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The Newsletter of WBLUMC

In 1996: Memories from Pastor Bryce Johnson

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The Summer Olympics were held in Atlanta.

Bill Clinton was elected to his second term as president.

"You betcha," the Cohen brother's film "Fargo" was released.

On February 2, 1996, Tower, Minnesota experienced an all-time low of -61.

On July 1, 1996, I began ministry at White Bear Lake United Methodist Church. Jody and I were in our early 40s and Andrew, Dana, and Brennan were 12, 9, and 2 years respectively. Much has changed in those twenty years: the make-up of the congregation, the vision, the building itself. But one thing has not changed — the quality of the people. This is a welcoming, gracious, caring congregation. Which is one of the key reasons I stayed for 20 years.

I encourage you to welcome Interim Pastor David Doppenberg as graciously as you did me, and then the next permanent Lead Pastor.

I am grateful for the time with you to live out my calling and utilize my gifts. Through it all you have encouraged me, challenged me, and loved me into being a better pastor and deeper follower of Jesus.

Over the years I have spoken countless words in sermons, but now I am left with just two: Thank you.

Blessings, Bryce



You're invited! Brunch with Bryce

The Bread Team and Staff Parish Relations Committee invite you to enjoy a complementary light Brunch after Worship service on Sunday, June 26th to celebrate and say goodbye to Pastor Bryce Johnson. We encourage you to linger and enjoy one another's company and fellowship. Bread Oven baked Caramel rolls will be served along with a selection of fruit, yogurt, coffee and juice.

Let there be ... skylights!

One of the beautiful aspects of White Bear Lake United Methodist Church is our ample natural light provided by our five skylights. We have two large skylights; a pyramid-shaped one over the Narthex and a flat (yet slanted) skylight over the stairs. We also have three small pyramid-shaped skylights — two in the main hallway and one in the Christian Education wing.



As beautiful as these skylights are, they have reached their full life expectancy and need to be replaced. In fact, they have outlived their 10-year warranty by almost three times that! Perhaps you've noticed a bucket or two in the Narthex on a rainy day? Well, thanks to a generous gift from the estate of Bob and Betty Doyle, combined with a loan from Bremer Bank, we will replace all five skylights between July 11 and 22.

The project is being managed by the Trustee committee and the office. The work is scheduled to take place during the regular work week, which means Sunday worship should not be affected.

If everything goes to plan, the only notable inconvenience will be during the week of July 18. That's when they will be replacing the large, flat skylight over the stairs, which will block access to the education wing. All classrooms and the nursery can be reached via the elevator to the first floor, then climbing the stairs near the emergency exit and coming back down the hallway to the room you need. This means the upstairs Christian education wing — including the nursery — will not be fully accessible, so please plan accordingly. If you prefer, the office will be happy to reschedule you into a different room of the building that week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the project, you can contact the office. We will be happy to assist you.

Welcome David Doppenberg

Starting July 25 David Doppenberg will begin as the Intentional Interim Pastor. David is a Lutheran Pastor. He has served as Senior Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids for 9 years and Lead Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Annandale, Minnesota, for 12 years. Most recently he has served as the Intentional Interim at Trinity Lutheran Church in Montevideo, Minnesota.



As the church moves into this next chapter some of you have asked:

Why an Interim Pastor?

When a pastor has been in place as long as Bryce, the church invariably takes on that pastor's personality and work style. Adjusting to the personality and style of a new Lead Pastor can be challenging; too often that adjustment does not go well. When that happens, the new pastor becomes an "unintended" interim. Within two to three years they are gone. David is called an "intentional" interim. His role is to intentionally guide the church into the appointment of a permanent Lead Pastor. David's tenure is expected to be 11 months.

Why a Lutheran Pastor?

Simply put, there are very few experienced United Methodist interim pastors in Minnesota. The pool of experienced interim pastors in the Lutheran Church is much larger. White Bear Lake UMC is a vital church in the Minnesota Annual Conference. The Conference is bringing in the most qualified candidate available into this role.

WBLUMC Happenings

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Paul Saints vs. Laredo Lemurs at CHS Field

Sunday, July 24. 5-8pm \$15 adults/\$10 children

Register online to purchase tickets!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



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Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Tuesday—Thursday: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Summer Worship (to September 18)

† 10:00 AM *Blended Worship Services*
† 11:00 AM *Fellowship with gourmet coffee & tea*
† 11:00 AM *Individual prayer, Prayer Room*

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2016 WBLUMC Ministry Leaders

Doug Mulder, *Board Chair*
Jeff Lantto, *Trustees*
Scott Vipond, *Finance*
Glenn Oliphant, *Bread Team*
Ginger Davis, *Staff Parish*
Joy Ballou, *Worship*
Chad Koppes, *Adult Faith*
Carol Effertz & Jeremy Steiner, *Hospitality*
Barb Hinz & Roberta Schmidt, *BeFriends*
Kelly Knutson & Diane Lund, *Congregational Care*
Stephanie Boening Ondik, *United Methodist Women*
Karen Flynn, *Library*
Denise & Larry Kerr, *Community Garden*
Julie Jacot & Dave Hegdahl, *Prayer Team*

UMW's 150-year Legacy

On May 2, Becky Coleman came to speak with us about the upcoming 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women in 2019. Becky helped us discover the roots of UMW, and reviewed its long history of mission to women, children, and youth around the world. A key part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration will be the establishment of

the Legacy Fund, an endowment that will support UMW mission outreach well into the future. That means more of the money we raise through pledges and events like Harvest Market will go directly to missions, as basic ongoing costs can be met by interest from the Legacy Fund. For more information, including how to contribute, visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150



WELCOME LAURI HOPPLE Administrative Assistant

We are very excited to announce that Lauri Hopple joined the WBLUMC staff on May 24 as Administrative Assistant. Lauri comes to us with 30 years of editing and publishing experience, most recently as editor of Spaces magazine with the Pioneer Press.

Lauri is also owner and head instructor of local yoga studio Drishti Yoga in downtown White Bear Lake. She is looking forward to working part-time with us so she can focus more time on her yoga studio and less time commuting to St. Paul. Lauri lives in White Bear Township with her husband, Pat Olson. They're looking forward to daughter Colleen's wedding this August!

We are thrilled to have Lauri join our office team and hope you will all give her a warm welcome. Her office hours will be 9am-3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and 9am to noon on Fridays.

The story of a smaller bread oven

Over the past six years, since the development of our Bread Oven Ministry, we have learned many things about planning and executing events using our beautiful oven. One of those things is that it takes the same amount of wood and time to heat up the big oven for a small bread-baking or pizza event as it does for a large one. Since we have started hosting many small events the idea of a smaller oven that would take less time — and wood — began to take shape.

Through funding support from memorial gifts, we've commissioned the construction of a small oven that can be fired up in two hours and ready to bake pizza. After only four hours of heating, bread can be baked.

Two of the other goals we have for this oven construction project are documenting all of the construction steps and confirming our cost projection of \$1,800. With this information, we can provide assistance to other organizations interested in having an oven but have limited funds.

If you're interested in having a wood-fired oven in your backyard you should follow the construction of this oven — or, better yet, sign up to help build it!



The new small oven under construction near the original oven.

Our Sincere Sympathy to the family of Lorene Youngquist, who passed away on May 29, 2016.