

# AUGUST 2021

# FRESHWATERS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**In-Person & Streaming Live on Sundays at 10 AM**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying our beautiful Minnesota summer. Those days fly by so quickly it seems.

As you know, Pastor Kevin is on renewal leave, so I am sharing with you this month what is on my heart. He will be returning on August 30. In the meantime, if you have a spiritual need, please call me at 612-963-8429 or call Bethany at the office and we will contact Pastor Kevin Schill who is filling in for us during Pastor Kevin's leave.

Psalm 133 says

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity (harmony). For there the Lord commands his blessing, even life forevermore."

Unity is nurtured and developed in relationships. I have started a small group of women leaders to study and pray together this summer. Pastor Kevin has started meeting with some men leaders for the same purpose. This fall we hope to have more groups form for the purpose of spiritual growth and unity. Please consider leading or joining a small group. This is where we can tell our "God stories" and be encouraged in our faith.

Here is my recent God story:

Almost 7 years ago Gary and I were approached by a friend to make our lower level into an apartment for her sister and husband to rent. Some of you know John and Connie. We were not sure we wanted to be landlords and share our home on Blue Lake. But we took the risk and they moved in May 2015. John and Gary became very good friends - they had common interests in fishing and music. I did not know this was God making a way. After all, he is our Way Maker. Fast forward to June

## Sermon Series

**August 1**

Be of One Mind

**August 8**

Straining Toward  
What Lies Ahead

**August 15**

Standing Firm in  
Christ

**August 22**

Rejoice in the Lord  
Always

**August 29**

Grace Alone



2018. I just retired from Guardian Angels Elim Home Care and Hospice. Two days later Gary had a seizure and was diagnosed with brain cancer. During the last weeks of Gary's life in the fall of 2019, John helped me care for Gary, helping me lift him off the floor several times when he had fallen.

Now, in the last 18 months since Gary passed, I often think what a wonderful plan God put into place 6 years ago when we opened our home to Connie and John. They have given me the support I need to remain in my home. This is my God story.

What is your recent God Story? Be encouraged and share your story with others along the way.

We all need each other just like our bodies need all their parts. The eye cannot say to the toe, "I don't need you". Neither can we say to our brother or sister in Christ that we don't need them.

Here are some ways we can build unity in this body called Freshwaters.

1. Pray for Freshwaters- Its leaders and our congregation-especially those brothers and sisters you may not agree with. Ask God what is Freshwater's niche in this greater community of Zimmerman and Princeton and the surrounding area.
2. Forgive - If you have been offended by someone in the church, choose to forgive that person; and ask God for grace to do just that.
3. Walk in humility: Consider those brothers and sisters that you do not agree with better than yourself as the scripture teaches us.
4. Reach out to people that you do not know. Invite friends and neighbors to church.
5. Join a small group for bible study and prayer.

The Board is considering what worship will look like now that most of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted and people are returning to in-person worship. Please pray for us and be open to how God is directing us. I've heard it said there will be "a new normal" after what we have been through in this pandemic. What will Freshwater's new normal look like? I am excited to see what God has planned for us in the coming year!

May God richly bless you as you enjoy our beautiful Minnesota summer.

Linda Olson

Freshwaters UMC Board Chair

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you to everyone who help to make our Christmas in July a great success.



Come and Sing, Make a Joyful Noise!!

Do you like to sing? Are you looking for a way to reconnect with your Freshwaters Church family? Well, choir may be the answer. Since the pandemic hit we have not had a choir at Freshwaters UMC. Hopefully, that is about to change.

I would like to start the choir again and we will have a meeting on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat from the Fellowship Hall and meet in the room next to the office (formerly known as the choir room). You do NOT need to know how to read music to participate in choir – all you need is a willingness to sing in a group and praise God with our songs.

J.W. Bach said – "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the Glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." Well, that is our aim – to glorify God with our songs and to refresh our souls.

I haven't decided as to when practices will be or how many times we will sing each month but I am open to any suggestions. We have a lot of great choir music in our church that we will be using and a lot of great musicians that can contribute to our choir. If you play an instrument and would like to participate let me know.

Myla Tomie





FRESHWATERS FALL SCHEDULE

# Reverent and Joyful Blended Worship

STARTING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

9:30 AM Worship | 10:30 AM Fellowship

10:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages



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Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.

And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

## GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare will start on Thursday, September 16th. In light of such a need in our community, we welcome those struggling with loss to join us for a 13-week small group. Grief Share provides a safe, compassionate, confidential, and caring place to walk through grief. Freshwaters will be hosting a GRIEF SHARE group, to be led by Pastor Kevin Fox. There is no cost for the class. The group begins on September 16th from 6 PM-8 PM and continues for 13 weeks. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at 763-631-1185 or [admin@freshwatersumc.com](mailto:admin@freshwatersumc.com).

## NOTE OF THANKS

During Jim's battle with cancer, your prayers, calls and cards were so important to us. Thank you. The cards continued after his passing in May. They have been a comfort for the family. The money donated goes to land trust, protecting areas for wildlife, which was Jim's wish. Again thank you for all your kindness. We will be having a celebration of life in September at our home.

Rene Hoversten

## Day of Kindness

We have partnered again with Immanuel Lutheran to collect and distribute free school supplies during the Day of Kindness. We are collecting: notebooks, folders, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, erasers, Kleenex, backpacks, and other basic school supplies.

Princeton Day of Kindness takes place on August 7th from 10 AM—1 PM. If you have questions or want to volunteer, call or text Isaac at 763-742-4583.



**SCHOOL SUPPLY**

**DRIVE**

**DROP OFF BY AUGUST 1ST**

# **Freshwaters Single Board Minutes**

July 12, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Present were Linda Olson, Scott Leistman, Andrew Harvala, Darren Wesloh, Carla Lusche, Susan Kettlehodt, Dave Halverson and Philip Lingle.

The minutes from May 10, 2021 were previously approved via email. The agenda was approved.

Linda read a scripture lesson and prayer.

Andrew reported the exterior painting has been completed, work continues on the sound system in the sanctuary, and there will be bids out to replace some ceiling tiles and lights.

Susan gave the financial report. Income, albeit down, continues to meet expenses at this time. Income levels will not support the Youth Director position in the future once the District grant ends. The endowment and growth funds continue to increase.

Darren report that SPRC will be doing employee evaluations of all positions. This will include job performance and compensation levels.

The Board met with the Worship committee to discuss the future of Sunday services. There was much discussion on whether to go to two services in the Fall or remain at one, and if two whether to keep both blended styles or praise band and contemporary. One concern with some people is the sound level of the praise band. No decision was made at this time.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 AM Men's Prayer @ McD <b>Worship</b> <b>10 AM</b>	2 6 PM Worship 7 PM BSA	3 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Kids Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM 4-H	4 7:30 PM Student Movie Night	5	6	7
8 8:30 AM Men's Prayer @ McD <b>Worship</b> <b>10 AM</b>	9 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board/ BSA	10 9 AM Quilters	11 6 PM Youth Zoom	12	13	14
15 8:30 AM Men's Prayer @ McD <b>Worship</b> <b>10 AM</b>	16 7 PM BSA	17 9 AM Quilters	18 5:30 PM Student Worship Night	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Men's Prayer @ McD <b>Worship</b> <b>10 AM</b>	23 7 PM BSA	24 9 AM Quilters	25 6 PM Youth Zoom	26	27	28
29 8:30 AM Men's Prayer @ McD <b>Worship</b> <b>10 AM</b>	30 7 PM BSA	31 9 AM Quilters				

**Regular Sunday Worship**  
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# Freshwaters August 2021

# AUGUST MINISTRY NOTES

## BIRTHDAYS

August 01	<b>Angela H</b>
August 03	<b>Chester B</b>
August 04	<b>Presli A</b>
August 04	<b>Larry V</b>
August 05	<b>Tim D</b>
August 06	<b>Mike M</b>
August 06	<b>Rhonda M</b>
August 06	<b>Kevin W</b>
August 06	<b>Cade W</b>
August 07	<b>Cheryl P</b>
August 08	<b>Rodger G</b>
August 09	<b>Jesse A</b>
August 09	<b>Jacob G</b>
August 09	<b>Mike J</b>
August 10	<b>Brandon B</b>
August 12	<b>Angela D</b>
August 12	<b>Tom M</b>
August 13	<b>Char S</b>
August 14	<b>Paul S</b>
August 16	<b>Ildiko F</b>
August 16	<b>Benjamin M</b>
August 19	<b>Lori V</b>
August 20	<b>Audrey S</b>
August 21	<b>Chris D</b>
August 23	<b>Rozie E</b>
August 26	<b>Jim H</b>
August 27	<b>Hank F</b>
August 29	<b>Molly B</b>
August 29	<b>Kaylie S</b>
August 30	<b>Evelyn H</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

## PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

<b>Charlotte &amp; Lowell Y</b>	<b>Hans &amp; Gloria</b>
<b>Betty &amp; John O</b>	<b>Joyce M</b>
<b>Val V</b>	<b>Gabby W</b>

### The Juanita L Family

**Bob and Rosanne B** are both recovering at home after recent surgeries.

**Let's bless our Seniors** who are home bound or are unable to get out much. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you're thinking of them!

<b>Joyce Mattson</b>	<b>Muriel Walker</b>
(Gracepointe Crossing)	

## Sunday Fellowship Hosts – August 2021

**August 1st** – Needed

**August 8th** – Harvalas

**August 15th** – Hohlen

**August 22nd** – Bernie and Gloria

**August 29th** - Needed

Complete instructions are available in the kitchen, or are available from the church office, or from Myla T (651-955-3877).

### Sound Schedule

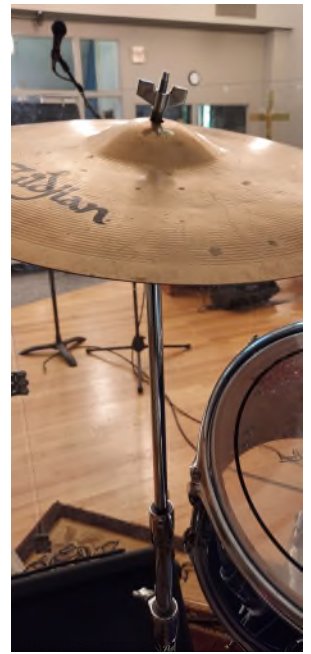
August 1 - <b>Jim Hennessy</b>
August 8 - <b>Scott Liestman</b>
August 15 - <b>Slayer Carey</b>
August 22 - <b>Isaac Jenson</b>
August 29 - <b>Isaac Jenson</b>





## SOUND AND MEDIA UPGRADES

Jim H, Joel C, And Sawyer C have been, and are continuing to, work on the sound system for in-person and online worship. We are using a decibel meter each Sunday to check the volume of worship-both music and speakers- and will continue to work on it until we get an acceptable level. We appreciate all comments from our worshipers, both in-person and online, as to how it sounds. Sometimes what we hear in person is different than what others hear online, so we need to get that to an acceptable level for both. As with all new equipment, it takes lots of trial and error, so please be patient. We are hoping to have everything up and running smoothly by our Sept 12th service. Thank you for your continued patience and feedback.



# STUDENT EVENTS

@ Freshwaters

### **Wednesday, August 4th**

7:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT

Bring a snack and a chair  
for an outdoor movie.

### **Wednesday, August 18th**

5:30 PM MUSIC NIGHT

Come ready to worship  
and sing with your  
favorite songs.

**August 11th & 25th**

Youth Zoom



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