

NOVEMBER 2021

FRESHWATERS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In-Person & Streaming Live on Sundays at 9:30 AM

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, and blessings, to all of you friends of Freshwaters Church. May God, who gives all good things, bless you all during this Thanksgiving season.

The pilgrims who first landed on these shores long ago weathered many storms and trials. It must have been a huge culture shock to leave the world that they knew and land in a place with no shops, no houses, no fields – nothing. All they had was what they brought with them to start afresh.

I cannot imagine what it must have been like. As I think about it – I am sure there was gratitude to God for his providence in keeping them safe on their journey. There had to have been thankfulness for the skill and strength of the captain and crew.

But, when all the gratitude and thanksgiving faded, they were faced with the reality of settling the New World.

How many people looked back to the ocean, to the horizon where the sunrise greeted them each morning, and wondered to themselves, “I want to go back; did I make a mistake in coming along; this is too hard.” We know the story of the struggles and trials of that first year because we celebrate that they survived through their faith, their collaboration with the Native Americans, through their hard work, and through their spirit of shared community.

When we look to scripture, we can see echoes of their story in the Hebrew people delivered by God’s mighty hand from the bondage of slavery. After the defeat of the pharaoh’s army, there was a time of gratitude and thanksgiving. Once the shine of victory began to fade, they faced the reality that they were on their own in the wilderness. The comforts they had enjoyed in Egypt were no longer available to them. They had to depend on God and each other to make it to the promised land. As we see in the course of their journey, it was not an easy one. It took

Sermon Series

November 7
All Saints Sunday

The Saints Who Inspire Us

November 14

The Church is the Body of Christ

November 21
Thanksgiving Sunday

The Church is ALWAYS on Mission

November 28
First Week of Advent

Scandalous Plan

a long time; the people complained and grumbled, getting lost along the way, and I am sure there were intense moments of discouragement. We see in scripture their thoughts – “I want to go back to the way it was, it was a mistake for us to leave what we knew, this is too hard.”

My friends, the church enjoyed a time of prosperity and influence in the 1950s-1970s, but the sad reality is that now we are in a new world. We are in a wilderness of cultural change. It is hard to keep up, and the pandemic has only accelerated this feeling of being lost.

As the pilgrims and the Hebrews did not know what tomorrow might bring, they knew that God was there to help, guide, strengthen, encourage, challenge, and yes, even chastise them. They also had one another to love, to inspire, to help, to motivate to persevere. As we face the future, we must not lose our dependence on God in Christ and lose our mutual love and care for one another. As Paul tells us in Hebrews 10:23-25, *“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another....”*

Pastor Kevin Fox

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! Break through all that holds us back from being the church you are calling us to be! Lord Jesus hear our prayer! Amen!”*

Kid's Corner



Starting on November 7th, we will have a Preschool/Toddler class available. Our November lessons will be on The Full Armor of God – Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, God's word, and prayer. These are all good things from God. They are the armor of God.

They protect us and make us strong. Little Ones will learn, “I can wear the full armor of God.”
Ephesians 6:10-18

We will look at the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit.

Children/Youth Committee
November 7th—following Sunday School

If you are interested in helping with our Christmas Program, please join us as we plan!

We have an ongoing need for volunteers for different ages and activities. Interested people can connect with Cori via phone or email.

Youth Group

Pastor Kevin will be starting a youth group for 7th grade on up, for those who would like to be part -- we will start on November 7th at 10:45 AM and go to 11:15/11:30 AM. He will be putting together a schedule of things for them to do, study etc. Please message him if your youth would like to be part of this new group.

Special Thanks

I would like to express my deepest thanks for your prayers, support, and understanding while I have been out this month with Covid and while my dad has been in the hospital. A special thanks to Connie T for filling in at the church office a few days, I appreciate it deeply.

Bethany Moos

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CHOIR

The choir will sing special music on Sunday, November 21st. If you are interested in singing with the choir, join them on Wednesday, November 17th at 7 PM to practice.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will meet on Saturday, November 27th at 9 AM to decorate for the Christmas season. We would love for you to join us!

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for hosting Sunday Coffee Hour. At this time, we are allowing members to bring items from home. If that changes, we will continue to have Fellowship, and the church will purchase refreshments. Please bring in 1 or 2 types of cookies and treats for the kids. The church is providing coffee, juice/lemonade, and paper supplies.

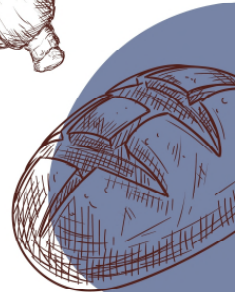
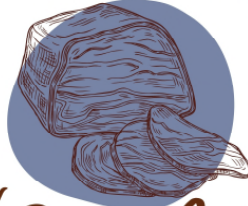
USHERING

Ushers are a vital part of Freshwaters' worship services. From greeting visitors to helping late arrivals, ushers are the face of our front-of-house ministry. If you are interested in helping, contact Phil Lingle or the church office.

SOUND BOOTH

Would you like to help be part of this great ministry of outreach? We need people to help with the sound booth. Training is available, this is a great way to help share the gospel with people beyond the walls of our congregation. Please let Pastor Kevin know if you would be able and willing to help out!

FRESHWATERS'



Harvest Roast Beef Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

ADULTS: \$12 AGES 4-12: \$8

3 & UNDER: FREE

TICKETS SALES WILL BEGIN SUN., OCT 10TH

AVAILABLE DURING COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAYS & AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Respecting COVID recommendations seating will be limited.

There will be ONLY TWO SEATING TIMES: 4:30 & 5:30 PM.

Buy your tickets early to assure seating!

At-the-door ticket sales limited to available seating. Takeouts available anytime 4:30-6:30 PM.

If due to COVID cancellation of in-house dining is necessary, tickets will be honored with takeouts.



Roast Beef | Gravy | Mashed Potatoes | Corn | Squash | Artisan Bread | Pumpkin Pie | Coffee & Milk

Freshwaters Single Board Minutes

Freshwaters Board Minutes

October 11, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Linda Olson, Dave Halverson, Carla Lusche, Scott Liestman, Darren Wesloh, Andrew Harvala, Susan Kettelhodt, Phil Lingle and Kevin Fox.

The agenda was approved as written, and the minutes from last meeting were approved prior to meeting.

Kevin began with a scripture reading and prayer.

Linda reviewed some of the book "Vital Churches".

Our Annual Conference will be Nov. 28th at 11:00 am.

Susan gave the financial report. Giving and expenses are down from previous years, but we only have a checking balance of \$744 vs. \$7983 last year. We will not be receiving any grant money toward the youth director next year so giving will have to increase to maintain that position.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 9th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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.

Church Conference

Sunday, November 28, 11 AM

Join us as we review the past year and make plans for the future. We will also be voting on the pastoral support package, electing new leaders, voting on the budget, and hearing reports of the ministry that happened this year.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6 PM Worship 7 PM BSA	2 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM 4-H	3 Roast Beef Dinner 4:30 & 5:30 PM	4	5	6
ROAST BEEF DINNER PREPARATIONS						
7 Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	8 7 PM BSA	9 9 AM Quilters NO Trustees 7 PM One Board	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Private Event
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	15 7 PM BSA	16 9 AM Quilters	17 7 PM Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	22 7 PM BSA	23 9 AM Quilters	24 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7 PM at First Congregational	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26	27 9 AM Church Christmas Decorating
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Church Conference	29 7 PM BSA	30 9 AM Quilters				

**Regular Sunday Worship
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Freshwaters November 2021

NOVEMBER MINISTRY NOTES

BIRTHDAYS

November 01 **Nancy B**
November 02 **Tina B**
November 02 **Nicole P**
November 03 **Clarice H**
November 03 **Beth O H**
November 04 **Jim H**
November 04 **Gene S**
November 05 **Rene H**
November 05 **Anji V**
November 07 **Mitchell B**
November 07 **Tracey H**
November 07 **Sarah L**
November 08 **Kay P**
November 10 **Todd E**
November 10 **Pat T**
November 10 **Nicholas T**
November 11 **Val V**
November 15 **Owen O**
November 16 **Mark A**
November 16 **Sawyer C**
November 16 **Findley S**
November 16 **Ed S**
November 17 **Joanne V**
November 18 **Dick G**
November 19 **Linda A**
November 19 **Joyce M**
November 21 **Allison C**
November 21 **Aubry Z**
November 23 **Linda T**
November 26 **Betty O**
November 27 **Linda O**
November 28 **Kaitlyn G**
November 28 **Megan S**
November 30 **Paul W**

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 13 **Terry & Karen A**
Nov 19 **Lester & Carol G**

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte & Lowell Y **Hans & Gloria**
Betty & John O **Celeste H-J**
Val V **Elaine M**
Dan M **Mary V**

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

Sound Schedule

November 7 - Slayter Carey
November 14 - Jim Hennessy
November 21 - Scott Liestman
November 28 - Isaac Jenson

Sunday Fellowship Hosts November 2021

November 7th – Jer & Jessica L
November 14th – Needed
November 21st – Rich & Char S and Ron & Marlys
October 24th – Kathy H and Pat T
October 31st – Anji & Slayter C and Mark & Nancy
Complete instructions are available in the kitchen, or are available from the church office or from Myla T (651-955-3877).

Bags of Blessing! We will be seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help us in our efforts to feed children on free or reduced lunches. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation with the schools in Princeton and Zimmerman. Be on the look out for the sign up sheets as we see what the needs are in the coming year!

GIVING TABLE - We are trying to supply the felt needs of our community through a small pantry outside the church. If you have an idea of how we could make our pantry safe from the winter elements, please let the church office know. Food and personal hygiene items can be left either on the table or at the church office.



QUILTS FOR VETERANS

On November 14th, there will be a blessing of quilts that will be given to 21 known veterans. If you know a veteran who would like a blessed quilt -- please give that person's name to Diane Wesloh or call the office.



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