

OCTOBER 2021

FRESHWATERS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is a great blessing to write this newsletter article for you! Today is the first day of Fall, and the weather is cool, crisp, and beautiful. My family and I went apple picking this past weekend, and my wife made the first apple pie of the season, and it was excellent!

My friends of Freshwaters Church, we have work in front of us even in this pandemic. Our calling is to make Jesus Christ known among our families, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Every single person is an opportunity to share and demonstrate the Gospel. This message of love and transformative new life is found in Jesus. We demonstrate that love through living the message every single day. I know that can be a challenge in a world like ours where everything turns into the polarization of debate, fear, and anger. Our opportunity is to live an alternative life, an alternative attitude of joy, love, forgiveness, and mercy. I believe that deep-down what everyone is longing for is to be part of a community where they are loved where they are at so that they can become open to a life in Christ that leads to eternity with Him. We have the opportunity to live in such a way that people can see and know that the joy of the Lord is our strength.

This past weekend, I could see something beautiful taking place in our midst – love and unity. I watched and listened to our worship leaders working together in leading us in praise songs and hymns – the music was beautiful, inspiring, and uplifting! We were lifting our voices together with them in praise of God! I pray that as we gather together more and more that the spirit of unity and love will continue to fill our hearts so that we can go out and invite others to experience this as well. We should be inspired to share Jesus Christ and the opportunity to gather together to worship him in one body, one spirit, one love, one heart beating together in faith!

Sermon Series

October 3

The Shift from Sheep to Shepherd

October 10

The Shift from Me to We

October 17

The Church is Gathered and Sent

October 24

The Church is the Bride

October 31

The Church is Waking Up the World

And what was also beautiful was the celebration of a baptism of a child! Such a baptism ought to evoke memories of our baptism and journey of faith! What is your journey of faith? How has God carried you through moments of change, trial and triumph? Where has Jesus shown up in your life when you were knocked down? How did he help you up again? My reflection of this past Sunday was joy, but also sadness that people missed this! I know that people can go to our Facebook page and watch it from home later. That is great we have such technology to make that available but, I could not help but think – people are missing this – this moment of worship, this moment of community, this moment of encountering Jesus together in unity and love. Thankfully there is next Sunday – don't miss it, don't let others miss the moment of love, and meeting Jesus together in song, prayer, and laughter! Hope to see you soon. We love you and miss you – the door is open, come on in! Amen!

Pastor Kevin

We wish to honor and remember those loved ones who departed this life and entered their eternal reward in worship on November 7th – please send the office before November 1st a picture and the name of that person, and we will lift them by name in prayer in worship on November 7th!

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!”

Our deepest appreciation to each of you and for your prayers and concern for Mark during surgery, hospital stay, and his recuperation. We know that is why he came thru it all with confidence, strength, and humor. Also for Kay's strength to deal with all of it. Also, thanks to Pastor Kevin for his concern even though he was on his break from responsibilities for our church.

**God's Blessings to Each of You,
Mark and Kay Peters**



Calling all kids!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

Join us for a special lesson and treats!
October 31 | 10:45 AM

**NO NEED FOR COSTUMES;
WE WILL MAKE MASKS TO WEAR.**

FALL 2021
SUNDAY SCHOOL
OPTIONS

KIDS - CORI W (DOWNSTAIRS)
SPIRITUAL GIFTS - PASTOR KEVIN (SANCTUARY)
LIVING THE QUESTION - DICK G (LIBRARY)
THE MYSTERY OF GRACE - ANDREW H (CLASSROOM 1)
PRAYER - LINDA O (CLASSROOM 2)

SUNDAYS @ 10:45 AM

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

GIVING TABLE

We are trying to supply the felt needs of our community through a small pantry outside the church. Food and personal hygiene items can be left either on the table or at the church office.

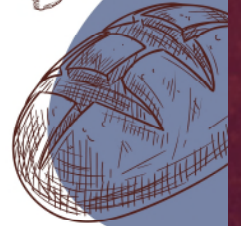
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Harvest Roast Beef Dinner will be on Wed., Nov. 3rd. Many people are needed to offer this church-wide event and make it successful! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available starting Sunday, Oct. 10th during coffee hour. Please take a moment to look and see where you could help. Profits from this dinner go directly back to our church.

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

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September 13, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 7 PM. Opened with scripture and prayer by Pastor Kevin.

August 9, 2021 minutes were sent out prior to Sept. meeting and approved electronically.

Review of chapter 3 of the book "Vital Churches Changing Communities". Discussed different types of worship and how to make worship transcendent, relevant, contextual & excellent for our congregation.

Trustees Report: by Andrew Harvala

Checking into who owns the Boy Scouts trailer since Freshwaters is no longer going to be their charter.

Andrew will work with Bethany to compile a list of insurance companies to contact for our churches building insurance.

Trustees are working on new signage with updated information (service time) and to create something more eye catching.

Trustees are looking for direction on priorities for updates to the church building- inside and out.

Financial Report: by Susan Kettelhodt

Income continues to fall behind compared to 2020 and expenses are down as well.

Church conference will be held in November - no date yet.

Motion to adjourn at 8 AM by Susan Kettelhodt; 2nd by Darren Wesloh; motion carried

Attendance:

Kevin Fox David Halverson Andrew Harvala Susan Kettelhodt Linda Olson Darren Wesloh

Respectively Submitted by: David P. Halverson

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



Freshwaters will be hosting a Grief Share group this fall, led by Pastor Kevin. There is no cost for the class. The group meets on Thursdays from 6 PM-8 PM. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we would encourage you to participate in this special small group. Contact Pastor Kevin or office for more details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	4 6 PM Worship 7 PM BSA	5 9 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Kids Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM 4-H	6	7 6 PM Grief Share	8	9 Freshwater's Sidewalk Sale 8 AM - 3 PM
10 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	11 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board/ BSA	12 9 AM Quilters	13	14 6 PM Grief Share	15	16
17 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	18 7 PM BSA	19 9 AM Quilters	20	21 6 PM Grief Share	22	23 Private Event
24 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	25 7 PM BSA	26 9 AM Quilters	27	28 6 PM Grief Share	29	30
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**Regular Sunday Worship
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Freshwaters October 2021

OCTOBER MINISTRY NOTES

BIRTHDAYS

October 01 **Connie**
October 03 **Gloria S**
October 05 **Ron F**
October 05 **Diana W**
October 07 **Brad H**
October 07 **Molly O**
October 08 **Tim K**
October 10 **Sarah F**
October 11 **Brad W**
October 12 **Katie D**
October 13 **Jon C**
October 14 **Walter M**
October 16 **Gary H**
October 16 **Mary V**
October 17 **John O**
October 17 **Phyllis W**
October 17 **Robin Y-C**
October 18 **Isabella S**
October 20 **Wyatt M**
October 21 **Kathy W**
October 22 **Ainsley M**
October 25 **Frank S**
October 26 **Secyilia C**
October 26 **J.R. M**
October 28 **Jean M**
October 28 **Colton S**
October 28 **Alec V**
October 30 **Duane J**

ANNIVERSARIES

October 04 **Mitch & Tina B**
October 07 **Tim & Tina V**
October 19 **Doug & Kandy H**
October 24 **Alex & Ryan F**
October 24 **Rodger & Bonnie G**
October 25 **Ken & Susan K**
October 25 **John & Shirley W**
October 28 **Myla & Don T**

PRAYER AND MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte & Lowell Y **Hans & Gloria**
Betty & John O **The Joyce Mattson Family**
Val V **Elaine M**
Skip H **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

Sunday Fellowship Hosts

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October 3rd – Needed

October 10th – Needed

October 17th – Linda O and Connie T

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!

LOOKING TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH? JOIN THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM TO HELP PLAN EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR. CONTACT CORI FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Opportunities for service: We are entering into that time of the year of seeking out persons who would be willing and able to serve in a variety of our congregation's ministries and leadership. Pray about serving on the Single Board, Trustees, SPRC, worship, missions, children's ministries -- if you have a heart for reaching the next person with real refreshing relationships for Christ, then we would love to have your help! Please see Pastor Kevin about openings in our ministries and how you can get involved.



QUILTS FOR VETERANS

On November 14, 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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