

Calling all knitters: Lydia project

The United Methodist General Conference is coming to Minneapolis in 2020. United Methodists in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota are being asked to knit or crochet 10,000 purple scarves for every attendee. Our church has committed to making 40 scarves by June 2019. To help with this project, find directions on the Welcome Table. Contact Julie Rindelaub at 651-481-1060 or rindelaub@msn.com, or go online to minnesotamc.org/lydiaproject

Paddling the St. Croix

Canoe or kayak the St. Croix River from Sunrise Ferry Landing to the Wild River State Park Landing 9:30am-3pm **Saturday, July 14**, led by Jim Roe. Contact Jim at 651-242-1322 or jameseroe8@gmail.com.

Quilt display

Take a few moments to enjoy the quilts provided by the Minnesota Contemporary Quilters and hung in the church hallways by Mary Ellen Calderwood. The quilt exhibit will be up through July 15.

WBLUMC calendar

**Sunday, July 1**  
10-11am—Summer service; Children’s Church; nursery  
11am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room

**Monday, July 2**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

**Tuesday, July 3**  
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, July 4: OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

**Thursday, July 5**  
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107

**Friday, July 6: office closed**  
4-6pm—Viavattine-Weeks wedding rehearsal

**Saturday, July 7**  
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200/206  
4-6pm—Viavattine-Weeks wedding

2018 UMC Creation Care Summit

Hosted by Minnesota EarthKeepers, this national gathering at Hamline University **July 26-29** is designed for United Methodists concerned about environmental justice, sustainable food, transportation options, energy systems, climate change, and environmental degradation. Join us to explore ways to collaborate between local congregations, annual conferences, general boards, agencies, and interest groups. Get details and registration information online at umcreationcaresummit.org.

Women’s golf outing

No golf this week because of the July 4 holiday. Our next outing will be **Wednesday, July 11**, at Goodrich Golf Course, 1820 Van Dyke St. N in Maplewood; cost is \$20/\$15 seniors. Email Mary Cripe by Monday morning at suzary006@comcast.net.

WELCOME!  
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**  
**Sunday:** 9am to 12pm  
**Monday-Thursday** 9am to 3pm  
**Friday and 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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10am Summer Worship ~ Sunday, July 1, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“God is not only the God of the sufferers but the God who suffers.”  
~ Nicholas Wolterstorff

“Blessed are they who try again, who dust off, who wash up, who extend the wish for peace, who return to sites of failure, who are dogged in their pursuit, for they will discover the secret to dreams. Blessed are they who refuse to listen to the naysayers, for their hearts will be houses for hope.”  
~ Robin Tanner

PRELUDE Patriotic music

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “In Christ There is a Table set For All” Robert Stamps

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
We gather together in the Spirit of Jesus:  
**In the spirit of wisdom, love, and courage.**

We gather from near and far, uniting our spirits with all the people of God around the world.  
**May the hurting be comforted, the comfortable be challenged, and the challenged be filled with faith.**

+OPENING HYMN “I Come with Joy” No. 617  
1,2,3 & 5

UNISON PRAYER  
**Most Merciful God, you desire that we always pray and not lose heart, but we confess that we often struggle to pray at all, let alone do so confidently. You call us to pray that you would bring justice and wholeness to our broken world, but we confess that the pain and suffering of our lives and our world often overwhelms us. Forgive us for our cynicism and renew our hope in the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
After the children’s message, children through 3rd grade (completed) are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

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 18:1-8 Reader: Clint Hallmark  
Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’  
For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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: The Widow & the Judge Pastor John McBride  
✚HYMN “God of the Ages” No. 698

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 “Let Justice Roll Like a River” Marty Haugen

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.  
**Bless this bread, we pray.**  
May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world.  
**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.  
**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 “Now the Feast and Celebration” Marty Haugen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)  
**Lord Jesus, we welcome your presence with us.**  
**May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, hearts and minds.**  
**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 “America the Beautiful” arr. Phillip Keveren

ALTAR FLOWERS  
**This week’s altar flowers** are provided by Judy Pederson to celebrate Pete’s 80th birthday, and with many thanks to Mary Ellen Calderwood for her beautiful arrangements every Sunday.



**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*