

WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

**WINTER 2020** 

# The Wise Men

# Leading the way into a meaningful new year

In many ways, I view the journey into the new year a little like falling off a cliff. The schedules and rhythms that tether me to my "normal" life throughout the year were thrown out the window weeks ago to celebrate the coming of the baby who will be called "God with us."

It doesn't always feel like God is with us after the exhaustion of the holidays. Some years I wonder if I got so busy celebrating that I completely forgot to notice that God is here, present in my daily life.

January is the perfect time to re-center ourselves on the truth that God IS with us. One of the best ways to do that is to frame up the coming days with a few questions that can lead into some spiritual practices for the new year.

For these practices, I look to the wise men (and women) who journeyed to the newborn baby in the manger weeks after he was born. These gifts are rich with symbolism and they hold treasures for us this new year.

**First, the gift of Gold.** Gold was a metal that was often given to honor royalty. This unlikely king would surprise the entire world with his unconventional living and his unconventional dying.

So the first question you are invited to ponder this new year is, "What does this king who has now arrived have to say to me?" The way Jesus lives in the world, becomes the pattern for our lives, too. Jesus gives us tangible examples of how to live as people of love, justice, and hope for a world in need. The first spiritual practice you are invited to consider is daily scripture reading. Knowing scripture helps us know God and ourselves. Find an app (I like the Youversion Bible App) that will send you daily scripture reading to make reading the Bible as accessible as reading the daily news.

**Frankincense was the second gift brought to Jesus.** Frankincense was typically used in religious rituals and invites us to ask what rituals we want to add to our lives for the new year. When done regularly, activities like journaling, meditation, prayer practices, and giving become rituals



in our lives that feed our hearts, minds, and souls. Think about how to add one of these things to your life in a consistent way.

The third and strangest gift Jesus received is Myrrh. Myrrh was traditionally used at funerals to prepare a body for burial. (Kind of a grim gift to give a baby.) But this gift is a reminder that life is short. As you enter this new year spend time pondering how you want to spend the time you have, recognizing that your own life is short. How do you enter into your days in a way that helps you discern who you are and helps you seek God?

This new year holds gifts from God that are waiting to be unwrapped. Adding spiritual practices to your life this January is sure to be the gift that helps you fully embrace the God given gifts that await you. Happy New Year.

# Summer Camp!

Summer 2020 will mark the 10th Anniversary of Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp. As we celebrate, we think of all the incredible staff who have made the camp experience so life changing for our youth. Our alumni are some of the most genuine, loving, & talented people you will ever meet and are now spread around the country, well into their careers & adult lives.

As we keep in touch, it's very heartwarming to hear how formative their camp experience has been in their lives & how it prepped them for their own careers—more than they could ever have imagined.

As summer approaches, we will be sharing testimonials from our staff alumni as they answer the question: "What has Summer Camp meant in your life?"

Our first devotion comes from Ms. Britta Nyberg, who was both a camper and a

#### **CAMP SESSIONS 2020**

**Middle School 1** June 6-11 June 13-19 **High School 1** June 20-25 Middle School 2 June 26-July 2 **High School 2 July 6-9** Children's 1 July 11-16 **Middle School 3 High School 3** July 18-24 Children's 2 **July 26-29** July 31-August 2 **Church Camp** 



#### counselor at camp.

Summer camp is hard to describe... It is truly a unique place, which you need to experience to be able to fully feel its magic... It's an oasis where you can be your unapologetic self— a safe place, free of judgement and full of love, a place to explore your own ideas, discover your beliefs, and learn from the stories of others. I think something that campers might not realize is that counselors learn a lot from them, too—probably more than they learn from us in some instances.

Summer camp brings people together in harmony and love. I loved watching that moment on a child's face when they finally "got it" — when they realized that this place is unlike anything else in the world — a place where barriers are broken down and where we can experience God's untional love.

WCC Summer Camp had a big impact on my life... more than I ever expected it

would! It set my life in motion...
My best friends to this day are
those who were at camp with
me. I was a counselor with Chris
Paulson, mentoring and celebrating these young people on this
incredible ride that is summer





## FOR THE MOMENT

REV. DR. JOHN ROSS SENIOR MINISTER

### "Show Up and Shut Up"

hese five words comprised the totality of my first seminary assignment on Pastoral Care. Needless to say, my professor returned my paper with a single word clearly printed in all capital letters: INCOMPLETE. In so far as I was a graduate student working toward a Master's of Divinity degree, she was correct. Over my years as a pastor serving in a mission field of pain, I was correct.

The assignment, as I recall it these 28 years later, was to compose a personal thesis on how to appropriately provide pastoral care to those in the immediate shadow of a terminal diagnosis— no more than 5 pages, double-spaced. She didn't mandate a minimum length, but it was implied. The difference between us remains: her job was to "teach"... my job is to "do."

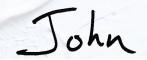
These five words, as incomplete as they were to her, still guide my initial response to those who receive devastating news in any form. Just this past week I prayed in the hallway at church, held hands in a living room, and fought back tears on a telephone call—the common denominator among those I served was terminal cancer.

Knowing that you all face similar moments of unspeakable pain with friends and family, I offer these same five words of advice: Show up and shut up. Show up at the door of a loved one in pain... and stay only long enough for them to know you care—sincerely. Whether they invite you in, or stand like a guard in the doorway, do everyone a favor: say as little as possible—your tears will say more than your words ever could.

Speaking of showing up, the best way is with empty hands so that a hug is possible. However, if you must show up with a book intended to help them in their suffering, let me recommend one: a blank journal with lined pages. Rather than fill their minds with the words of others, give them a way to pen their own words, share their own thoughts, and frame their own experiences.

For the moment, ask yourself one question: Who needs me today? Now that you have a name and a face in your mind, go to them without the need to HAVE an answer to their pain... but instead, BE an answer in the midst of their pain. Show up... and shut up. Trust that God will do the rest.

Happy New Year,



# worship



### **January Sermon Series**

Reset: When Everything Changes... Including Us

As we reset the calendar for a new year, we will reflect on times when life becomes a RESET. We have all experienced moments when life changed in expected and unexpected ways: from new births to big birthdays... from changes of address to changes in career... from family traditions to family tragedies. In these moments, what is often called for is a RESET. Reflecting on the life and times of Biblical characters, each member of our clergy team will share personal stories of RESET and the lessons learned.





Honoring Rev. Lindy Purdy

From my earliest encounters with Lindy, I was struck by her unending capacity to care and her deep desire for us to be a caring community. Lindy walks her talk. She has been a calming presence, available and accessible to all of us for over 15 years. Whether by the side of a hospital bed or around a table as family plans the funeral of a loved one, at premarital counseling classes, Faith Bible Study or teaching 4th graders and their parents in a Milestone class, Lindy has lived the call to love and care for this congregation and the community beyond our doors. Her door was always open. She came when we called and sometimes more importantly, when we didn't. She listened. She honored our stories. She celebrated with us in our joys and stood ready to walk beside us in our darkest nights.

Care is a way of living. It is a response to the call of Jesus to care for his sheep. Lindy dreamed big dreams. On many an occasion she shared with me her dream that all in our congregation would be trained and equipped in the ministry of care. Just this past summer she spent time with our Camp Staff teaching tools for effective listening as part of our pre-Camp staff training. Anyone fortunate enough to participate in one of Lindy's Called to Care classes knows first hand the passion and willingness with which Lindy shares her gifts so the ministry of caring can be expanded.



## Caring Community Fund

The 2019 Christmas special offering was designated to the Caring Community Fund. This fund celebrates the ministry of Rev. Lindy Purdy by advancing and expanding our pastoral care ministries— within the church, and beyond, toward building a Caring Community Model that equips both clergy and laity for the care of the congregation and surrounding community.

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I am thankful beyond words for Lindy's legacy. The launching of our Caring Community ministry model would not be possible without her tireless efforts to dream big dreams for Wayzata Community Church. Our expressions of gratitude for her ministry are as unique as each one of us. To be present, really listening to another. To call on someone you have not seen in church lately. To offer a ride, send a note, commit to praying. These are Lindy's legacy in action. May it be so.

-KRIS SANFORD



# A Ride to Remember

A Reflection on the Ministry of Lindy Purdy

The clergy leaders of the church were gathered for an introductory dinner—I was being introduced to them as the Senior Minister-Elect. A Search Committee member had dropped me off, so after the meal was finished and our conversations had come to a close, it was time to decide who would drive me back to my hotel. Lindy immediately volunteered.

I will never forget what happened over the next hour as I got my first experience of the enthusiasm, empathy, and dedication of the Rev. Lindy Purdy. It was a ride to remember.

As we made our way out to her little red car, she suggested that we take a little ride— a tour of Lake Minnetonka. What I didn't know at the time was that the hotel was just a short drive away as the crow flies—but Lindy offered a route "around the lake" that might take as much as an hour. As we circumnavigated Lake Minnetonka, Lindy spoke with pure enthusiasm about life on the lake: the neighborhoods and towns, the seasons and schools, the history and hallmarks. At one point near the Lafayette Club, Lindy pulled over and said, "Right here, we're in the middle of the lake." Her enthusiasm was, and is contagious. It was a ride to remember.

Along the way, however, Lindy didn't only speak about Lake Minnetonka, she took a genuine interest in me and how I was feeling in the

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search process. She was remarkably insightful and perceptive. Her questions were disarming and sensitive, yet they got to the heart of many issues. Her empathy was compelling to me and I saw in her a glimpse of the pastoral presence I would respect and enjoy for the next 15 years. It was a ride to remember.

The entire "tour" was a sign to me of Lindy's remarkable dedication to ministry. She embodies the Gospel mandate to go the "Extra-Mile" and in that moment she did so, both literally and spiritually. From that night until this very day, I've been witness to her remarkable ministry, dedicated to pastoral caregiving to any and all in moments of need. It is this dedication that has created a legacy that will continue to change lives for the better. It was a ride to remember.

Having just completed her seminary training, Lindy first came to WCC as an Interim Middle School Director! She was ready to serve in any way her church needed her. That ready willingness never wavered, and a few years later it found it's best and purest expression when we asked her to lead our Pastoral Care Ministry. In that capacity, she has taken countless people for rides to remember. As long as I live I'll never forget my first ride with Lindy... and I look forward to many more as she shifts gears into her role as Minister Emerita.

Thanks for the ride, Lindy!

-REV. DR JOHN ROSS



We would love to hear from you when you have a new baby or grandbaby, so we can share the good news with your church family.

#### **BAPTISMS**

- Shea Parrish Johnston, daughter of Scott & Andrea Johnston, granddaughter of Paul & Kathy Parrish
- Bennett Oliver Seul, son of Patrick & Meredith Seul; grandson of Dave & Barb Wine
- Madelyn Anne Marty, daughter of Ryan & Ellen Marty, granddaughter of Ted & Mary Victor
- Emery Edward Sherman, son of Scott & Sarah Sherman, grandson of Ward & Kris Brehm
- Piper Jane Holden, daughter of Nick & Kathryn Holden
- · Thomas Andrew Flaten, son of Brent & Christina Flaten

- Friends and family of Janet McCutcheon, wife of former minister, Rev. Jim McCutcheon, on November 18, 2019.
- Nan Woodburn and family on the death of her sister,
   Sue Clark, on November 18, 2019.
- John Hallberg and family on the death of his mother, Gerry Hallberg, on November 25, 2019.
- Friends and family on the death of Bill Quick, on November 28, 2019.
- Friends and family of Jean Anderson, former Assistant Director of WCCNS, on December 3, 2019.
- Jen Hawley and family on the death of her mother, Barb Varland, on December 8, 2019.
- Friends and family on the death of Nancy Erickson, on December 18, 2019.

#### CARES

If we can be helpful before or during your hospital stay, please call our Pastoral staff at the church, 952-473-8877.

#### **DEATHS**

- Dolores Urban and family on the death of her father,
   Norbert Krygier, on September 22, 2019.
- Fred Meyer and family on the death of his sister, Marian "Sandy" Bodkin, on September 23, 2019.
- Rachel Kreger and family on the death of her grandmother, Norma Hickey, on October 7, 2019.
- Friends and family of our long-time member, Laura Miles, on October 9, 2019.
- Kristi Michaelson and family on the death of her mother, Patricia Michaelson, on October 20, 2019.
- Tereasa Nies and her family on the death of her mother, Eleanor Brambrink, on Occtober 22, 2019.
- Dolly Weast and family on the death of her husband, Bill Weast, on October 24, 2019.
- Truck Morrison, Sr. and family on the death of his sister, Anna "Nan" Bull, on October 25, 2019.
- Friends and family of Estelle King, wife of former minister Rev. Harold King, on November 7, 2019.

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## **AEGIS AWARD**

# PARKER HODGES and JOSH SMITH

For many of us, building a website or analyzing internet traffic patterns is well beyond our grasp. Fortunately, we have not one, but two, experts in our congregation who have donated countless hours serving the church in the ever growing and increasingly important digital space. We would not be where we are today without their contributions.

Parker Hodges, a member since 2000, worked on the last iteration of our website in 2015 and helped the communication staff nurture it along for 4+ years. It stayed relevant for quite a while until we knew we needed something that was designed especially with mobile users and new visitors in mind. We came to this conclusion in large part because that was Parker's recommendation after years of studying our analytics.

Parker also helped ramp up our email capability so we could deliver electronic content more easily. He

was instrumental in developing an app that was tied to our old website, and included getting us our first Apple iTunes connection, which took countless hours. This app helped our understanding of using blogs that transfer easily to web content, which is at the foundation of our new website.



Josh Smith (left) and Parker Hodges (right) received the Aegis Award at the November 2019 Church Council meeting.

Josh Smith, a new member in 2018, jumped right in. He, like Parker, has tremendous gifts with technology and is very generous in sharing those gifts. He worked countless hours alongside Rustin Comer designing, developing and coding our new website, utilizing best practices and data analytics. We would often find them in Rustin's office for hours designing a website with the best balance for visitors and members alike, utilizing a clean, updated look with lots of images and video.

Our new website was in development for over 9 months with well over 500 hours spent coding, designing, troubleshooting and analyzing the new site. Both Parker and Josh were instrumental in this process.

In addition, they always make themselves available to staff for questions and brainstorming, which is much appreciated as we learn new platforms.

We know that 90+ percent of all people looking for a church first explore and attend that community online. Most people's first impression of our community now happens long before they ever step foot into the church. Understanding this dramatic transition within culture is what led to the rebuilding of our website to create a new digital foyer for WCC.

A heartfelt thanks to both Josh and Parker for all they have done to so beautifully and wisely create a dynamic space that will undoubtedly further our mission to inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADER

# GRANDPA BOB

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He's really funny! He explains things well (...and briefly). He tells 'pretty good' jokes. He has good stories. He's nice and really smart—WISE, actually. He gives good advice.



Henry, Collin, and Owen, three boys in the WCC 6th grade boys group were describing their adult leader, Bob Marlin.

Bob is a grandpa, who enjoyed teaching Sunday School years ago and decided to try it again. He had a great experience and great friends when he was in Middle School and was anxious to share with these boys some of the "Biblical truths that I believe from the bottom of my heart".

After growing up in southern Minnesota and graduating from the University of Minnesota, Bob left for New York where he worked for Hormel. He met a girl from Boston and eventually learned to think with his heart and not just his head—so asked her to marry him. That was 50 years ago.

They decided to return to Minnesota to raise their three daughters and now have seven grandchildren all right here in the Wayzata/Plymouth area, some in our WCC Middle School program.

Since Bob is retired now, after years



in sales, recruiting, and working for Sun Country Airlines, he does "whatever I want, whenever I want... with the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit."

His promise to the parents of the Middle Schoolers is just this, "I will love and take care of your children as if they were my own."

Above: Bob Marlin with some of the Middle Schools boys in his Wednesday night Middle School small group.

Bob's favorite food is pizza— hot or cold! His favorite color is blue. His favorite Disney movie is Peter Pan. His favorite place to travel is New York City. His hobbies include tennis, golf, reading, coin collecting, and cheering for his grandkids at sports events!



#### BY AUTUMN TOUSSAINT

What's your story? What impact did the Community around you have on your journey? These are questions asked, and answered in the beautiful tale of a father and a son called "Big Fish."

The answers? Edward Bloom was shaped by the people he met along that fantastical road called "life". He was drawn to those who were "different" and sometimes ostracized by society, yet Edward saw them not only as equals, but as trusted confidents and best friends. They shaped not only who he was, but who the generations after him would become, and how they would live their lives.

As a travelling salesman, Edward is on the road more than he is at home. At the completion of each trip he tells his son, Will, the stories of the amazing people he has met. These stories are based on fact, but are told in such a colorful way that as Will grows older, he sees them as fiction. When Edward's health declines, and Will learns that he and his wife, Josephine, will have a son of their own, Will decides to find out his father's "true" life story, once and for all.

Big Fish is a heartfelt, powerful, and truly magical musical about a parent, a child, best friends, community, and the stories that we use to define our identities. Producing this show within a community theater that "lives" within a church makes for a beautiful opportunity. Wayzata Community Church exists to provide community (our middle name) to anyone and everyone who walks through our doors. Yet, we as members of both this church and the broader Church (with a capital C) strive to live our Christianity out loud beyond our doors by serving, lifting up, and loving EVERYONE, just as Jesus did. Out there on the road

of life we are representatives of the inclusive love that we preach inside our doors. Edward didn't "preach" the Gospel along his journey, but he befriended those that others would not, and he defended those that others cast aside. Sounds like Matthew 12:31 to me—love your neighbor as yourself.

This is the 20th Anniversary of Good Works Community Theater, and I cannot think of a more beautiful way to celebrate than with this particular story. This family-friendly production is a musical that will touch the heart, speak to the soul, and bring a laugh and a tear to everyone. You see, our world tells us one story. We're born, a collision of molecules, a random sampling of DNA. We grow up, get jobs, have families. Then we die. End of story. Not very exciting, is it? But the Bible tells us a different story, about a God who chose us, formed us, breathed us into creation, nurtured us in childhood, called us to do good works, showed us how to love others, led us down roads that we never saw coming (and never thought possible), and promised us that death is not the end of us.

Now, if I had to choose between the world's version and God's version, I think I'd choose God's version, even if I can't prove that it's true. But that's just me. How about you?

#### **BIG FISH SHOW DATES**

- Wednesday, March 18: 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19: 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 20: 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21: 2:00 p.m. matinee (Child and special needs friendly show)
- Saturday, March 21: 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 22: 2:00 p.m. matinee

# WCC Endowment:





Iton Trueblood once said, "A person has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit." A healthy endowment can help ensure that the work and mission of Wayzata Community Church will be faithfully advanced for generations to come. Endowment giving encourages members to leave a legacy by responding thankfully to God for our abundant blessings, by giving a legacy gift that will benefit others long after it was given and then experiencing the joy that comes through sharing.

Over the past 50 years, many efforts have been made to build an endowment to help fund the ministries of Wayzata Community Church. Below is a summary of some of the significant endowment milestones over the years (the past), changes currently being made to our endowment efforts (the present), and our goals going forward (the future).

#### Past: Endowment Milestones Over The Past 50 Years

**1968 - WCC ENDOWMENT:** A group of forward-looking members began efforts to build an endowment. Over the next 20 years, \$140,000 was raised.

1988 - WYMAN GIFTS: Jim and Betsy Wyman started giving to the WCC endowment annually, with the desire to build an endowed amount that would generate enough income annually to continue their annual pledge in perpetuity. By 2010 the endowed value from their gifts had grown to \$300,000.

**1996 - JAMES HUMPHREY FOUNDATION:** WCC was named as a beneficiary of a trust from the Wyman's grandparents. WCC's beneficial interest in the trust was valued at \$1.5 million in 1996.

**2005 - HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** A group of dedicated members began a planned giving effort, forming the WCC Heritage Foundation. Over 70 people became members of the Heritage Foundation, signifying that their estate plans include a gift to either WCC or the WCC endowment. The Heritage Foundation's work continues and has since been renamed the Legacy Society.

2015 - PRESERVATION GOAL: During the Raise the Roof capital campaign, feedback was received from members that WCC needed to build an endowment to help fund needed building maintenance efforts on an annual basis. A 2015 Church Council resolution set a goal of building an endowment that could distribute \$1 per square foot of our building (approximately \$135,000) per year for this effort. At a 4.5% distribution rate, this would require a \$3 million endowment.

# Past, Present, Future

We are happy to report that the WCC endowment is now at a record high of \$2.7 million, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated members over the years! We still have much work to do, and are working to reach our short-term goal of \$3 million to help fund needed building preservation efforts into the future. We would appreciate any support you may be able to provide, either with an immediate gift to the endowment and/or with a planned/estate gift.

If you would like to discuss the endowment, contribute to the endowment fund or to get more information about including WCC in your estate plans, please contact Jeff Page at 612-812-0511, jeff.page@comcast.net or Laura Janckila at 952-473-8877, ext. 215, ljanckila@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

## Present: Changes to the Endowment

Over the past two years, a renewed effort has been made to restructure and grow our endowment. Three changes were made to facilitate this.

NEW LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND: The new Legacy Endowment Fund was created and assets from all the previous efforts were combined into the new fund, with a total endowment value of \$2.2 million as of 12/31/2018.

NEW ENDOWMENT POLICY: A new endowment policy was approved by the Church Council with the goal of having investment returns help the endowment grow over time. As is common with many endowments, the endowment will now distribute a fixed rate of 4.5% per year, and with average market returns being 7%, the endowment will grow over time as it retains investment returns. Annual distributions from the first \$3 million will be used to fund the preservation goal stated in 2015.

NEW SEGREGATED ACCOUNT: All endowment funds have been placed in a separate endowment account at Vanguard. This will help facilitate the new policy, as investment returns help the endowment grow. Investments will continue to be managed by the WCC Investment Committee.

#### **Future: Endowment Goals**

**SHORT TERM GOAL:** In 2019, efforts were undertaken to close the gap between the \$2.2 million balance and the \$3 million preservation goal that had been established by the Church Council. Thanks to (1) generous donations from members, (2) new estate gifts and (3) investment income, the endowment grew to a record high of \$2.7 million in 2019! Efforts will continue in 2020 to close the gap and reach the \$3 million milestone.

LONGER TERM GOAL: A common benchmark goal for the size of an endowment is two times the organization's annual operating budget. For WCC, this would be a goal of a \$9 million endowment (twice our annual operating budget of \$4.5 million) to help fund the many ministries of Wayzata Community Church. Both direct endowment gifts and planned giving/estate gifts will be key to achieving this goal in the long run.

We are grateful to everyone who pledged in support of the ministries of Wayzata Community Church. You are truly Making it Matter in the lives of our members and beyond — sharing the inclusive love of Jesus in the world. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late! Just go to WCCpledge.org. THANK YOU!

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