

Your Heart and the Art of Praying a Parable

“Teaching might be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.” ~ John Steinbeck

Like Nobel laureate and Pulitzer-Prize winning author John Steinbeck, most of us have stories that tussle around in our head. Most of them are seldom fixed to paper and are rarely told, with the exception of that one story your uncle has narrated so often it’s cemented into place. Steinbeck’s pen enlightened us with views of hard-working, everyday people and their lives. His words echo what Jesus knew about humanity, teaching and stories. We recognize Jesus is “the” Teacher of the human mind and spirit and told many stories as a means of imparting truth.

In Luke, it is written that “Jesus told parables to show them of their need to pray and to not lose heart (18:1).” This one scripture delivers an insight into God. It is a wide, gracious view of the Ancient One who would not want even one of us to lose heart. You see a parable is a sacred story told in a fashion where we all grab a piece of the story and somewhere in the telling of it I see myself and I compassionately see you. Then, it becomes jumbled and I see myself in you. It is at this precise teachable moment, which I remember to see your heart in the midst of mine.

Parables are complex. They capture the plight of the downtrodden, personal wilderness, heaven and unlikely neighbors. Through parables Jesus, shared what God desires for us. The most minute seed or speck of

yeast possesses the potential for growth; the master continues to pay what is right and fair rather than for our earned worthiness and a neighbor is hidden in an enemy.

Overall, parables teach us there is the capacity for a treasured grace, a way home and wisdom to be found when lost in the depths of expansive places. Fields, dusty roads, lost stuff or even something lost within us is a story of potential rather than despair.

If it is so that writers can weave lingering classic stories where goodness overcomes ---if it is true that music can bring comfort in its melody-- if the great masters can brush magnificent canvases that still fill our eyes with a tear for their color; then it is true as well that a parable has the capacity to continue to move us. Within the parables, Jesus, the Maker of Peace eclipses the way of this kinder love layering it over our murky, moral boundaries. After all, humankind is not usually known for the kind part of this word. When you are hoping to unite kindness to the art of humanity, read a parable. It’s an opportunity not only to unite human and kind, but to pray that our views may become eclipsed by the desire of God. It is written, “God would not want even one of us to lose heart.” 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 contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or ljjacot@q.com.  
**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, 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.



10am Summer Worship ~ Sunday, June 10, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“I always believe you should try to find peace and reconciliation before conflict.  
That has been the approach I’ve taken.”

~ Colin Powell

“Chimps are very quick to have a sudden fight or aggressive episode,  
but they're equally as good at reconciliation.”

~ Jane Goodall

“A lost coin is found by means of a candle;  
the deepest truth is found by means of a simple story.”

~ Anthony de Mello

PRELUDE

“A Place at the Table”

Words: Shirley E. Murray  
Music: Lori Tune

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come Share the Lord”

Bryan Jefferey Leech

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.  
**For all who were lost and felt far away have been found and welcomed home.**  
Know that God’s love is poured out upon you forever.  
**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**  
Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.  
**For God has come in Jesus to reconcile and renew. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 156

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| UNISON PRAYER   |                                    |                              |
| God beyond our imagining, you bring the dawn and the start of a new day. We thank you for watching over us and bringing us to this new morning. Each new day is a gift filled with rich possibilities. Let us be fully alive today, with eyes open and ears attentive to all that you want to share with us. In this time of worship, fill us with love. Then, all the day through, let us live in your Spirit. Open our hearts to care for one another. Help us to greet you in all the people we meet. And as we come to know and care for each other more deeply, draw us nearer to yourself. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.   |                                    |                              |
| 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   | Luke 15:4-10                       | Reader: xxx                  |
| “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. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” |                                    |                              |
| RESPONSE TO THE WORD  |                                    |                              |
| Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,<br>for the word of God among us,<br>for the word of God within us.  |                                    |                              |
| All: Thanks be to God.  |                                    |                              |
| MESSAGE   | Provocative Stories of Jesus: Lost | Pastor Bill Eaves            |
| +HYMN   | “Alleluia, Alleluia”               | No. 162                      |
| 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  | “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”     | Setting John Carter          |
| SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION   |                                    |                              |
| INVITATION  |                                    |                              |
| WORDS OF INSTITUTION  |                                    |                              |
| RESPONSIVE PRAYER   |                                    |                              |
| God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.<br>Bless this bread, we pray.   |                                    |                              |
| May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world.<br>Bless this cup, we pray.  |                                    |                              |
| May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and your world united in the One Body of Christ.<br>May we live in oneness of heart, with love for our neighbors, forgiveness for our enemies, and the will to serve God all the days of our lives. Amen.   |                                    |                              |
| 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   | “What Feast of Love”               | English Melody, 16th Century |
| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)  |                                    |                              |
| Lord Jesus, we welcome your presence with us.<br>May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, hearts and minds.<br>And may our spirits be refreshed as we live in the light of your presence with us now, and at all times and places. Amen.   |                                    |                              |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS   |                                    |                              |
| +BENEDICTION  |                                    |                              |
| +POSTLUDE   |                                    |                              |
| Altar flowers: This week’s altar arrangement is provided by Stephanie and Dennis Ondik to celebrate the wedding of Weltha Ondik and Zack Paquin.  |                                    |                              |



WELCOME POTS

“If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden.”  
~Claudia Adrienne Grandi

The flower urns at the church’s south entrance have been given by Ruth and Dick Brink in honor of the Prayer Team. The pots at the east entrance are offered by an anonymous donor and by Dale and Jan Johnson in memory of our gardener and friend, Mort Olson.

WBLUMC calendar

**Sunday, June 10**  
10-11am—Summer worship; Sunday school; nursery open  
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room

**Monday, June 11**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
1-3pm—UMW Sarah Circle picnic, Fellowship Hall  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

**Tuesday, June 12**  
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall  
6pm—Bikes, burgers & beverages, offsite  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, room 107  
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200

**Wednesday, June 13**  
9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200

**Thursday, June 14**  
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, June 15: office closed**  
8am-4pm—Bread baking, kitchen & Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, June 16**  
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
8am-12:30pm—Manitou Days bread sale, parking lot  
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200/206

**Sunday, June 17**  
10-11am—Summer worship; Sunday school; nursery open  
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room

**Monday, June 18**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

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**

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|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>         | 9am to 12pm |
| <b>Monday-Thursday</b> | 9am to 3pm  |
| <b>Friday-Saturday</b> | 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, email your request to [office@wblumc.org](mailto: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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Jesus told stories to make a point, to draw pictures in the minds and hearts of his listeners — and to provoke a response. As with all good stories, the parables of Jesus are rich with meaning. Through the centuries we have often reduced them to platitudes or simple moral lessons. Beginning today, we’ll look at these stories through the eyes of those who heard them first, the mostly Jewish crowds who were attracted to Jesus and his teachings. We’ll discover that these provocative stories of Jesus can still surprise us, shake us up, indict us, and open us up to multiple interpretations that prompt us to see the world in new ways.

- Today** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Lost*
- June 17** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Good Samaritan*
- June 24** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Yeast*
- July 1** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Widow and the Judge*
- July 8** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Rich Man and Lazarus*
- July 15** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*
- July 22** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Mustard Seed*
- July 29** — Provocative Stories of Jesus: *Pearl of Great Price*



## Manitou Days

WBLUMC's Bread Ministry is trying something new for this year's Manitou Days event starting at 8am on **Saturday, June 16**. Instead of serving free pizza during the garage sale next door, the team will set up two stations at the parking lot entrances off Pine Street and offer loaves of multi-grain bread for suggested donation of \$5, which will go to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf.

**We need volunteers!** Please indicate on the connection card if you can help, or email Glenn Oliphant at [golipha@gmail.com](mailto:golipha@gmail.com).



## Free farmers markets

The White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf will offer its Free Summer Farmers Markets again this year at Willow Lane Elementary School on Saturdays and Redeemer Lutheran Church on Tuesdays. All are invited to come and pick up free produce. For more information, email Kristen Wanta at [kristen@whitebearfoodshelf.org](mailto:kristen@whitebearfoodshelf.org) or check out the website at [whitebearfoodshelf.org](http://whitebearfoodshelf.org).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

*Fun summer outings!*



## Bikes, burgers & beverages

Ride the Gateway Trail and enjoy food at Roma's afterward.

All welcome to ride on our next outing on **Tuesday, June 12**. We'll start at 6pm from Mahtomedi Ball Field parking lot. Organized by Dawn Kittleson, Dave Bennett and John McBride. RSVP needed! Sign up in the narthex or email [mcbride.johnr@gmail.com](mailto:mcbride.johnr@gmail.com).

## "Bread" Talks

**Feed the body, feed the mind.** Light supper and a short presentation by guest speakers on important current topics on **Wednesday, June 20**, and **Wednesday, July 25**, 6:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for specific speakers and topics! This is intended to be a community event where all are invited and welcome, so help us spread the word. Free-will offering. Email [lorijomcbride@gmail.com](mailto:lorijomcbride@gmail.com).

## Paddling the St. Croix

**Canoe and kayak outing:** Let's paddle down the beautiful St. Croix River from Sunrise Ferry Landing to the Wild River State Park Landing on **Saturday, July 14**, 9:30am-3pm, led by Jim Roe. Jim has spent 35 years leading groups in the BWCA and many rivers of Minnesota. We'll have a sack lunch along the way. Bring your own canoe or kayak, borrow one, or rent one. Fliers and a sign-up sheet are posted in the narthex. For information call/text Jim at 651-242-1322 or email him at [jameseroe8@gmail.com](mailto:jameseroe8@gmail.com).

## UMW garage sale



To support UMW missions, we're having a garage sale at the home of Eva Shipley, 2411 County Road F, on **June 14, 15 and 16**.

We're looking for donations of good household items, books and clothing — *only items in good condition!* Drop donations off by Eva's back step (weather permitting) on June 11 and 12. We'll also need volunteers to help set up on June 13 and to help during the sale. There will be two shifts on Thursday and Friday, 8am-noon and noon-5pm; and one shift on Saturday, 8am-1pm. Indicate on the connection card if you can help!

Sale hours will be 9am-4pm Thursday-Friday and 9am-noon Saturday. Saturday will be a \$5 bag sale. For more information or to volunteer, contact Eva at [shipley.41@comcast.net](mailto:shipley.41@comcast.net).

## More facts from Protect MN talk

Here are just a few more facts from the Protect Minnesota presentation sponsored by the Up All Night social justice group:

- The goal of Protect Minnesota is to make gun ownership safer.
- Research on gun violence is prohibited in the state of Minnesota.
- Gun deaths have increased 32 percent since conceal and carry was passed.
- There were 2,010 unintentional shootings in the U.S. in 2017 — that's six a day.

Get more information at [protectmn.org](http://protectmn.org).

## Children's Church

Children's and youth Sunday School are back!

**Who:** Kids 4 years to 3rd grade completed. Friends too! Younger kids are welcome in the nursery.

**What:** Upbeat music, Bible story, blessing, building toys and craft time, closing video.

**When:** June and July at 10am

**Where:** Downstairs theater

**Youth:** 4th- & 5th-graders are invited to join Linnea and the middle school youth in room 109 in June.

**Adults:** Come and see what it's all about and sign up to be a helper for a Sunday.

## Come golf with us!

Women's casual golf group will play 9 holes of golf every Wednesday this summer. Next on the schedule:

**June 13:** Gross National Golf Club, 2201 St. Anthony Blvd. (35W/Hwy 36 area)

**June 20:** Castlewood, 7050 Sandia Trail, Forest Lake

To play, contact Mary Cripe by Monday morning at [suzary006@comcast.net](mailto:suzary006@comcast.net).

## Sarah Circle picnic

**Date correction!** UMW's Sarah Circle will meet on **Monday, June 11**, at 1pm in Fellowship Hall for our annual potluck picnic. Everyone's invited!