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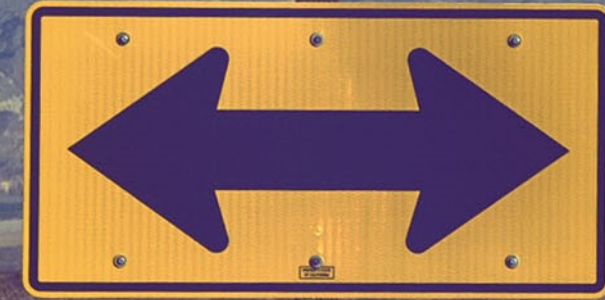
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**www.facebook.com/FreshwatersMN**

**JANUARY 2021**

# FRESHWATERS

United Methodist Church



**Streaming Live at 10 AM**

We will announce on Facebook and our website any change to our schedule.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Greeting and blessings to you my sisters and brothers! Happy and blessed New Year to you and your family!

As I sit here and write this newsletter it is still 2020, the celebration of Christ's birth is still a couple of weeks away. I am pondering the state of the world as we prepare to receive the Christ child and to welcome in a new year. I want to be honest with you the state of my heart. It is heavy. You look at social media and the news you see lots of darkness – you see people fostering hate and encouraging violence/revenge; you see increasing talk of an impending civil war; you see all kinds of pain as a result of the coronavirus; and so on. I saw a Facebook post where in St Anthony, MN people received an anonymous letter decrying people who have Christmas lights on their homes as a sign of systemic bias and prejudice! There is a lot of darkness in people's hearts right now.

Despite the darkness there are signs of hope – in the community of Brainerd there were 900 people who paid for the person behind them in the drive through at Dairy Queen. Isn't that great? Being light in the midst of dark times! My friends the call of Christmas, the call of Christ's birth, and the call to the church in the new year is to be the light. The church is at its best in times of darkness as history bears witness. As I think about our own congregational future, we need to return to what it really means to be the church. In the book of Acts we see very clearly the church in its infancy, a vision movement of the Holy Spirit ready to share the Good News of Christ with the world. What does this mean? It means that we have to get back to basics: primacy of Christ in our lives; understanding of God's Word as Truth – and not to be afraid to stand for it; the church's mission is to make disciples of all nations; to take our eternal destiny seriously; to get rid of things that causes people to stumble in their faith; to worship the Lord with all our hearts, to love our neighbor, and to love the person God created us to be.

## Sermon Series

**January 3**  
SPIRITUAL  
BLESSINGS IN  
HEAVENLY PLACES

## New Series DIVINE SIGNS

**January 10**  
START

**January 17**  
STOP

**January 24**  
GO

**January 31**  
STAY

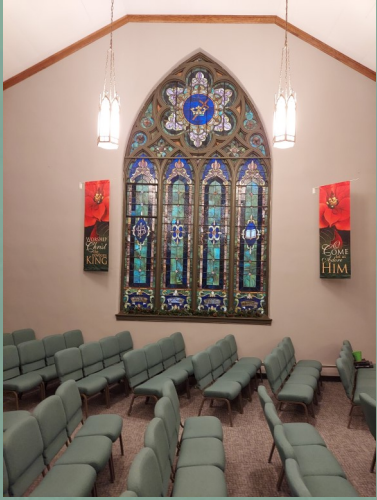
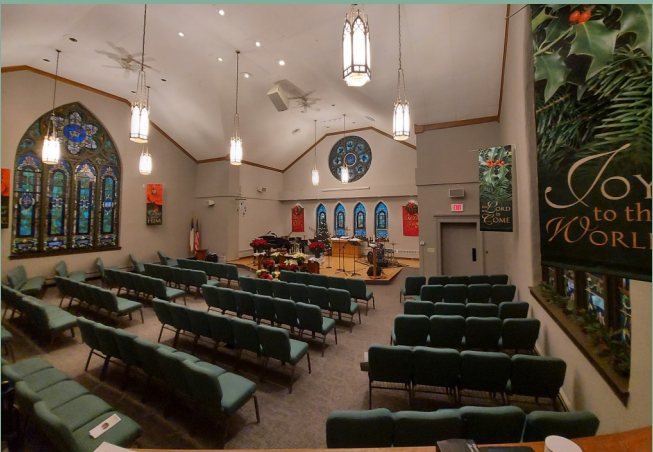


My dear friends, the call of the hour is to be the light! Take time to write a card to someone who is a front line worker, bless them in the name of our congregation; take time to read through the book of Acts and see how they did Christian community; be willing to consider joining small groups when we get them going because Covid has given us the opportunity to get to know one another in fresh new ways; look and see the good in people; stand up for what is right, just, and good; love your enemies; build up one another with encouragement; let go of superficial things.

I don't know what 2021 will bring us, but I pray that whatever the new year might be, that Christ will bring us closer together. When you bring the light together, you have brightness that banishes the darkness. May that be so, may the Lord hear our prayer! Amen  
Pastor Kevin

**Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth, we come before you in this time as we prepare to celebrate your birth and to receive a new year. We come to your manger as a very weary people, who have walked through the valley of darkness, death, and despair. We come seeking the light that guided the Kings and the shepherds to your cradle. May your love fill us with healing and newness of life and spirit. We ask for forgiveness for the hurts we have caused, we forgive for the hurts we have received. Help us Holy Spirit to be the church that your Word calls us to be, especially in a new year. We lift to you all those who have suffered loss and pain; may they know your comfort. Heal our land merciful Father. Help Freshwaters Church to be messengers and bearers of your light wherever we might be! In your name Lord Jesus we pray with humble, contrite and expectant hearts! Amen!**

# SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS



## Freshwaters Charge Conference Minutes December 15, 2020

The Charge conference was held via Zoom with the Single Board. The members of Freshwaters were given the information ahead of the meeting and instructed to give comments or questions to Board members.

Kevin Fox called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Present online were Linda Olson, Dave Halverson, Darren Wesloh, Kevin Fox, Andrew Harvala, Roger Leider and Philip Lingle. Pastor Kevin opened with a prayer.

The agenda was approved as written, and the minutes of the last board meeting had been approved electronically earlier.

The leadership list was moved to adopt by Roger and seconded by Phil as submitted. The motion passed.

The 2021 Pastoral Compensation package was presented. It was moved by Darren and seconded by Dave to accept, and passed.

The Investing in Congregations Grant was presented, with a motion by Phil and second by Dave to accept. The motion passed.

The 2021 budget was presented by Roger Leider. The budget was amended to show the Investing In Congregations Grant to be \$10,000. A motion was made by Andrew and second by Linda to adopt the budget, and it was passed.

The Boy Scouts were contacted and would like to continue using our church when the pandemic is over. They need a new church representative, and Jim Laskowski has volunteered. A motion was made by Andrew and second by Roger to continue the affiliation with the Boy Scouts. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted by Philip Lingle

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

### Prefilled Communion Cups

*We are now providing prefilled communion cups and wafers to anyone who would like to participate in at-home communion. Those interested can either stop by the office to pick some up or a Worship Committee member would be happy to deliver to your home at your convenience.*



### Pastor Kevin is on Vacation December 25th - January 7th

Sawyer Carey will preach  
on December 27  
and Linda Olson will  
preach on January 3

### The Book of Revelation BIBLE STUDY

Online Zoom Bible Study  
Wednesday evenings at 6 PM  
Meeting ID: 962 6636 2517  
Password: 1aEAYv



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January 01	Brian H
January 01	Verna J
January 01	John W
January 03	Betty A
January 05	Myra I
January 05	Scott L
January 05	Chuck V
January 06	Henry J
January 07	Shirley D
January 07	Sue M
January 07	Alex S
January 10	Darren W
January 11	Mya B
January 12	Luke N
January 12	Charlotte Y
January 15	Judy S
January 19	Ken S
January 21	Megan C
January 21	Elliott J
January 22	Dave H
January 24	Hannah J
January 24	Kathy S
January 25	Heather S
January 26	Bryan C
January 26	Karen M
January 26	Evy P
January 28	Brian H
January 28	Ken L
January 28	Lonny L
January 31	Nancy C
January 31	Carol G
January 31	Keith M
January 31	Ivy W
January 31	Shirley W

January 23      **Lowell & Charlotte Y**

## PRAYER AND MINISTRY

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

## Charlotte & Lowell Y

**Jacob K**

## Jon & Betty C

## Betty & John O

**Joyce M**

## Dale & Betty B

**Val V**

## Hans & Gloria

**Wayne P**

**Thank you to all who have made  
worship this month wonderful!**

Gloria W, Sawyer C, Myla T, Ryan P, Jim H, Dawn G, Nancy R, Tammy S, Kathy W, Ildiko F, Bethany M, Slayter C, Cori W, Owen O, Karen O, Bob L, Jeremy G, Jenna J, Hannah J, Bryan C, Sylvia C, Isaac J, Duane K, Scott L, Jeff S, Ken S,

**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!

**Muriel Walker**  
**Irene Galbrecht**  
**Ruth Hein**

**Dorothy Anderson**  
**Bernice Johnson**

**Joyce Mattson**  
(Gracepointe Crossing)

**Wayne Patten**  
(with family)

Those *unmarked* are at the Elim Home in Princeton or Milaca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday Worship 10 AM	4	5 9 AM Quilters	6	7	8 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
10 Communion Sunday Worship 10 AM	11	12 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	13 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	14	15	16
17 Sunday Worship 10 AM	18	19 9 AM Quilters	20 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	21	22	23
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## Regular Sunday Worship

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