

“Whoever tells the story defines the culture”

Minnesotan Dr. David Walsh is a national educator and media authority. As I listened to his “story” and research years ago, I began to realize how audiences are defined by story. Ultimately, any adventure or story told, televised or read carries power. Stories share a history, a point of view and characters who carry roles of who and what is esteemed and why. “Whoever tells the story defines the culture.”

Jesus stood on mounds, echoed across meadows and walked clay roads delivering stories. In fact, one-third of His teachings are parables. The American Bible Institute reports, “In Jewish, Greek or Roman society, storytelling ran the gamut of human activities from education (where the stories of Homer’s Iliad were copied, memorized and recited), to philosophy (where stories of the philosopher formed a basic part of the teaching), to politics, religion, travel and entertainment.” People memorized stories, mulling them a long while. Do you have any stories like that meandering inside you? I wonder what made people listen? Most certainly the ancient culture brimmed with to-dos which barely sustained a mere living and nevertheless, they listened to a story — and so do we.

Jesus was once asked why He spoke in parables. He replied “so the kingdom of heaven might be given...” Centuries later we tilt our heads to listen longer, to discover a resemblance of a more heaven-like world. What might happen if Jesus carried a more dominant point of view in the stories we listen to and tell? Historians believe a portion of why Jesus carved out parables was to elicit divergent points of view, to invite and allure in a broader crowd (especially folks who knew they didn’t need a teacher) and because humans retain a story. Parables grab us because as soon as we assume we understand the themes of the story, there is more to imagine. Parables have a simple yet complex pattern. For instance, is the Seed and Sower describing how to become “fertile ground” or is it about our Creator who abundantly and recklessly sows

seed our way even when we overlook growing? Or maybe The Sower is about how we might continue to earnestly sow and lean toward others who stand in rockier places?

The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep and The Woman Baking with Leaven question our capacity to not only notice what is small, but to ponder value. The Good Samaritan asks us to see the poverty around us. It asks us to examine if we hold our lives open to serving and suddenly tugs at this opening to be more wide and inclusive.

We might assume we have leaped over mountains in terms of communicating with one another when we recount the diversity between iPhones and computers and the slow simmer of time and place Jesus lived in. However, a story is ageless and in our present time, research bears out we can be changed by stories. Princeton neuroscientist, Uri Hasson has learned that when we listen, our brains are actually wired to couple with one another. Magnetic resonance images picture similar brain patterns as we each relate to the same story experience. When your neocortex lights for a story, mine does too. When your insula activates, mine does too. Stories help us simultaneously experience joy, devotion, pain and ambition. Line by spoken line, our waves actually sync up with one another. Stories can escort us to not merely be “moved, but to be move together” or as Uri Hassan describes “to be greater than all of our parts.”

In summation, Jesus, the storyteller not only has the most patient of voices, He carves out an eternal invitation within the lines of a parable. The greatest thing about these stories is that you, and your Creator, Abba are central to every single story. A parable is an invitation almost as great as a lap to be immersed in. Tell a story, turn a page and write a fresh sentence in a new day. You are wired to be a part of a whole, touching this world for good. Whoever tells the story defines the culture. — J.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

10am Worship Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” ~ John 10:27-28

PRELUDE

“Send Us Your Spirit”

David Haas

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory
and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

We sing praises, indeed!

+OPENING HYMN

“Send Us Your Spirit”

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UNISON PRAYER

**Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.
You, Lord, are my shepherd. You have called me by name.
And you have searched, until you have found me.
Enfold us in your love. Amen.**

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.

SCRIPTURE

The Lost Sheep: Luke 15:3-7

Reader: Jim Roe

So Jesus told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

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

God's Grace is for Everyone!

Pastor David Doppenberg

+HYMN

"Like the Murmur Of the Dove's Song"

No.544

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

"Holy Spirit"

Kari Jobe

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness"

No. 2120

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Spirit in the Sky"

Norman Greenbaum

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided this week by Roger and Judy Cheatam.

IN MEMORIAM

The white rose on the altar is in memory of longtime WBLUMC member Agnes Danielson, who died on Thursday, May 18. Her family will have a private interment on June 9.

MUSICIANS

Laurel Kaeflerlein, vocals
John Koziol, keyboards
Kirk Holslin, sound technician

Sunday, June 4

10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school begins
11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

Monday, June 5

10am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206

Tuesday, June 6

10:30am-1pm—Staff outing; church closed.
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 7

5-7:30pm—Montessori year-end event, sanctuary
6:30-8pm—Up All Night? meeting, room 200

Thursday, June 8

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
8:30-11:30am—ACS users group meeting
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200
10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library

Friday, June 9

No scheduled activities

Saturday, June 10

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107
10am—Women’s Breakfast group, room 200

Sunday, June 11

10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school
11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

Welcome to

WHITE BEAR LAKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Visit wblumc.org for weekly sermon podcasts, the church calendar and programming details.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Please email information to office@wblumc.org by **noon on Tuesdays**. Most events require a two-week lead time, but the earlier you get us the information, the more time we have to get the word out.

WEEKLY E-BLAST

To receive our weekly email update, call 651-429-9026 or email office@wblumc.org. Please submit church-related events or announcements by **3pm Wednesdays**. All e-blast and bulletin information is subject to staff approval.

LIFESOURCE

If you’re on a team that plans to hold a church event this June through September, we want to help you get the word out. Photos from repeating events would also be great! Please email information and photos to Lauri at office@wblumc.org. **The next issue will be available by June 9.**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

Children's Ministries
June Special Sundays
at 10:00 am



4th - Amazing Invertebrates



11th - Reptiles & Amphibians



18th- Bruce the Bug Guy



25th- U of M Raptor Center



Join us today to say goodbye to Pastor David!

Today is Interim Senior Pastor David Doppenberg's last Sunday with our congregation. Cake, coffee, pastries and lemonade will be served in Fellowship Hall after worship. You're all invited to come to express thanks and best wishes to David as he leaves to serve the Elk River UMC.



Manitou Days:

Pizza volunteers needed!

The Bread Oven Ministry would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who help make the Community Bread Oven a success. We need your help again for the Manitou Days pizza giveaway on **Saturday, June 17**. Sign up in the narthex or email Breadoven@wblumc.org. (Baking With a Purpose will take a break until October, but stay tuned for our summer events!)

Church garage sale

In conjunction with the Manitou Days pizza giveaway, we'll be selling church items like white boards, old chairs, a sofa, children's toys and more. **Both events will be 11am-12:30pm Saturday, June 17.**

June food shelf requests

Almost everyone wants to eat healthier, and the neighbors who rely on the food shelf are no different. In June, we're collecting whole-grain pasta and brown rice items for donation to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. You may leave your donations in the collection bin in the Fellowship Hall, and a volunteer with the food shelf will deliver them at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

Community connections

Meet your Muslim neighbors

During Ramadan, the Minnesota Council of Churches and the Muslim American Society will host a series of Taking Heart Open Houses throughout the metro area. Nearby, the Al-Salam Mosque in Maplewood will welcome its non-Muslim neighbors for encounter and learning, capped off by a traditional Iftar or fast-breaking meal. The event will begin at 7:30pm on **Tuesday, June 13**, at the mosque, 1460 Skillman Ave. East. Register online at mnchurches.org or contact Taking Heart organizer Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, revcbs11@gmail.com.

Prosperity Summit at Century College

Poverty is resolvable, but this will require a deeper understanding of it and its impact on human beings. Join us for a prosperity summit at Century College on **Thursday, June 15**, 6-8:30pm. We'll discuss a shared understanding of poverty and its effects, shared language for addressing poverty, and strategies for overcoming barriers. Learn how you can make a difference in the life of a student by becoming part of the Opportunity Community in partnership with Century college. Contact: Michele.Jersak@century.edu or Linda Anderson with the church's Faith In Action team.

Precious Water takeaways

From the recent presentation by Kevin Lee, staff attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy we learned:

1. Copper-nickel mining is different from taconite mining because copper-nickel is attached to minerals with sulfides. It requires much more water and creates the potential for sulfuric acid to get into ground and surface water.
2. The current issues with Polymet Mining are important because this is the first copper-nickel mine proposed in Minnesota, so sets the stage for copper-nickel mining in Minnesota for the next 50 years.
3. The safety record on copper-nickel mines: 100% have experienced accidental releases, 92% have suffered water collection and treatment failures, 64% have suffered tailings spills, 28% have had tailings dam failures.

Women's Casual Golf Group

Any women interested in golfing are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon at various local courses. **June 7:** Phalen, 1615 Phalen Dr., St. Paul; 651-778-0413. \$19/\$17 seniors. To get the exact tee time, email Mary Cripe by Sunday evening at suzary006@comcast.net or call Carol Effertz, 651-429-6023.

Yoga class by YogaDevotion

The summer yoga session will be June 13-July 25, on Tuesdays 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$48 for 6 weeks. (No classes on July 4 or in August.) If you would like to join this class or want more information, contact Carolyn at 651-779-0311 or tersay@msn.com.

The children's buzzzzz

To celebrate our successful "Save the Bees" campaign, the children planted bee-friendly flowers to share with the congregation. Please pick up a plant after church today, plant it at your home or work, and expand healthy bee habitat. It's our treat to you! Thank you for helping the bees.

Want to know more? Check out: [#wblumcbees](#) on Facebook or Instagram

It's back!

Sightlines Prayer Project 2017

Ever picture the face of someone you care for? Ever want to do something significant with your summer? Ever want to keep someone in your sight? Sightlines is an opportunity to offer a prayer for someone's wholeness to the compassionate power of God's goodness. No specifics or questions about what or why. Just pray in your way.

Who: Teens, youth and adults, all welcome!

When: Beginning in July

How: Sign up at the welcome table. Leave your phone/email so we can let you know for whom you'll pray.

Questions: Julie Jacot ljacot@q.com/651-777-3728
Dave Hegdahl shegdahl2@comcast.net/612-481-5224

Pray in word, thought and breath

Pray in the work of the hand, lament or love

Pray into the blue or dark skies,

in whispers floating across water,

Pray in a melody

Pray your own prayer, your own way.

Prayer has infinite forms.

Plan your summer by pledging to offer a daily prayer for one person!