

Thank-you from Pastor Brooke

One thousand thank you’s! I cannot thank you enough for sending me off to my new church with so much joy, celebration, and generosity. To all those who planned and prepared for worship, sang or played or spoke — thank you! It was truly a moving service. To those of you who stoked fires, prepared dough, made and served delicious pizza — thank you! To those of you who came and offered your presence and your kind words — thank you! To all of you who contributed to the church gift, I am so humbled by your generosity — thank you! A special thank you to SPRC for organizing my last Sunday and to the staff who helped pull it off. As we settle into our new normal here, you are on my mind often. I am so grateful for the past eight years and for all you have meant to me and my family. Thank you so much. Pastor Brooke

- WBLUMC calendar**
- Sunday, June 24**
10-11am—Summer service; Children’s Church; nursery
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room
- Monday, June 25**
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
- Tuesday, June 26**
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall
7-8pm—AA meeting, room 200/206
- Wednesday, June 27**
9am-1pm—PEO women’s group, room 200
- Thursday, June 28**
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200/Fellowship Hall
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10-11:30am—Memory loss support group, library
- Friday, June 29: office closed**
No scheduled activities.
- Saturday, June 30**
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200/206

Congratulations scholarship winner!

Congratulations to **Jennie Hebaus**, who was awarded the 2018 United Methodist Women Scholarship. She will be attending University of Minnesota in the fall. She is a very qualified and deserving recipient.

Women’s golf outing

Join us for 9 holes of golf **Wednesday, June 27**, at Oneka Ridge, 5610 120th St., White Bear Lake; \$19/\$18 seniors. Email Mary Cripe by Monday morning at su-zary006@comcast.net. *No golf on July 4!*

Garage sale update

A big *thank-you* to all who supported last weekend’s UMW garage sale by donating and volunteering. We netted \$1260 for our mission projects. Leftover materials went to God’s Closet, Bridging, WBL Area Educational Foundation Closet, Hennepin Avenue UMC’s Old School by Steeple People.

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. Publication is subject to staff approval. Thank you!

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White Bear Lake

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

10am Summer Worship ~ Jazz Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead

“Never underestimate the influence you have on others.”

~ Laurie Buchanan

PRELUDES

“Nearer to the Heart of God”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Cleland B. McAfee, arr. Craig Curry
Conrad Kocher, arr. Craig Curry

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“You Are the Seed”

Cesareo Gabaraín,
English trans. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon
and Skinner Chávez-Melo

✚OPENING WORDS (responsively)

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be.

✚OPENING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living ”

No. 2008
Katherine K. Davis,
after a traditional Welsh melody

UNISON PRAYER
God, like a bakerwoman, you bring the leavening which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, that we may nourish hope among humanity. We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. 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 Matthew 13:33 Reader: Billy Grant
He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

I Corinthians 5:6-8
Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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 Provocative Stories of Jesus: Yeast Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN “In the Garden” No. 314
C. Austin Miles

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 “Panis Angelicus” César Franck
Amy McNabb, soprano

+CLOSING HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” No. 474
Thomas A. Dorsey, adapted
by Charles H. Webb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” John Zundel, arr. Craig Curry

ALTAR FLOWERS
This week’s altar flowers are provided by David and Dawn Kittleson, in loving memory of Marilyn Kittleson.
In memoriam: The white rose on the altar is in memory of WBLUMC member Barb Klein, who died on Tuesday, June 19. Her memorial service was at the church on Saturday, June 23.

Thanks to Amy McNabb, our cantor for today’s worship.



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. 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 stories 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.

- 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*