



JUNE 2021

FRESHWATERS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In-Person & Streaming Live on Sundays at 10 AM

FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to June, welcome to summer! I pray that this newsletter article finds you all well and in good spirits! May God bless all of you and your families in amazing ways!

As I sit and write these words, it seems for the moment that the Covid restrictions have been lifted as people are vaccinated. I know there are parts of the world struggling right now with Covid, such as the people of India. We need to pray for the end of Covid and the nations of the world that are struggling. We need to pray for our nation and seek healing from Covid, the political and racial tensions of last year. There is so much hurt and pain from the individual to the family, to the town and city, to the church, and to the world itself. In the face of such pain and hurt, we feel overwhelmed. God does not expect us to take on all the world's pain, but we are called to our knees to pray. We should pray and ask God for His guidance for what we can do to make a difference. Perhaps we are to make a difference in our own family, neighborhood, school, or workplace. There is an old saying in Judaism that if you save one life you save the world or humanity. I am paraphrasing a moving scene from the movie *Schindler's List* when Oskar Schindler received a ring from the Jews that he helped save from the Holocaust. You can make a difference in the life of someone for the love and sake of Jesus Christ!

At Freshwaters, we will continue worshipping together at 10 AM, followed by a coffee fellowship hour. We have some exciting technological updates such as new screens in the sanctuary; we hope to have new technology to help with online viewing; and an improved sound system. These things are to enhance the worship experience.

Sermon Series

LISTEN UP!

June 6

Does God Speak?

June 13

God is that Really
You Talking?
(Graduation
Recognition Sunday—
Charlotte Murphy)

June 20

What if I Don't Like
What God Says?

June 27

Dangerous Prayers

Fellowship and worship are important elements as we rebuild our community and reconnect with one another. We hope to see you in worship and enjoy some refreshments afterward. God has given us a chance to come together after the pandemic and build a sense of unity as a people called Freshwaters. As you come back and you see someone you don't know – go and introduce yourself, and say, “My name is _____. I am so glad that you are here!” And indeed, we are glad that you are here —new friends and long-standing friendships; we want everyone to feel welcome. We want to rebuild this spirit of unity and identity as we look to restart various ministries in the Fall. This effort will require all of us – we need to be praying for wisdom; we need to be reaching out to invite our friends and neighbors to join us online or in-person or simply ask, “how can I help?”

All of your financial gifts have been tremendously helpful, but I would be remiss in saying that since Covid with attendance being down, so has the giving – so if you can help out in any way possible by sending in your donation through the mail, through the website, or by dropping it off in person – that would be a HUGE blessing! Thank you for all that you have done and are doing to help sustain the ministry here at Freshwaters!

Pray this daily – ***“Lord Jesus Christ break through to us, break through to our hearts that we may see with your eyes, and love with your heart our neighbors. Help Freshwaters Church Lord Jesus to have your heart which is filled, with love, overflowing. What would you have us do? Who are we called to ministry to? Where are you, and where would you have us be? Lord, we cannot do this without your wisdom and guidance! Breakthrough all that holds us back from being the church you are calling us to be! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen!”***

MEDIA UPGRADES AND VIRTUAL CAMPUS

Technology upgrades – we are starting to see many of the tech upgrades that are happening. TVs have replaced our screen, which will help our in-person congregation see the lyrics and graphics better. We are currently having a custom computer built and have purchased a new camera, this will allow us to upgrade the streaming quality for our digital congregation. Once this is complete, we will be able to overlay graphics on the stream so the lyric will be easily seen.

We are now working on upgrading our sound system, this will be a benefit to everyone in our congregation.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this critically important online presence ministry, please let pastor know so that we can get you trained and equipped!

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.



Freshwaters Board Minutes

May 10, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7pm in the Freshwaters sanctuary. Members present were Dave Halverson, Scott Liestman, Darren Wesloh, Susan Kettelhodt, Linda Olson, Carla Lusche, Kevin Fox and Phil Lingle.

The agenda was approved and minutes were approved last month by email.

The members divided up and began the meeting with small group prayers. Linda provided suggested topics for prayers for the leadership of our church, our congregation and community, our nation and world.

Discussion continued on the book Autopsy of a Deceased Church. Related to that we discussed how to proceed with worship services through the summer. We will continue with one blended service for the foreseeable future. One idea to help grow the church was to survey people in the community to see what needs are going unmet. Another was to contact new residents of our community.

Linda reported that the Trustees are getting bids for exterior painting. The TV screens are up in the sanctuary and work is continuing on the video connections.

Susan reviewed the financial reports. No major changes to report.

SPRC has nothing new to report.

Next meeting June 14th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Phil Lingle

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



WELCOME BACK FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH • 11 AM - 12PM

Freshwaters UMC

112 7th Ave N, Princeton

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship.
Cake, Cookies, & Beverages Provided.

COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed this summer for coffee hour. Treats will be provided by the church. Volunteers are needed to make coffee and juice, set out supplies, and clean up. A signup sheet is located in the hallway.

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JUNE MINISTRY NOTES

Birthdays

June 01 **Darcy D**
 June 01 **Andrew H**
 June 01 **Brady H**
 June 01 **Debbie J**
 June 02 **Kacey A**
 June 02 **Tyler L**
 June 03 **Deb F**
 June 04 **Sue E**
 June 05 **Terri P**
 June 06 **Cassy M**
 June 07 **Alma B**
 June 07 **Alex F**
 June 07 **Kathy H**
 June 10 **Sandy M**
 June 10 **Jayden P**
 June 10 **Alley W**
 June 11 **Jackie L**
 June 12 **Jean T**
 June 13 **Marlys F**
 June 13 **Cayla L**
 June 17 **Brooke S**
 June 18 **Mike P**
 June 18 **Garr P**
 June 19 **Barb H**
 June 20 **Daryle G**
 June 20 **Mark Z**
 June 22 **Ron J**
 June 22 **Hunter S**
 June 23 **Myla T**
 June 24 **Brady H**
 June 24 **Michael P**
 June 25 **Andy V**
 June 26 **Sylvia C**
 June 26 **John W**
 June 27 **Tami M**
 June 30 **Rosetta C**
 June 30 **Melody W**

Sound Schedule

June 6 **Jim H**
 June 13 **Scott L**
 June 20 **Slayter C**
 June 27 **Isaac J**

Anniversaries

June 02 **Roger & Nancy L**
 June 03 **Steve & Diana W**
 June 04 **Jim & Kathy H**
 June 05 **John & Jean T**
 June 08 **Betty & Dale B**
 June 08 **Jim & Alma B**
 June 11 **Barry & Norma H**
 June 12 **Bob & Sarah L**
 June 16 **Brandon & Megan B**
 June 23 **Cassidi & Jared J**
 June 24 **Skip & Clarice H**
 June 26 **Tamara & Gerald M**

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte & Lowell Y	Hans & Gloria
Betty & John O	Joyce M
Val V	Leah C
The Bernice J Family	The Jim H Family
The Irene G Family	

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!

Joyce Mattson **Muriel Walker**
 (Gracepointe Crossing)

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, Leah C, Joel C

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters	2	3	4	5
		6:30 PM 4-H				
6 Communion Sunday School Worship 10 AM	7 6 PM Worship meeting 7 PM BSA	8 9 AM Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School Worship 10 AM	14 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board 7 PM BSA	15 9 AM Quilters	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School Worship 10 AM	21 7 PM BSA	22 9 AM Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday School Worship 10 AM	28 7 PM BSA	29 9 AM Quilters	30			

Regular Sunday Worship
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