

Remnants

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness...to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:78)

Bet you’ve heard recently that the earth and our political -social norms have tilted for the worse. Like an old year-book, a mildewed photo or last year’s bird’s nest, has the world truly become a remnant left aside from some en-lightened golden age? Are heroes only in the past?

I wonder if we have forgotten the dream scribed into the most familiar prayer inspired by Jesus. The Our Father asks, maybe begs or pleads, “might My kingdom come?” Some of us are still dreamers and perhaps once more there is a vision worth climbing into the cocoon of.

Jesus dreamed for us by inviting us to be new in Christ, to care more deeply for the stranger and to expansively consider who might be a neighbor. Jesus hoped, Jesus lived and lives with eyes that saw beneath the surface-y stuff of status, beauty and gloss. Our sermons as of late remind us of lit nameless faces, yet heralding story tell-ers, heroes if you will, in the stories of Jesus, of immi-grants, new communities and the sacred welcome to the least. Human stories that echo into this time — each portraying hope. Theologian Bob Benson explains it this way. “The One who came said to religious folks and all the rest, “The kingdom does not come at some future time and place, it’s already here. It is within you and all around you and you do not see it or hear it.” Picture Jesus nurturing you for just a moment: “You are of God, little children, and have overcome: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Seeing our world as a worthy kingdom can be daunting, but it is available if we place on new lenses or if you will, formulate a sightline more like the Holy. In a recent book

entitled *Becoming Wise, An Inquiry Into the Mystery of Living*, Minnesota author and speaker, Krista Tippett speaks of a new lens to visualize heroes of hope.

“There are so many beautiful lives and so much good-ness, spiritual geniuses of everyday, below the radar of what we see...we are becoming trained to not treat that seriously... Our world is abundant with quiet, hidden lives of beauty and courage and goodness. There are millions of people at any given moment, young and old, giving themselves over to service, risking hope, and all the while ennobling us all.”

Might I tie up these threads within a remnant of hope worth examining? I would like to speak specifically of our church and tug a name from the past into the present. Over this summer some folks simply prayed for one an-other in the Sightline Prayer Project. Overwhelmingly people who participated believe their day was enriched by “being a part of a family of God and a foundation of friendship.” The name from the past is President Wood-row Wilson, admired by some but imperfect to others; either way, he shares an idea worth closing with: “We grow great by dreams. All big men [women] are dream-ers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter’s evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them, nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which come always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.” Hope will always be God’s, and thus, the Lover of humanity planted hope into our souls. Amen. — J.Jacot

**Prayer at WBLUMC:** One of the ways our church helps to 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 pray-er of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, ljjacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.

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9am Worship World Communion Sunday, Oct 8, 2017

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“The world is blessed to welcome you.” ~ A.D. Posey

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Paul Alan Johnson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “Arise, Shine; For Your Light has Come” Hal Hopson  
Carrie Sinclair, Assistant Chancel Choir Director  
Choral Scholars: Ingrid Haugen, soprano; Tara Priolo, alto

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us,  
**We are here to thank you.**  
God of the future, who is always ahead of us,  
**We are here to trust you.**  
God of the present, here in the midst of us,  
**We are here to praise you.**  
God of life beyond us, within us,  
**We rejoice in your glorious love.**

+OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Almighty King” No. 61

UNISON PRAYER  
**God, kindle within our hearts today a flame of welcome for our neighbors, for our foes, for our friends, for our people, for the brave, for the cowardly, for the thoughtless ones. May we serve you in love and with arms open wide, from the lowliest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all. Amen.**

ANTHEM “O Living Breath of God” arr. John Helgen  
Swedish folk tune

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
After the 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	I Kings 17:8-16	Reader: Joy Ballou
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”		
Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.		
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	Good Religion Says Welcome	Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner
+HYMN	“Pass It On”	No. 572
CONNECTION CARDS		
Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERING	“Be Thou My Vision”	arr. Joel Raney

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
+HYMN	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	No. 664
+BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	“Ode to Joy”	arr. Jack Butler
Altar flowers: Karyn and Bob Fulton provided this week’s arrangement in honor of their children and grandchildren.		
In memoriam: The white rose on the altar is in remembrance of WBLUMC member Matthew Cocchiarella, who died Sept. 26, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and four children, including daughter and WBLUMC member Julie Anderson. There will be a private family burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.		

Stay for the special music event today!

at the 10:45am service on Oct. 8





WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, Oct. 8: Billy Joel Sunday at 10:45!**  
9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
9-10am—Adult Faith: Be Still class, room 200  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

**Monday, Oct. 9**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
1-3:30pm—UMW Sarah Circle, room 200

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**  
2-3:30pm—Tuesdays at 2, room 200  
6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall  
6pm—Stewardship committee meeting, library  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, room 107  
6:30pm—Baptism class, Brooke’s office  
7-8:30pm—Finance committee meeting, room 200  
7-9pm—SPRC meeting, room 206

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**  
9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200  
6pm—Children’s Choir, room 205  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6:30pm—Children’s & Youth activities  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, Oct. 12**  
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200  
10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107  
1-3pm—Book Club (outside group), library

**Saturday, Oct. 14**  
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107  
9am-noon—Church interior/window cleanup  
10am—Women’s Breakfast group, room 200

**Sunday, Oct. 15**  
9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
9-10am—Adult Faith: Be Still class, room 200  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery  
2-5pm—Simple Tools for Hot Topics, room 200

**Autumn urn welcome**  
Gail Stucky and the John Stucky Memorial have generously given the bursts of orange, yellow and red representing harvest in our outdoor displays . It is a gift we receive gratefully. Gail would also like to thank Julie Jacot for her tender care of pots and prayers for this church.



WHITE BEAR LAKE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Visit [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org) for weekly sermon podcasts, the church calendar and programming details.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Monday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Friday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	CLOSED

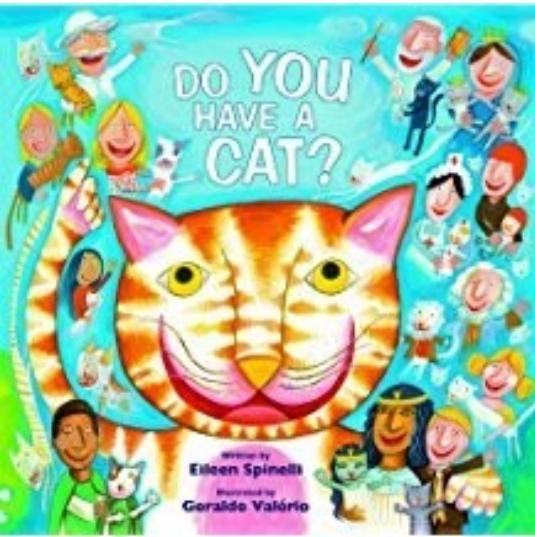
SUNDAY BULLETIN  
Please email information to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org) by **noon on Tuesdays**. Most events require a two-week lead time, but the earlier you get us the information, the more time we have to get the word out.

WEEKLY E-BLAST  
To receive our weekly email update, call 651-429-9026 or email [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org). Please submit church-related events or announcements by **3pm Wednesdays**. All e-blast and bulletin information is subject to staff approval.

LIFESOURCE  
If you’re part of a group or ministry that plans to hold a church event this December 2017 through March 2018, we want to help you spread the word. Photos from repeating events would be great! Please email info and photos to Lauri at [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org).  
**NEXT DEADLINE: Tuesday, Nov. 21.**

KIDS! (GROWNUPS TOO!)

Do you have a dog? Do you have a cat?



October is DOG AND CAT MONTH in the church library!

All month, there will be new books and movies about favorite dogs and cats. And, we’ll have a display of our own DOG AND CAT CONGREGATION! You get to participate by sending a picture of YOUR pet (or pictures, if you have more than one pet) to Karen, the Church Librarian. Starting **Sunday, Oct. 15**, come to the church library to see all the pictures.

Send your photos to Karen at [flynn.karen@comcast.net](mailto:flynn.karen@comcast.net) or text them to 651-470-5745. Be sure to include your name and the name of your pet. Let’s get every dog and cat in our church family in our Church Library Pet Parade!

**Thank you**  
Thanks to everyone who donated 90 books to Willow Lane Elementary. By the smiles in the photo, you can see how happy the kids were! We’re making a difference, one child at a time.



**Great news!**  
WBLUMC has received another grant for kids at Willow Lane — this one for \$1,800 from the WBL Foundation! Tammey Busch, who submitted the request with help from Pastor Brooke, says the foundation was impressed with our Read5000 program. This new grant will help even more kids buy their own books and keep developing their love for reading.



## Children & Youth

### Calling jewelry makers!

**Volunteer request:** Our tween group would love to spend some time with prayer beads. Joan will procure the beads and the string. We'd love YOUR help with assembly whenever it's convenient for you. Please email Joan at joan.hartman@wblumc.org if you can help.



### Parents & grandparents

Does a 10:45am Sunday School option for ages 4 years-3rd grade interest you? Joan would love to hear from you! Please plan to attend a gathering on **Sunday, Oct 22**, at 10:10 am in room 206 or **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, at 6:45pm in room 106. A decision to move forward will be based on feedback from these two dates.



### Save the date! Saturday, Oct. 21

The cool, crisp days of fall and the 47th Annual Harvest Market are right around the corner. As you clean out your closets, garage, or cabin, please remember that Harvest Market always appreciates donations, including gently used books; handmade arts and crafts; precious or vintage jewelry; and clean, usable vintage or antique household goods or decorative items.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers Thursday-Friday and during the event on **Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:30am-2pm**. Sign up in the narthex or email Harvest Market chair Sherrie Bloodgood at sherriebloodgood@yahoo.com.

### Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the UMW Big Waters District Meeting in September — especially those who provided B&B hospitality and transportation for the officers who stayed overnight. Also thanks to those who contributed musical and technical talent, registration and kitchen help, and all the other tasks that made the day a success.

### Simple Tools for Hot Topics

District Superintendent Susan Nienaber offers this training at WBLUMC for lay leaders during a time of great societal polarization. Join the discussion at 2pm **Sunday, Oct. 15**. To register, call Laurie Huston at 612-230-6153.

### New member class

Interested in joining WBLUMC? Come to class and lunch on **Sunday, Oct. 29**, 11:30am to 1:30pm, in room 200. To sign up, email jeremy@steinermn.com.

### Two fall cleanup dates

It's fall cleanup time at WBLUMC! We need volunteers on two Saturdays:

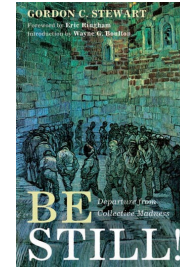
- **Oct. 14, 9am-noon**, to clean out closets and storage areas and wash windows.
- **Oct. 28, 9am-noon**, for the annual grounds cleanup. Bring your rakes, brooms, shovels and clippers!

Contact Curt Jenkins, board of trustees chair, or Patricia Kytola, director of operations, with questions.

## Books and classes

### Be Still! Departure from Collective Madness

**9-10am Sundays, Oct. 8-Nov. 12, room 200**

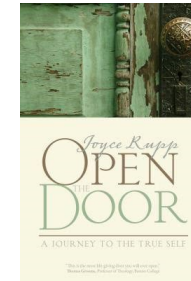


All faith is both personal and public, and all personal and public life are intrinsically theological. Explore this premise and become clearer about the faith lens through which you see yourself, others, and the world through the book *Be Still! Departure from Collective Madness* by Gordon C. Stewart. Books are available for \$20 in the church office.

### New dates: A Journey to the True Self

**10:30-11:30am Thursdays, Oct. 26-Dec. 7, library**

Interested in expanding your faith experience through a daily devotional practice? Retired? Have some time on a weekday morning? We are offering a study of *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self* by Joyce Rupp, with daily devotions and weekly gathering in the church library. Questions? Contact Tammey Busch, 651-472-1522, or Jan Morey, 651-464-0027. Sign up in the narthex; books are available in the office for \$13.



### Please note: Good Religion class suspended

**Pastor Bill Eaves' Monday evening class will not meet Oct. 9.**

### Next book club

Join us **Monday, Oct. 23**, 7-8:15pm in the church library to discuss *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf* by Mohja Kahf. 2005. 448p. Syrian immigrant Khadra Shamy is growing up in a devout, tightly knit Muslim family in 1970s Indiana. Along with her brother Eyad and her African-American friends, Hakim and Hanifa, she explores the fault-lines between "Muslim" and "American." When her picture-perfect marriage goes sour, Khadra flees to Syria and learns how to pray again. On returning to America, she stays away from Indiana, where the murder of a friend's sister by Klan violence years before haunts her. Then her job sends her to a national Islamic conference in Indianapolis, and she's right back where she started.

### November's selection:

*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. 2015. 368p.

### Silver Harmony Singers

The Silver Harmony Singers will present their annual White Bear Food Shelf Benefit program on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, at Parkview Church, 3737 Belaire Ave., White Bear Lake. Members from this church singing are Ruth Sass and Paul Rodecap with pianist Leilani Lewis. Last year we raised \$4,000 and collected over 400 pounds of food. Let's hope for a bountiful harvest for/ from everyone!

### Sarah Circle: Guest speaker

Sarah Circle presents Annette Brandner, speaking about OC Ministries at 1pm **Monday, Oct. 9**. OC Ministries is a non-profit mission in Minnesota ministering to the minds, bodies and spirits of children in developing countries. Operation Classroom was founded in 1989 to assist in the rebuilding of UMC related schools in Liberia and Sierra Leone, West Africa. In 1992, Jamaica was added. New partnerships developed with clinics and churches, and Operation Classroom became OC Ministries in 2000. In 2015, OC Ministries expanded to Haiti. Please come Monday to see how our church is involved or can be involved! Contact Eva Shipley with questions.