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# FRESHWATERS

Real. Refreshing. Relationships.



## August 2023

**FRESHWATERS UNITED METHODIST**  
**www.freshwatersumc.org**

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

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Creetings and blessings dear friends and readers of the Freshwater Current, I pray that your summer has been restful with friends and family.

As I write this article – it is mid July and I already saw Back to School sales happening in the local Walmart. It is hard for me to believe – it seemed like it was just a moment ago Daniel was out for Summer vacation, and how we are moving quickly back to the beginning of a new school year. Tempus fugit – time flies! God tells us to enjoy each and every day and I would think that He would tell us to slow down – take in the gifts of a gentle breeze, the sound of a chirping bird, the sounds of waves against a boat, children playing in the distance and the like. Put down the phone, turn off the TV or the computer and just rest in the embrace of God's grace, mercy and love.

As many of you know, my family and I will be travelling to Hungary to visit friends and family that we have not seen since 2019, pre-pandemic. I am looking forward to seeing the completed Methodist Church in Miskolc. This new church building has been a dream for this congregation for over 30 or 40 years! Now it is done and people are praising God within its walls! Persistence, resolve, vision, prayer, trusting in God's provision, and out than comes the fruit of blessing. I pray that

### **Sermon Series**

**August 06**  
Guest Speaker  
Bill Radil

**August 13**  
Guest Speaker  
Linda Olson

**August 20**  
Hymn Sing

**Tell Me The Stories**

**August 27**  
Zacchaeus

# July 11, 2023 Board Meeting

Present: Linda O, Scott L, Andrew H, Karen O, Darren W, Ryan P

Absent: Kevin F, Gene S, Susan K

1. Agenda was approved
2. Minutes from 6/13/23 were approved electronically
3. Linda led the group in Scripture & Prayer
4. Financial Reports-
  - A. The group reviewed our Financials & Susan reported that we are doing better than this time last year, however we are still operating in a deficit.
  - B. A \$2000 rebate was received from the Princeton Public Utilities for installation of the new HVAC system. This rebate was placed into the Trustee account.
5. Trustee Report-
  - A. Andrew reported that he is working with Jim Hennessy on installation of a monitor in the back of the sanctuary-slating this for September.
  - B. Insurance-church insurance is increasing this year along with increasing the deductible. Another quote is being obtained for due diligence, however it is understood Insurance is increasing across the board.
  - C. Nursery-a TV with a Firestick will be added to the Nursery so Parents can still view/hear the church service.
  - D. YouTube-Jim Hennessy & Joel Carver are looking into/working on implementing broadcasting our Service via YouTube.
  - E. Update on City Parking Lot potential sale-it was shared that a decision was made that whoever buys the parking lot has to keep it a parking lot. Who is purchasing the lot is yet to be determined.
  - F. Gerth property availability-Scott reported that he & Roger Leider touched base & Mr. Gerth is ready to move forward in selling his property. Negotiations continue with Mr. Gerth & Scott has forwarded the particulars of what was discussed to the Board electronically. Further, Kevin has detailed what steps are necessary when making these types of decisions/purchases, according to the Book of Discipline.
6. SPRC-Ryan had no news to report.
7. Church Directory-Linda reported that all pictures have been taken & they are targeting Fall for completion of the directory. Linda & Scott contacted members who didn't have a picture & inquired if they wanted to be in the directory and current status of membership.
8. Copier contract renewal and overage-Linda has a meeting on 7/14 with Marco (copier company), Kevin, & Jenna. Our contract is terming & unknowingly we are over on the amount of color copies made. Linda & Andrew are researching copier/printer options, with Jenna's input, and what Freshwaters needs are. Andrew will review the old contract and advise Linda.
9. Next meeting 9/12/23
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Scott, Linda 1st approval, Darren 2nd approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Oudekerk


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

this congregation will be planting new seeds of faith and nurturing the growth of new disciples of Jesus!

My dear friends, Freshwaters walked through the merger, the consolidation, and the pandemic. I see the fruit of blessing because of persistence, resolve, vision, prayer, and trusting in God's provision. Of course it was not without tears, pain, sadness, and hurt – I pray that for all people those scars will heal and from that God will bring forth the good. At Freshwaters I see renewed spirit of worship and community, new faces, growing children's ministry, youth group, small groups, smiles and laughter. How awesome is God's provision because of faithfulness to His call. My prayer and vision for us is that we begin to plant new seeds of faith, discipling and nurturing new persons to Christ. God has planted us for a purpose – to connect everyone with Jesus! As we approach the fall – this is your/my mission – to bring one new person to worship! We invite them to come to experience worship, we invite them to the fellowship hour or to lunch afterward, we invite them into a small group study --- if each of us would focus on just one person we would see some amazing things! Studies have shown that it is through the power of the invitation that the community of faith grows!

Start praying for that ONE PERSON, lift them to God each day for God to prepare their hearts to receive. Do not be discouraged if they say no, just keep praying for them, keep persisting. Let us be preparing and in September extend that invitation – and watch God work! May God bless you all!

<b>OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER</b>	
<b>Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering</b>	<b>Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones</b>
<b>Our Nation</b>	<b>Bernie W</b>
<b>Karen &amp; Terry A</b>	<b>Joyce M</b>
<b>Elaine M</b>	<b>Celeste H</b>
<b>Joanne V</b>	<b>Hartfiel Family</b>
	
<p><b>Let's bless our Seniors</b> 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><b>Muriel Walker, Betty Oliver, Joyce Mulder</b></p>	



## BIRTHDAYS

August 01	<b>Angela H</b>	August 08	<b>Rodger G</b>	August 16	<b>Benjamin M</b>
August 03	<b>Chester B</b>	August 09	<b>Jesse A</b>	August 19	<b>Lori V</b>
August 04	<b>Presli A</b>	August 09	<b>Jacob G</b>	August 20	<b>Audrey S</b>
August 04	<b>Larry V</b>	August 09	<b>Mike J</b>	August 21	<b>Chris D</b>
August 05	<b>Tim D</b>	August 10	<b>Brandon B</b>	August 23	<b>Rozie E</b>
August 06	<b>Mike M</b>	August 12	<b>Angela D</b>	August 27	<b>Hank F</b>
August 06	<b>Rhonda M</b>	August 12	<b>Tom M</b>	August 29	<b>Molly B</b>
August 06	<b>Kevin W</b>	August 13	<b>Char S</b>	August 29	<b>Westley L</b>
August 06	<b>Cade W</b>	August 14	<b>Paul S</b>	August 29	<b>Kaylie S</b>
August 07	<b>Cheryl P</b>	August 16	<b>Ildiko F-G</b>	August 30	<b>Evelyn H</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 03	<b>Kevin &amp; Ildiko F</b>	August 18	<b>Rich &amp; Char S</b>
August 04	<b>Jeff &amp; Heather S</b>	August 20	<b>Hank &amp; Carolyn F</b>
August 06	<b>Gary &amp; Karen M</b>	August 22	<b>Gloria &amp; Bernie W</b>
August 13	<b>Kevin &amp; Kathy W</b>	August 26	<b>Randy H &amp; Linda A</b>
August 14	<b>Lori &amp; Paul V</b>	August 28	<b>Bob &amp; Rosanne B</b>

*Happy Anniversary!*



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

Jingle Sunday is August 20th (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.



Pastor Kevin will be teaching World History/Western Civ at the University of Northwestern starting August 31. His schedule will be as follows – Tuesday and Thursday mornings Pastor Kevin will be at the university for office hours and then class which is at 10.30-12.10pm. Once class is over, Pastor will return to the office for the afternoon.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Thank you to those who have sent their information into the office, and thank you Jeff Sorenson for spending the time taking pictures for us! Jenna is currently working on putting everything together and will keep us posted.



Pastor Kevin and his family will be on vacation visiting family in Hungary from July 31-August 21. **Rev Kevin Schill will be on pastoral emergency call during that time – he can be reached at 651-925-6874.....** There will be guest speakers and a hymn sing while he is gone.



Youth group will start meeting again Sunday, Sept 10th, 6-7 pm at Pastor Kevin's house.... Youth Group is open to 6th grade and up, and we will have great games, lessons, building relationships in Christ!

Concurrent Sunday School will begin meeting again September 10th! Everyone will start worship together and the kids will be dismissed from worship to Sunday School. Sunday School is open for all kids 3 yrs old through 5th grade. Keep your eyes and ears open as more details will be coming soon!



# Freshwaters August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters	2 Jenna Out Of The Office	3	4	5
	Kevin Out Of The Office					
6 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour Kevin Out Of The Office	7 - 6 PM 4-H - 7 PM BSA	8 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg	9	10	11	12
13 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour Kevin Out Of The Office	14 7 PM BSA	15 9 AM Quilters	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19
20 - 9:30 AM HYMN SING - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour Kevin Out Of The Office	21 7 PM BSA	22 9 AM Quilters	23	24 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	25	26
27 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	28 7 PM BSA	29 9 AM Quilters	30 Jenna Out Of The Office	31		

**Regular Sunday Worship**  
In-Person and Streaming LIVE at 9:30 am

## FRESHWATERS

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

**R**EAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth.

Scripture Reference - John 4:24

**E**MBRACING God's written word as a guide for life.

Scripture Reference - Psalm 119:105

**F**ILLED with the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reference - Ephesians 5:18

**R**ESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people.

Scripture Reference - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

**E**MPOWERED to share our faith walk with everyone.

Scripture Reference - Acts 1:8

**S**TEWARDS of God's gifts.

Scripture Reference - 1 Peter 4:10

**H**OSPITALITY and acceptance to all persons wherever they are in life.

Scripture Reference - Hebrews 13:2



Are there any persons who are ready for confirmation? Pastor Kevin is putting out an inquiry to see if there are confirmation age persons (6th to 8th grade) who feel ready for confirmation this year. Please contact Pastor Kevin by phone at 651-414-1132 or by e-mail at revfox1738@gmail.com.



### “Jesus Within Historical Context”

Pastor Kevin will offer a historical look at the world that Jesus grew up into, that the disciples like Peter and Paul taught, and the church began to grow. We will look at the Rise of the Roman world as a precursor to the time of Jesus. The class will be after worship (10:45 am) starting on September 17th in the Elim Oasis class room. The class will be several sessions... Hope to see you there!



Faith Fest is coming!

We are busy planning this upcoming event for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds.

This is a FREE community-wide event being hosted by FUMC and are churches from Milaca, Princeton and Zimmerman. We will have free food, live music, prayers, community resources, activities for children, youth and young adults , raffles and more.....

We are also having a booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair August 9 – 13<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking volunteers to be at the booth for 3 hr shifts. You can sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAEAB29A3F8C07-mille>

Please check out our event page at: <https://fb.me/e/2IfqBpCza>



### Proposal to purchase the house next to the church from Phil Gerth

Why does the church desire to purchase this property?

History: It was the desire of the previous owners of the property that Freshwaters Church be given the first option to purchase the home. At that time, Freshwaters did not have the resources or feel it was the right time. Mr Gerth purchased the property several years ago. As you can see, the property is in disrepair. Over the years, the Freshwaters Board has seen the property as an opportunity to have our own parking lot. We have been in conversation with Mr. Gerth for some time.

Now, Mr. Gerth wants to sell the property to the church but wants to remain living in the home for 2 more years.

What are the terms of the purchase?

We would purchase the property for \$168,000 under contract for deed.

There would be an initial payment of \$68,000. Then, payments of \$20,000 for 5 years without interest, There would not be any realtor fees. Closing costs for Freshwaters Church would be approximately \$1500. Mr Gerth would remain in the home until fall 2025, paying insurance and any taxes. We would not charge him rent.

How would we pay for the purchase?

We have investment funds from which the earnings can be accessed to make the down payment.

The leadership of the church feels now is the time to purchase this property to plan for a parking lot. With this property acquisition, in the future, it may be possible to renovate the side (west) entrance to make it the main entrance for the church.

We are bringing this proposal to the congregation for comment and for discussion with the leadership. Please direct all your comments and questions to one of the board members.

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Karen Oudekerk, Secretary 612-803-4504

Ryan Purdy, SPRC Chair 707-225-7733

Darren Wesloh 763-229-6937

Gene Stockel 763-218-3723 or 763-389-1318

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



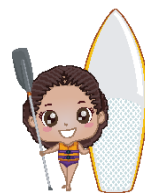
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| FLOATIE  | PICNIC                | SWIMMING  | PARK    |
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| RIVER    | ICE (as in ice cream) | READING   | SUNSET  |
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Thank you to our volunteers 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

**August 06** - Jim & Kathy H

**August 13** -

**August 20** - Bernie & Gloria W

**August 27** -

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!** Beverages are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, provide snacks, and clean up!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

### Ushers

**August 06** -

**August 13** -

**August 20** -

**August 27** -

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

### Lawn Mowing

**August 06** -

**August 13** -

**August 20** -

**August 27** -

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Tina V at 763-318-5095.

### Sound Board

**August 06** - Isaac J

**August 13** - Scott L

**August 20** - Joel C

**August 27** - Joel C

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

**VOLUNTEER**