

FRESHWATERS UMC
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Greetings my sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus! As we conclude Lent and experience the glorious good news of Easter, I invite you to consider the questions: how is it with my soul? Am I growing deeper in my faith? Do I hunger to know more about God, Jesus Christ and what it means to be a Christian in this present world? Has my faith grown, changed, or transformed since I first become a Christian? Do you remember when you first fell in love with Christ? Do these questions even matter?

I ponder my own faith in light of a culture that seems to be moving away from faith, where people seem to be “checking out” of the church or Christianity. Of course those who see the church or Christian message as irrelevant laud these increasing numbers as evidence of the growth of a more secular and rational culture. But let’s be honest for a moment – some people might be checking out of institutional church or Christianity, but they are not checking out of the questions of life or of faith. Every human being ponders the meaning and purpose of life – we cannot escape it; the challenge today is how we can connect people who are seeking answers to these questions with the truths that we find in Scripture. Scripture is such an excellent guide to life – just read the

Sermon Series

**April 02
Palm Sunday**
Be On Your Guard

**April 07
Good Friday**
Service at 7 pm

**April 09
Easter Sunday**
You Are My Witness

**April 16
Guest Speaker**
Linda O

April 23
For The Lost

April 30
For the Poor

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Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 9:30 AM!

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book of Proverbs where you can find extremely relevant statements that can help someone lead a successful life. What about the book of Psalms – those wonderful songs and prayers that convey joy, sadness, frustration, loneliness, fear, faith, hope, encouragement, and love in ways and words that we cannot express ourselves. What about the gospel stories of Jesus, the fullest expression of God’s love for us, and how through His inspiring actions and words brought healing to those who were hurting. When I look at the Scriptures and look at my Christian faith, I find it to be very relevant to the questions and concerns of our present day.

How do we respond to the challenge, how do we connect people to these wonderful relevant truths? We live it! We love it! The best witness we can have is a vibrant faith in our homes, in our marriages, in our families, at the dinner table, at the ball park, at the soccer game, at the restaurant, on the golf course, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, and in our churches. If it is relevant to you, important to you, valuable to you, life-transforming for you, life-enhancing for you – do you not think that will not make an impression upon those around you? You bet it will. It will make a HUGE difference! If it is relevant to you, it can become relevant to them. Pray during this Lenten season that we can encourage and help each other find ways of sharing the relevant message of God’s love to those here at Freshwaters Church and those in our communities! Yours in Christ’s love –Pastor Kevin

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Our Nation & Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Bob L	Jim L
Kay P	Karen A
Marian G	Pat S
Chuck & Mary V	Ketchel Family
	
<p>Let’s bless our Seniors who are home bound or in a long term care facility. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you're thinking of them!</p> <p>Muriel Walker, Betty Oliver, Joyce Mulder</p>	

Single Board Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2023

Present: Linda O, Gene S, Kevin F, Karen O, Scott L, Susan K, Darren W, Ryan P, Andrew H

Kevin opened the meeting in prayer.

Linda reported an added agenda item-proposal for a ‘Summer Revival’-see below.

Financial:

Susan reported income is up \$2200 Jan/Feb as compared to last year. \$500 will be remitted for Turkey/Syria UMCOR Missions Offering.

District Superintendent Meeting(attendees: Scott, Linda, Kevin, DS Fred W, Woojae I)

Scott reported that he reviewed the Freshwaters account values/balances(Edward Jones & Growth).

During the meeting Scott voiced concerns regarding availability of funds. Discussion occurred around transferring funds to a different firm. District Superintendent to discuss with Cabinet(new Bishop & Cabinet).

Additional discussion entailed having access to the principal for the purpose of buying the property next door and putting in a parking lot and maybe a new entrance. They (District Superintendents)thought it a reasonable request and will discuss.

Discussion also included if FW would access the Growth account to all Earnings, & how would FW monitor the Growth account.

Trustees report:

Andrew reported we are waiting for install of A/C in the Spring(May)

Trustees are exploring options for fixing the flooding in front of the church entrance with the City.

SPRC:

Members will assist Kevin in completing the church profile which is due by the end of March. This was last done when FW had the merger several years ago. The profile helps to understand the strengths of the Congregation, our Mission statement/how it’s used, & matching Pastors gifts to church appointments are some examples of purpose. Ryan has started filling out & will recruit other members to complete.

Summer Revival:

Myla T. proposed to the Board a collaboration between FW and Milaca UMC & other local churches to host a Summer Revival. This could be held at a local park & would include music & food. This event would help to meet the spiritual needs of people who are in need & having God come back into their lives. The Board supports this idea/ collaboration & has asked the Events/Missions & Worship Teams to help plan & coordinate. Linda will discuss with Myla & moving forward. A tentative meeting is being planned for Sat. 4/29 9:00 am. FW church.

Annual Board Retreat & Leadership meeting:

Retreat & Meeting will be:

Sat April 15, 9am-12noon (Retreat)

12-1 April Board Meeting (no 4/18meeting)

Venue: Liestman’s home-Scott will provide lunch and coffee.

Meeting was adjourned by Linda, Scott 1st, Ryan 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Oudekerk

Please note: Committee Minutes are drafted and approved by the committees and the church office does not make changes beyond formatting.

BIRTHDAYS

April 03	Tyler S	April 12	Allison M	April 19	Ruby F
April 04	Isaac J	April 14	Bob L	April 19	James F
April 07	Lynn H	April 15	Amber E	April 19	Tom S
April 07	Eva W	April 16	Sayla C	April 20	John T
April 08	Chip F	April 16	Fran H	April 23	Chuck Y
April 08	Elaine M	April 16	Richard P	April 28	Tim V
April 10	Heidi L	April 17	Jenny M	April 29	Cassidi J
April 11	Kathy H	April 18	Amanda P	April 29	Sharon S
April 12	Kim J	April 30	Ken K		



ANNIVERSARIES

April 07	Ken & Linda L	April 19	Paul & Sandy W
April 08	Brad & Tracey H	April 21	Kelly & Aaron S
April 08	Mike & Kim J	April 26	Tom & LeeAnn S
April 15	Keith & Joanne M	April 28	David & Kris H
	April 28	Mark & Nancy B	



Jingle Sunday is April 16th (3rd Sunday of the month). Bring your loose change and “jingle”! All money raised goes towards our Bags Of Blessing program providing food for kids in our Princeton and Zimmerman schools.

Thank you quilters for continuing to do your monthly drawing! To enter the drawing, simply fill out the slip in Fellowship Hall. Drawing will be held the last Sunday of the month. List of past winners is located by the drawing slips!



Hot Breakfast Sunday on April 02, it's a great Sunday to invite a friend! Hot breakfast is provided by UMW with the help of our Youth Group. See you then for worship and breakfast!

We are seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help in our efforts to feed children in Princeton and Zimmerman school districts on the free or reduced lunch program. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools in Princeton and Zimmerman. Check out the sign up sheet in the entry way for requested donation items.



Mark your calendar and join us for a fun time at our Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday April 1st from 9 am - 10 am! We will have an egg hunt, crafts, and treats.

We also need your help with the treats! If you are able to make or provide treats for the kids (bars, cookies, etc.) please let Jenna Jenson know. Thank you!



Youth Group is open to kids 6th grade and older, and is held Sunday nights from 6 pm -7pm at Pastor Kevin's house. We do Bible study, watch videos, play games, eat treats, and have lots of fun!

SPECIAL YOUTH GROUP DATES

April 02 - 8:30 AM Helping with Hot Breakfast



Freshwaters Kids Sunday School is open to kids 3 years old through 5th grade. Every Sunday we start worship together in the Sanctuary and then the kids are dismissed to Sunday School during the service.

This month our Freshwaters Kids will wrap up our Countdown To Easter. Then we will dig into Mission Possible... God's Mission for us!

April 02 - Dead and Buried, Matthew 27:27-51 and John 19:38-42

April 09 - **Easter Sunday, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

April 16 - Mission Assignment, Acts 9:1-19

April 23 - Incredible Skills, Acts 14:8-20

April 30 - New Orders, Acts 16:6-15

Freshwaters April 2023

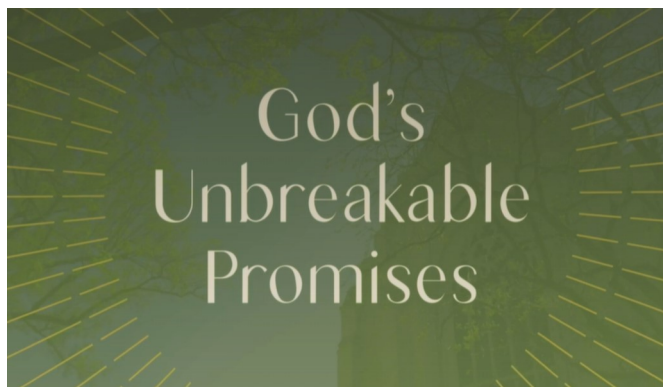
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM - 10AM Easter Eggstrava- ganza!
2 PALM SUN. - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour. - 6 PM Youth Group	3 7 PM BSA	4 9 AM Quilters	5	6	7 7 PM Good Friday Service	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY - 9:30 AM Worship	10 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	11 9 AM Quilters	12 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	13	14	15 - Church Leadership Retreat - 11 am UMW
16 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6 PM Youth Group	17 7 PM BSA	18 9 AM Quilters	19 - Newsletter Deadline - 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	20	21	22 - 9:30 AM Faith Fest Mtg. - 4:30-6:30 PM FMSC
23 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6 PM Youth Group	24 7 PM BSA	25 9 AM Quilters	26 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	27 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	28	29 Reserved For Brander's 50th Wedd. Anniversary
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**Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming LIVE at 9:30am with
Concurrent Sunday School**

MEETING

- **Trustee's** - To Be Determined
- **Leadership Retreat & Single Board Meeting**
- Saturday, April 15th
- **United Methodist Women In Faith**
- Saturday, April 15th at Church 11:00 am
- **Faith Fest Planning - DATE CHANGE**
- Saturday, April 22nd at Church 9:30 am

Join us at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Saturday, April 22nd at 4:30 pm. We only have 35 spots available, so please sign up outside Fellowship Hall. Details and FAQ with the sign up sheet.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

When: Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm
Duration: 6 Weeks, April 12 - May 17
Where: Freshwaters UMC
Cost: Free! All materials provided by Freshwaters UMC on Right Now Media

How can you trust that God is good? Through this study, featuring teaching videos from Jennie Allen, Lauren Chandler, and Jada Edwards, you will discover:

- The story of God throughout the Bible, and what it means for you now.
- That God always keeps His word, even if we don't.
- That God never fails, even when His people do. God always keeps His promises.

As our study of Mark concludes, Dick will spend four class sessions reviewing as best he can four books by Lynne McTaggart: *The Field, The Intention Experiment, The Bond, and The Power of Eight*. Deeply and widely researched, these books tie quantum physics and religion/spirituality together, sifting out of the scientific research deep spiritual truths regarding the human family. Precise dates depend on how quickly we wrap up our Mark study.



Freshwaters Church Values

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

JOHN 4 - The Woman at the Well

REAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth
John 4:24 "God is spirit, and true worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth"

EMBRACING God's written word as a guide for life
Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path"

FILLED with the Holy Spirit
Ephesians 5:18 "Be filled with the Spirit"

RESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people
1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing"

EMPOWERED to share our faith walk with everyone
Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses..."

STEWARDS of God's gifts
1 Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others"

HOSPITALITY and acceptance to all persons wherever they are in life
Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it"

SUNDAY, APRIL 02
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
9:30 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 07
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 09
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE
9:30 AM



Thank you to our volunteers and committee members!! You are acting as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, volunteering and helping your church!! Together we make our worship services a special place to be, and we couldn't do it without you!!

Coffee Hour Hosts

April 02 - UMW & YG Hot Breakfast

April 09 - **NO COFFEE HOUR**

April 16 - Carey-Houghton's

April 23 - **NEEDED**

April 30 - **NEEDED**

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Beverages are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, provide snacks, and clean up! There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall if you are able to volunteer. Please keep it simple! If you have questions, please contact Pat Talberg at 763-221-6344.

Sound Board

April 02 & April 07 - Scott L

April 09 - Isaac J

April 16 - Jim H

April 23 - Scott L

April 30 - Joel C

If you are interested in helping with the sound board on Sunday mornings, please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132.

Ushers

April 02 - **NEEDED**

April 09 - **NEEDED**

April 16 - **NEEDED**

April 23 - **NEEDED**

April 30 - **NEEDED**

Sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 763-631-1185.

Sunday School Teachers

April 02 - Ryan P & Amanda P

April 09 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

April 16 - Angela H & Jolie C

April 23 - Jenna J & Audrey P

April 30 - Karen M & Alex F

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Jenna Jenson at 763-439-2816

VOLUNTEER