That could be a spiritual discipline in very ordinary moments, in very ordinary weeks which happen all the time that we don’t honor. ‘Why can’t we live this way all the time?’ [This is] when we show the best of ourselves, letting that animate us...Our world is abundant with the quiet, hidden lives of beauty and courage and goodness. There are millions of people at any given moment, young and old, giving themselves over to service, risking hope, and all the while ennobling us all.” ~ Julie Jacot

**Prayer at WBLUMC:** One of the ways our church helps to 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 of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, ljjacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.



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# White Bear Lake UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9am Worship ~ Fat Sunday & UMW Sunday, February 11, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”

~ J.K. Rowling

“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing.

The worst thing you can do is nothing.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt

“Whether you realize it or not, you are a role model for the people in your life. Your every action is being watched. Someone is looking to you for inspiration, support and leadership.”

~ Keith Harrell

PRELUDE

Prelude on “The Call”

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Arr. by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Peace Between Nations”

Wiggins

† OPENING WORDS (responsively)

God calls us into a future that we cannot see.

**We come wondering where God is calling us next.**

God calls us to believe in a future of justice and peace, of generosity and compassion.

**We come wanting to give our hearts to that future.**

God calls us to commit our lives to love and service.

**Let us worship God who calls us into the unknown.**

† OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 384

Tune: Hyfrydol

UNISON PRAYER

**God, we are mindful of our responsibilities as your human family, and we ask for your help. May we set the pace of compassion, teach by example, and encourage growth among our neighbors. May we sustain a spirit of abundance and lead others in connection to the greater good that is your will. We ask these things in the name of Jesus who came to show us your will. Amen.**

ANTHEM "The Call" from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the 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.**

UMW RECOGNITION Lori McBride and Stephanie Ondik Presenter: Cheryl Larsen

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 Reader: Karen Halsey

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

We Are the Ones to Lead

Pastor John McBride

+HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

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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

"Precious Lord"

Thomas A. Dorsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"  
African American melody

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+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Sweet Georgia Brown"

Bernie, Pinkard, Casey



**In celebration: United Methodist Women Sunday**

Today is United Methodist Women Sunday, set aside each year to recognize and celebrate our church's UMW volunteers and spotlight their service and mission work in the church and around our community. The WBL UMW is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. There will be a special offering in support of local, national and global mission projects serving women, children and youth.

Please join us in showing our thankfulness for this vital group of church members.

**UMW greeters:** Names go here

**UMW ushers:** Names go here

### **Sunday, Feb. 11**

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
 10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
 Individual prayer, prayer room  
 10:15am—Refugee sponsorship meeting, room 200  
 10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

### **Monday, Feb. 12**

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

### **Tuesday, Feb. 13**

2-3:30pm—Tuesdays at 2, room 200  
 6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall  
 6-8pm—Ministry leaders meeting, library  
 6:30pm—Trustees Committee, room 107  
 7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200  
 7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

### **Wednesday, Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday**

9:45-11:45am— UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200  
 5:30pm—Pizza dinner, Fellowship Hall  
 6:30pm—Ash Wednesday worship  
 7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, Feb. 15**

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
 10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107  
 10:30am—How Is It With Your Soul? Room 200

### **Saturday, Feb. 17**

7:30am — Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
 10am — WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group  
 (outside group), rooms 200/206

### **Sunday, Feb. 18**

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
 10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
 Individual prayer, prayer room  
 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.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Sunday:** 9am to 12pm  
**Monday-Thursday** 9am to 3pm  
**Friday:** 9am to 12pm  
**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 3pm 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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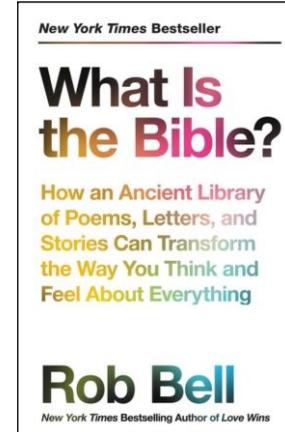
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# 2018 Lenten studies



### **Mondays 7-8:15pm in room 200**

Have you ever wondered about the Bible? Why did people think these stories were important enough to write down? Why have these stories endured for so long? What are we to do with this ancient book in a modern context? Rob Bell reveals the Bible as a book that tells us what it means to be human in his book *What is the Bible?* Come, join a group of fellow explorers to examine how reading the Bible in a different way, can transform your understanding of it. Inquisitive minds and hungry spirits welcome! Led by Pastor Bill Eaves.

**Meet in room 200 on Mondays Feb. 19-March 19; please sign up in the narthex and indicate if you’d like us to order you a book for \$16 by Feb. 11.**

### **Tuesdays at Two: 2-3:30pm in room 200**

What is it like to live as a person of color in Minnesota? Sixteen of Minnesota’s best writers answer this question in *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, edited by Sun Yung Shin and published by the Minnesota Historical Society. This book has created a lot of discussion around our community. Please join us for any or all of the sessions! Led by Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner.

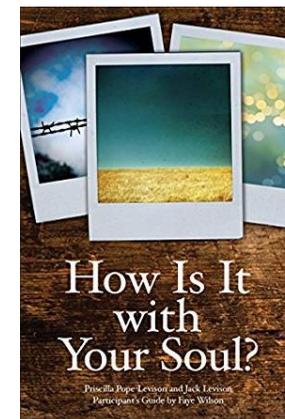
**Meet in room 200 on Feb. 13 & 27 and March 6; please sign up online at [wblumc.org/events](http://wblumc.org/events).**



### **Thursdays 10:30-11:45am in room 206**

Help bring into balance the inner and outer dimensions of Christian life with the book *How Is It With Your Soul?* by Priscilla Pope-Levison, Jack Levison and Faye Wilson. Organized around four verbs: pray, learn, mentor and transform, the book will challenge you to become a more vibrant disciple of Christ. Led by Lori McBride and Tammy Busch.

**Meets in room 206 on Thursdays Feb. 15-March 22; please sign up in the narthex.**



The book is available for you to purchase on Amazon for Kindle and in paperback. Since it was published by United Methodist Women in 2014, it can also be purchased as an e-book from [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)



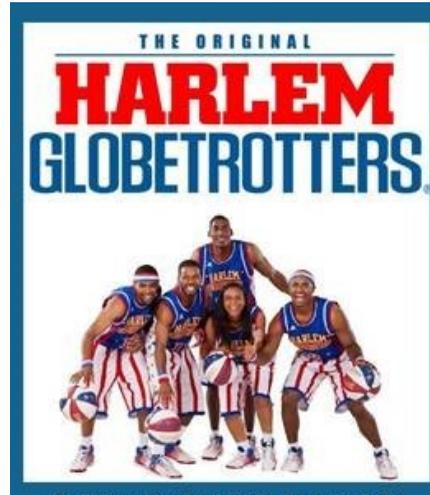
### Sponsoring a refugee family

Interested participants, please meet **Sunday, Feb. 11**, at 10:15am in room 200 for 15 minutes as we continue the process of sponsoring a refugee family through the church. If you have any furniture, household items, hygiene items or seasonally appropriate clothing that you are thinking of giving away, we would appreciate it if you could save it for our future family. For questions or other ways to help, please contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com.

### Altar flower sign-ups

The 2018 altar flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the office with lots of dates available. Sign your name on the Sunday you'd like, **and please remember to fill out a yellow form!** This will give Mary Ellen and the office information on types of flowers, price and dedication for the bulletin. Leave the completed form and payment with the office. Thank you!

## Save the dates for kids & youth



### Harlem Globetrotters game

**An event for all families:** Join us at **2pm on Saturday, March 31**, at the Target Center for a Harlem Globetrotters game! Lower-level ticket prices reflect two discounts: \$22 for adults and \$17 for students. Youth may carpool from church OR meet us at the game with their family. Forms are available online or on the welcome desk. **Register by March 5!** Contact Joan.Hartman@wblumc.org

### For kids: Good Earth Village Camp

**Sleep-away camp July 15-20:** We loved it last year, so we're going back to Good Earth Village in Spring Valley! This is for grades 2-5 completed. Second grade stays for two nights, all others may stay five nights. For more information, email Joan.Hartman@wblumc.org.



### For youth: Summer Fest 2018

**July 15-18:** Students who have completed grades 7-9 are invited to Gustavus Adolphus College for a unique camp experience for teens: Fun and faith — we're passionate about both during this mid-summer faith boost! Meet terrific people from all over the Upper Midwest. For more information, email Linnea.Uhler@wblumc.org.

### Sarah Circle: *Across Many Mountains*

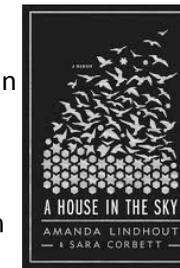
**Monday, Feb. 12, at 1pm in room 200**

A review of the true story of a Tibetan family's epic journey from oppression to freedom in *Across Many Mountains* by Yangzom Brauen. We'll also address "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." Paper products for Emma Norton are optional. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book. We have dessert, too! Questions? Contact Gail Stucky at 651-773-9143.

### Another reading opportunity

**Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 9:45am in room 200**

Dorcas Circle is reading *A House in the Sky* by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett, a memoir of a young Canadian woman's experience with her ex-boyfriend as a hostage for 460 days in Somalia. The author provides insight into life in Somalia, the role of women in that country, the Muslim religion, and what motivates first-world citizens to travel to the world's most dangerous places. This is a book that's hard to put down! All are welcome to join our discussion. Contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com



### February book club

**Monday, Feb. 26, at 7pm in the library**

Join us for this month's book club selection, *Fiction on a Stick: New Stories by Minnesota Writers*, edited by Daniel Slager. With writings by and about an extraordinarily wide range of voices and characters, including powerful work by Sarah Stonich and Éireann Lorscheid, *Fiction on a Stick* is an essential collection for fans of the North Star State, regional fiction, and serious literature. Contact Rick Flynn with questions.



**March selection:** *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong* by James Loewen.

## Bread & worship

### Ash Wednesday pizza + worship

All families are invited on **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, for fresh-baked pizza from our brick oven before the Ash Wednesday service. Pizza will be served 5:30-6:15pm, and worship will be at 6:30pm.

**Stay tuned!** More information will be coming soon on UMW pancake breakfast and worship for Palm Sunday on March 25; dinner and worship for Maundy Thursday on March 29; and special services for Good Friday on March 30 and Easter Sunday on April 1.

### Many thanks

A big thank-you to all the volunteers and donors who supported Baking With A Purpose on Feb. 3. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$500 for Solid Ground. Job well done! WBLUMC is making a difference in our community.

### Baking for blankets

The next Baking With A Purpose will be **Saturday March 3**, with first-come, first-served pickup from 1-2pm, or after each service on **Sunday, March 4**. Selections will be sourdough rye and German farmer.

March donations will go toward buying blankets for the organization Bridging, which improves lives by providing quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. The group's mission statement: Together we can create a bridge between those in need and those with excess.