

Harvesting Remnants - Goodness Out of What Remains

We know that a remnant is what is left and a harvest is what is chosen and bountiful. They are a contradiction of words and that is precisely why I like them together. We understand remnants are found in remaining cloth, kind words, acorns and mounds of colored leaves. Originally for me, the word remnant seemed to jump out the text in the familiar story we know of Joseph and it stayed stuck and planted ever since. Again, a remnant is what is left, however, as life is sometimes surprising and at best unsuspecting; these leftovers have an gradual potential within. Joseph, himself was deserted as a remnant, yet he abundantly preserves life with forgiveness and loyalty. Joseph's remnant story evolves after a saga of rejection from his family in Genesis 45:1-9. We begin though with a quite unlikely family reunion. Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And Joseph wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my Father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed they were at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph who you sold into slavery.' And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves that you sold me here; For God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in this land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. . The sound of Joseph's raw sobs drifting to the ears of the Egyptians has seeped into my recollection of this passage. While Joseph's life is protected, it is one man crying for all he has imagined in the years he has yearned for the everyday, ordinary nuances in tradition and family. We imagine Joseph within our own world

view. Was Joseph missing communal dinners, a familiar place or smell, a heritage, a tree in the yard or the shared history which he could no longer possess. However, this passage is not one man crying for what is lost, but a remnant in Goshen where Joseph and his people would begin. Life continued and there was again a time of plenty. The rebirth comes from a remnant of quite imperfect brothers and sisters. The story leads us to ask a similar question mirrored by Joseph and his family. Does God preserve some unforeseen comfort to remain after loss to sustain? We come closer. We notice the band who once were the unlikable and unlovable brothers become what is 'family' and are remnants from poverty into land, plenty and forgiveness. They carry on. We trudge and leap to carry our own remnants. Our natural world carries them too. It is obvious to us, that the tree standing vulnerable with its inner, knobby trunk and willowing arms bare, but never barren is in a season. Its tawny limbs freeze with their imperfections in clear view. A reminder of a storm is clearly seen in the slice of a scar remaining where a branch once extended. These vacancies are evidence, that even the tree's a remnant of a time when it stood larger. Methodism grew from its founder, John Wesley and 3 college students who loved Jesus enough to call themselves "the holy club." The word Methodism has its remnant rooted as a mocking, derogatory term. This word thrown out in disdain at; has transformed to Methodism, a faith held in high respect. John Wesley was astute when he preached as Jesus, "Humility and patience are the surest proofs of the increase of love." Might we come closer to comprehend our intimate remnants may as well encompass the potential to preserve? The remembrance with a once-upon-time person, an echo of acknowledgement, a brilliant bloom who refused to listen to the season's end, a colorful envelope in the mail, a sustaining presence and even an appreciation for our gained sensitivity from those who harmed. Might our prayer be that the tenderness of a remnant lingers for good? Amen. ~ J. Jules

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 ljacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.



9am Worship ~ Sunday, October 14, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, at all the times you can,
to all the people you can, as long as you can."

~John Wesley

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Love is Love"
Chancel Choir

Abbie Betinis

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Eternal God, who called us into being;

We praise you for the world you have created in all its diversity and color.

We praise you for each person of the human family—unique and yet made in your image.

We praise you for the glimpses we have of you here on earth and for the vision of your eternal realm which you are continually revealing to us.

Jesus, Savior of the world;

We praise you for emptying yourself of all but love.

We praise you for calling such a variety of people to be your disciples.

We praise you for enabling us to see the face of God in our neighbor.

Holy Spirit, who comforts and unsettles us;

We praise you for the deep sense of unity we feel with our sisters and brothers in Christ across the world.

We praise you for inspiring renewal among your people.

We praise you for the strength you give us to achieve the vision and complete what you have begun in us.

+OPENING HYMN "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above" No. 709

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, One in love and unity: You raised the people called Methodists as a family to seek the way of holiness and to look upon the whole world as your parish. Grant that we, in communion with one another, may come to know and achieve the vision of your perfect love and draw people to you, to whom we offer all praise and thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.*

ANTHEM Children's Choir

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 1 Corinthians 10:31 Reader: Carrie Sinclair
So, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

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 Exploring our Methodist Roots: The Drive Toward Holiness
Pastor John McBride

+HYMN "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 129

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 "Blessed Assurance" Fanny Crosby
Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" No. 173

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace I Leave With You" Timothy Shue
Chancel Choir
Peace I leave with you, Peace I give to you.
Peace unlike the world's peace I give,
Give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
And be not afraid.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Prelude in F" J. S. Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's arrangement is provided by Barb Qualey in appreciation for our church's support for The Gathering by hosting the program twice a month for the past 10 years. The Gathering is a program that provides a day of stimulating activities for people experiencing memory loss, and provides five hours of respite for their caregivers.

The single rose on the altar is in memory of Barb Klein to honor her on her birthday which was October 10.

Weekly calendar at WBLUMC

Sunday, Oct. 14—Jazz Sunday at 10:45 am

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

Monday, Oct. 15

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
6:30-8pm—“Revival” study, room 200
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands Knitting/Crochet, Library

Tuesday, Oct. 16

10:30-12:00pm—Staff Meeting, room 206
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, Library
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6-8pm—Board of Directors meeting, room 206
6:15pm—Stewardship meeting, room 200

Wednesday, Oct. 17

MEA-NO Kids or Youth Events

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team in Prayer room
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Oct. 18

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10:30am—“Created for Happiness” study, room 206
6:30-8pm—“Making Sense of the Bible” study, room 200
7-8:30pm—“A Way Forward” Informational session.

Friday, Oct. 19—Church Office closed

Saturday, Oct. 20

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

Sunday, Oct. 21

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10:15-11:30am—“A Way Forward” informational
Session, room 200
10:45-11am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery
11:30-1:30pm—New Member Class, room 200
2:00-6:00pm—“Breads for Entertaining” Class
F. Hall/Kitchen

Lydia Project donation bin

Knitters, if you’ve been busy making purple scarves for the 2020 UMC General Conference in Minneapolis, we have a place for you to put them! Please drop them off in the marked plastic bin in the closet next to the church office. Thank you.

Welcome

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 **1pm 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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Coming next: Exploring our Methodist Roots



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Oct. 14: John Wesley — The Drive Toward Holiness

Examine Wesley’s background and the methods he and his followers explored toward holiness.

Oct. 21: John Wesley — The Catholic Spirit

Explore some of Wesley’s life and how he sought and found a middle ground theologically:

Willing to change his position when he saw that his first position may be in error.

Will feature musicians from St. Gerard’s Catholic Church.

Oct. 28: John Wesley — Salvation and New Life

Explore Wesley’s understanding of grace and salvation as something in this life as well as the afterlife.

Breads for entertaining class

Bread Class with master bakers Bryce Johnson and Ross Safford on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, from 2-6pm. We’ll make crisp flatbread, bread sticks and pizza dough. Participants will take home some of each. Cost: \$40 per person. Limited to 14 people; register by Oct. 18 and pay at wblumc.org/events under event registration, or sign up in the narthex. Contact: Glenn Oliphant, golipha@gmail.com.

History Center tour deadline today

An outing for all ages

You're invited to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul from 1-4pm on **Sunday, Oct. 28**. We'll have access buttons and maps that ensure hassle-free admission with no waiting, plus an overview of the building and a guided tour of the "1968" exhibit, followed by unlimited self-guided museum exploration. **Deadline to reserve your spot is Sunday, Oct. 14:** Sign up in the narthex — we have 30 spots! Cost is \$10/person (ages 5 and up); email lori.mcbride@wblumc.org with questions.

Coming up soon

What is A Way Forward all about in the UMC?

Plan to attend one of the information sessions at our church to learn more. Please join us on one of these dates: **Thursday, Oct. 18**, at 7pm; **Sunday, Oct. 21**, at 10:10am; **Monday, Oct. 22**, at 7pm; and **Sunday, Oct. 28**, at 10:10am. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex beginning today. Contact Sheila Bennett with questions at sheila.bennett2@comcast.net.

New member class

Are you interested in joining WBLUMC? Come to a class with the pastors on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, from 11:30am-1:30pm in room 200. Lunch will be provided. To sign up for the class, either indicate it on the connection card or email Carol Effertz at doncarol@q.com.

October book club selection

October's book selection for church book club is *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of "What's My Line" TV Star and Media Icon Dorothy Kilgallen*, by Mark Shaw. Our next meeting will be at 7pm on **Monday, Oct. 22**.

Resources for older adults

Would you like more information on resources with issues such as senior housing, Medicare, home care, housekeeping help, long-term care, health-problem support groups, or caregiver support? The Congregational Care Team has prepared a packet on the many resources available in our state and local communities. Pick up a copy at the church office in the CCT mailbox.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION. There will be a **Church Charge Conference** on Sunday Nov. 4 at 10:05am in Room 200 for the purpose of setting pastoral compensations for 2019.

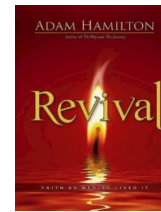
Not winter yet! Time for our Welcome Urns

Although we hate to imagine the flutter of white snow, it's time to consider sponsoring the welcome urns that greet us outdoors for a new season. The pots are almost ready for that evergreen that catches our eye against the white all winter long. Urns may be sponsored anonymously or by name in honor or in memory of an organization, person or family. Pick up a request form from the bulletin board outside the office; donations may be given to the office or given during our offering with an Adopt-A-Pot notation. Our appreciation for the welcome of a flower and the welcome in a green bough that symbolizes forever. Questions? Contact Julie Jacot at ljjacot@q.com

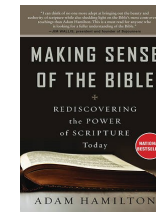


Fall Adult Faith Studies

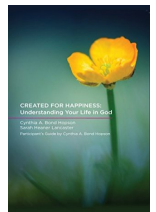
Classes have begun but it's not too late to start reading and join one or more groups.



Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It
by Adam Hamilton
Leader: Pastor John McBride
6:30-8 pm Mondays
Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29
in room 200



Making Sense of the Bible
by Adam Hamilton
Leader: Pastor Bill Eaves
6:30-7:45pm Thursdays
Oct. 11, 18; Nov. 1, 8
in room 200



Created for Happiness
by Cynthia Bond Hopson
and Sarah Heaner Lancaster
Leaders: Tammey Busch
& Judy Slomkowski
10:30-11:30am Thursdays
Oct. 4-Nov. 8
in room 206

The Gathering memory care respite Q&A sessions

Learn more about Lyngblomsten, the Gathering and in-home respite programs by attending a Respite Q&A Session with Lyngblomsten staff. The sessions, which are free and open to anyone, will include an overview of respite and volunteer opportunities through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten, a chance to observe The Gathering in action, and a time to ask questions. The next Q&A sessions will be 10-11:30am **Tuesday, Oct. 23**, at Salem Lutheran Church in West St. Paul or **Tuesday, Nov. 13**, at Centennial UMC in Roseville. To register or to get more information, contact Lyngblomsten Volunteer Services at 651-632-5406 or volunteer@lyngblomsten.org. You may also visit the website at lyngblomsten.org/individualvolunteer.