

Remembering what is written

To lend is a word that means to allow, to offer, to grant what you possess.

Cynthia Remaskos penned: “Lent is a time of year to remember that God has seen fit to make us, not airy spirits, but embodied human beings living in a beautiful and material world.

“The soul fills the body...what the body learns, the soul absorbs as well.”

Worth is a funny thing. There are times when we look at ourselves like the barren room left over from a childhood. It is an absent place that once held laughter, a collection of childish belongings and quirky memories that filled out and created the shape of our formative years. Conceivably, might there be an unexpected, empty place that is fearsome to reframe? It’s a vacancy that once was filled, but now has lost its stuffing and purpose. Perhaps you have lost your stuffing, a significant human connection that affirmed you, or maybe you’ve forgotten what has been written about you. Lent may be just the time to see your form more clearly and read what is written.

Did you ever think that you are ordained? Listen:

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. My soul knows that well. My frame was not hidden from you...Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book, before one of them came to be.”

~ Psalm 139:14-16

“Ordain” is usually a special word reserved in respect and honor for clergy who serve pastorally. This is a right and just honor, to be certain. This Psalm, however, is for and about everyone. Typically we read

through these verses and imagine a scripted, puppeteer-like God, but being ordained is not the Sacred Creator preplanning each day. Think BIGGER as in the vastness of a kindred Spirit — a God seeking an unceasing eternal connection with you. “Ordain” comes from the Latin root “ordo” meaning to anoint, to give rank or to give you prominence. Furthermore, its Hebrew roots suggest to be ordained is to rely on and to be given holy orders. You see the room of your being is holy and set apart for prominence before one sun came and set. We have each holy orders to be in sync and in service to move toward one another and what is God’s.

Frederick Buechner suggests: “The time is ripe for looking back over the day, the week, the year, and trying to figure out where we have come from and where we are going to, for sifting through the things we have done and the things we have left undone.” Bechner describes this as a turning toward God, “for a clue to who we are and who, for better or worse we are becoming ...”

He continues: “But there is a deeper need yet ... that is the need — not all the time, surely, but from time to time — to enter that still room within us ... where we are most alive to the turnings ... that our journeys have brought us.”

Buechner concludes, “The name of the room is Remember — the room where with patience, with charity, with quietness of heart, we remember consciously ... the lives we live.”

Lent is a roomy space to remember your days are ordained and though they may wobble, they’re quite wonderfully made. 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.



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As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, White Bear Lake United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

9am Worship ~ WMLW Sunday, March 10, 2019

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

~ Purpose of the United Methodist Women

PRELUDE	“Meditation”	Jim Brickman
VIDEO	“The League of Extraordinary Methodist Women”	
INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME		Pastor John McBride
CALL TO WORSHIP	“What Does the Lord Require” Chancel Choir	by Jim Strathdee

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

The Organization of United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God.

We celebrate the global sisterhood and brotherhood made possible through mission.

Those who experience freedom as whole persons through Christ cannot hide their light under a bushel basket.

We are here to celebrate and witness the United Methodist Women’s historical commitment to ministry with women and children and youth.

With the United Methodist Women we strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship to undergird its historical commitment to ministry.

We pledge ourselves to renewed discipleship as followers of Christ and to the expansion of concepts of mission through the global ministries of the church.

✚OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

No. 64

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we have gathered here in Your sanctuary this morning, as members of Your family, to worship You as our Living God. Community- making God, You have called us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in Your presence, commitment to Your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with Your Holy Spirit to witness to Your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story, in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life, in fact, more than life, Life in its Fullness, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Eva Shipley

After this message, children and youth through 12th grade are invited to leave for Sunday School.

MORNING PRAYER & THE UMC SOCIAL CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

MESSAGE

Celebrating 150 Years in Mission: United Methodist Women

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42 (*The Message*)

Judy Slomkowski

As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them: “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.” The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it — it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: ACT & LEARN

Lori McBride, Missions and Faith Development Minister (Act)
Cheryl Larsen, UMW President (Learn)

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (*NRSV*)

The point is this: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:18-20 (*NIV*)

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: GIVE & PRAY

Marcia Lantto, Social Action/Missions Coordinator (Give)
Rev. Jan Morey, Spiritual Growth Coordinator (Pray)

✚HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

No. 378

1 & 2 all, 3 women, 4 Chancel Choir, 5 men, 6 all

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Bill Eaves

OFFERING

“O Lux Beatissima”

Howard Helvey

Choral Scholars of the Chancel Choir

O Lux Beatissima	Translation
O Lux beatissima	O light most blessed,
Réple cordis íntima	Fill the inmost heart
Tuórum fidelium	Of all thy faithful
Accénde lúmen sénsibus,	Enkindle your light in our minds
Infúnde amórem córdibus,	Infuse your love into our hearts
Infirma nostri córporis,	
Virtúte fírmans pépeti	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚CLOSING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

No. 519

1 and 3

✚BENEDICTION

✚POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s arrangement is provided by White Bear Lake United Methodist Women in celebration of UMW Sunday.

Easter flowers: Order by March 17

To order Easter lilies, calla lilies, azaleas, hydrangeas, mums and hyacinths to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday worship, please pick up your order form from the Welcome Table in the narthex. **Deadline is next Sunday, March 17**, for orders and payment. Please remember to write “Easter flowers” in your check’s memo line. You may take your flowers home after the 11am Easter service on Sunday, April 21. Thank you!



Sunday, March 10

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall; prayer room is open
10:10am—Soul meeting/prayer team, room 206
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery

Monday, March 11

10-11am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206
1-3pm—UMW Sarah Circle meeting, room 200
6:30-8pm—Yearnings discussion group, library
6:30-8pm—From Bethany to the Sea of Tiberias, room 200

Tuesday, March 12

6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, church office
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

Wednesday, March 13

No children’s; no bell rehearsal
9:45am-noon—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200
6-8pm—Youth pizza & movie night
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200/Fellowship Hall
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10:30am—Lenten devotion group, room 206
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library

Friday, March 15

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room

Saturday, March 16

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, 200/206

Sunday, March 17

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall; prayer room is open
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery

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
Sunday: 9am to 12pm
Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm
Friday and Saturday 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 no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **10am 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 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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Fear is the prison of the heart, often paralyzing our lives. Let’s draw back the curtain on some of the frightful things we deal with: Intimacy, change, the unknown, failure, losing control, death. Some may be terrifying, others merely intimidating. Our spiritual lives offer us resources to face them and to discover the great truth that perfect love casts out fear.

March 17 | Fear of Intimacy
with guest vocalists the McStauffer Brothers

March 24 | Fear of Change

March 31 | Fear of The Unknown
Lenten hymn festival!

April 7 | Fear of Failure

April 14 Palm Sunday | Fear of Losing Control
featuring the music of Godspell & Jesus Christ Superstar

April 21 Easter | The Fear of Death and the Invitation to Life

2019 Holy Week

April 14 Palm Sunday
and UMW pancake breakfast

April 18 Maundy Thursday
Community supper 5:30pm; worship 6:30pm

April 19 Good Friday
Service of Tenebrae at 6:30pm

April 21 Easter Sunday
*Traditional worship at 8:30am & 9:45am
Contemporary worship at 11am*

Resources for your Lenten journey

WBLUMC exists to provide nourishment for the hungers of life. Here are some digital resources for feeding our hungers when we’re away from church:

Upperroom.org is a United Methodist resource that offers a daily devotion, other reflections, and Sight Psalms (daily photo inspirations to help you reflect on God’s presence in the world and in your life).

Pray-as-You-Go is a free app for your phone that provides you with a 10-minute daily reflection on scripture, with music from diverse Christian communities around the world, presented by the English Jesuits, a Catholic religious order.

Our Bible app provides devotional readings from a diverse and inclusive group of writers, aimed at “uplifting believers of all stripes.” The app is free; content can also be found at online.at.ourbibleapp.com.

We Croak provides five daily reminders that this life is temporary and invites us to make the most of it. Each time the reminder comes, you are invited to take a moment of contemplation and recover your perspective on your day and your life. Look for it in the app store; it costs 99 cents.

Don't miss this! Pastor Bill has promised to dye his beard GREEN if we meet our goal!



Each year some members of our Board of Directors end their term, and two or three new members join. This transition takes place July 1 each year, following the same schedule as other church committees and boards. Members of the congregation are invited to nominate people for the Board of Directors on the back of the green Connection Cards during the month of March. All names will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration; a slate of nominees for open positions will then be presented to the Church Conference for a vote.

Strategic – The Board is charged with setting the congregation’s strategic priorities. With input from ministry leaders and the congregation, the Board is involved with writing the vision and mission statements of the church, naming the core values, and determining strategic priorities.

Generative – The Board looks forward by identifying changes within the congregation and challenges from outside the congregation, adapting the church’s witness and outreach to meet them.

Policy – In keeping with the by-laws of the church (i.e. The Book of Discipline), the Board develops policies that clarify the role of Board, staff, and ministry leaders. The Board also establishes policies to guide financial and property management, as well as guidelines for healthy relationships.


Learn more about the Board of Directors online at wblumc.org/about/board-of-directors.

Interested in learning about the WBLUMC Prayer Team and how its members serve this congregation? Join us for an informational session today, **March 10**, at 10:10am in room 206. Feel free to invite others who may wish to serve a Sunday once a month or once a season, or who just wish to learn about intercessory prayer.

Part of being a welcoming church involves giving our visitors a loaf of bread and helping introduce them to what our church has to offer. The host position was created to be that friendly face. To fill this position every Sunday for the rest of the year, we need a few more volunteers. Scheduling is flexible with minimal time involved, and orientation is provided. The only requirement is wanting our church to be warm and welcoming on Sunday mornings! Check your interest on the back of the connection card in March.

Sarah Circle will discuss U.S. women who volunteered in France during World War I, based on the book *Alice in France: The World War I Letters of Alice M. O'Brien*. Authored by Nancy O'Brien Wagner, her grandniece and a St. Paul resident, the book highlights the engaging and revealing letters of a woman who, with thousands of others, volunteered during World War I. Join us at 1pm **Monday, March 11**, room 200.

WBLUMC ribbon cutting



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WESTOVER

The March book selection will be *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover, with the meeting on **Monday, March 25**, at 7-8:15pm. All are welcome , even if you haven't been before!

WBLUMC's annual All-church Mission Day will be **Saturday, March 30**. Sign up to participate soon in the narthex; donate items below (*new only, please!*) in bins on the north wall of Fellowship Hall starting March 10. If you'd like to lead one of the groups, sign up on a green connection card.

Can opener, vegetable peeler, measuring spoons, mixing spoon(s), metal tongs, spatula, ladle, whisk, dish scrubber, dish towel and cloth

1 bath hand towel, no kitchen towels; 1 bath washcloth, no kitchen towels; 1 sturdy comb, no rattail or picks; 1 razor with guard; 1 nail clipper, no nail files or emery board; 1 adult toothbrush, no multipacks; 1 tube toothpaste, 2.5-ounce or larger; 1 bar soap, 3-4 ounces; 1 shampoo, 3-4 ounces; 1 deodorant, 2-3 ounces, stick or roll-on

Wash cloths (any color ok); underwear for girls, assorted sizes 8-16; underwear for women, assorted sizes 6-9

Sets of sheets for twin and full beds (white preferred)

Books for toddlers and early readers are needed **or** \$5 donation to purchase books in Guatemala.

Cash donations are needed to purchase wood and other construction supplies to make beds. Each bed costs approximately \$350 to finish, including purchase of a mattress.