



Freshwaters

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

Easter and April Greetings to you, my dear friends, and readers of the Freshwaters Current, grace and peace be unto you in the name of our Risen and Living Savior Jesus Christ!

“Go ahead and tell the disciples that Jesus is Risen, that he is alive and that he will meet them in Galilee.” This is what the angels said to the women who were there at the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body, according to tradition and custom. In John’s account, the person of Jesus tells Mary this good news that she is to carry back to the grief-stricken disciples. This news is incredible, it is confusing, it is confounding, it is AWESOME! For the disciples who were not at the tomb, it was the worst moment in their lives. They had sacrificed three years in following Jesus. They have given up their lives, relationships, and even families – and now all was in ruins. All around them was despair, grief, anxiety, and darkness. What was worse, they were facing their failure and cowardice. Judas was so overwhelmed by his grief and shame that he hung himself. I imagine Peter was feeling the heaviest of burdens as the sting of Jesus’ words resounded in his ears, mind, and heart “surely before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times.” They were facing life without their teacher, mentor, and best friend. Now, what do we do in the face of this terrible situation?

My friends, we all face times of trial, crisis, tragedy; some of it is unforeseen, and at other times it is of our own making. I am sure you can point to a moment or two when you face the reality that life can be cruel, unfair, and brutal. We lose a loved one, a relationship comes to an end, we lose our job and security, an

Sermon Series

Did Jesus Really Say That?

April 3

I Am the Son of God

April 10

PALM SUNDAY
Maiden Voyage

APRIL 15

GOOD FRIDAY
Service 7 PM

April 17

EASTER SUNDAY
The Stone Was
Rolled Away

addiction has us flat on our backs, we get a diagnosis that we weren't expecting. The disciples faced this reality on that Sunday morning before hearing the incredible news that Jesus was alive.

This should not have come as a surprise – Jesus told them on various occasions that he would die but rise again on the third day. Perhaps they were not paying attention. Perhaps they thought it was some parable that Jesus had yet to explain. Perhaps Jesus' claim was too good to be true. I think we can relate to this in our faith when it just seems to be too incredible or too good to be true. And yet, God surprises and amazes us when he does come through. The power of Easter is that our God is the God that does the amazing and the impossible.

His love for us is greater than anything in this world. We need to remind ourselves of this fact to relate it to a terribly broken world by pain, hurt, conflict, injustice, hatred, and division. Love your neighbor in this world? Impossible, that must be true good to be true! Our calling this Easter is to be a people who embody hope in the face of brokenness and despair. This is why we come to worship, this is why we need one another, this is why we need to invite Jesus into our lives! HE IS ALIVE, HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! AMEN

Pastor Kevin



**BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY,
PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL;
AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.**

GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV



Sunday School

The tree doesn't TRY to grow fruit; it grows naturally as long as the tree has plenty of water and sunlight. The tree spends it's time trying to reach down for water and reach up for sunlight and the fruit comes as a result. In the same way, when we focus on trusting in God and filling our mind and hearts with God's Word, the fruit of the Spirit will start to naturally be seen in our life.

April 3rd - Patience – Sometimes we want things done on our schedule, but we need to be patient and realize it's ok for others to go first and realize that sometimes waiting is part of God's plan. Genesis 21:1-7, The Birth of Isaac

April 10th - Kindness – God is filled with loving kindness, and when we are filled up with God, we will show kindness to others whether or not they deserve it. 2 Samuel 9, David and Mephibosheth

April 17th - Easter (No Sunday School)

April 24th - Goodness – Any goodness we have comes from God. We need to remember that we are naturally sinful, but that we can do good things when we choose to live God's way. Mark 2:1-12, Jesus Heals and Forgives



We are looking for donations and volunteers for our Kids Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 16th

- Bars and cookies
 - Volunteer helpers for setup, cleanup and the hunt itself
- Contact Jenna J or Pastor Kevin if you would like to help.

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!

FRESHWATERS SURVEY

I am interested in attending a small group Bible study Yes No

If yes, I prefer to meet (check all that apply)

Mornings

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

Evenings

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

I am willing to organize the hospitality for Sundays

I am willing to help with hospitality on Sundays

Usher

Coffee Hour

Name _____

Phone _____

Return in the offering baskets, church office, or take a picture and send to Linda Olson at 612-963-8429.



On behalf of the Freshwaters Church, I wish to personally express my gratitude and thanksgiving for Bethany's good and faithful work to our congregation. She brought creativity, innovation, and a kind spirit to the office. She has been a tremendous help and guide in technological upgrades and in the work of our children's ministry. We are happy for her as she moves to a full time position at her congregation The Bridge in Saint Francis. We shall miss her deeply, but we know that we have a dear friend and sister in Christ. I wish to close with the following quote from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe "All theory, dear friend, is grey, but the golden tree of actual life springs ever green." Pastor Kevin

A Fond Farewell

I am so grateful for the three years I spent in the Freshwaters office. I have enjoyed my time here, but I am looking forward to my next journey in ministry at The Bridge. I will always treasure my time here, and the relationships created. Thank you for all your support and encouragement., you are an amazing church.

My prayer is that Freshwaters will grow and flourish in the coming season.

Bethany Moos

The One Board and Trustees did not meet in March, look for the April minutes next month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Leadership Retreat 9 AM - 12 PM
3 9:30 AM Worship Communion 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	4 7 PM BSA	5 9 AM Quilters	6 Soup Supper 5 PM Worship 6 PM	7	8	9 4-H Hall 9 AM to 12 PM
10 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	11 6:30 PM 4-H 7 PM BSA	12 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	13	14	15 Good Friday Service 7 PM	16 Egg Hunt 9 – 10 AM
17 EASTER 9:30 AM Worship	18 7 PM BSA	19 9 AM Quilters	20	21	22	23
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	29	30 8 AM UM Guys at K-Bob

**Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming Live at 9:30AM**

Freshwaters April 2022

MARCH MINISTRY NOTES

BIRTHDAYS

April 03	Tyler S
April 04	Isaac J
April 07	Lynn H
April 07	Eva W
April 08	Chip F
April 08	Elaine M
April 10	Heidi L
April 11	Kathy H
April 12	Kim J
April 12	Allison M
April 14	Bob L
April 15	Amber E
April 16	Sayla C
April 16	Fran H
April 16	Richard P
April 17	Jennifer M
April 18	Amanda P
April 19	Ruby F
April 19	James F
April 19	Tom S
April 20	John T
April 23	Chuck Y
April 28	Tim V
April 29	Cassidi J
April 29	Sharon S
April 30	Ken K

ANNIVERSARIES

April 07	Ken & Linda L
April 08	Brad & Tracey H
April 08	Mike & Kim J
April 15	Keith & Joanne M
April 19	Paul & Sandy W
April 21	Kelly & Aaron S
April 26	Tom & LeeAnn S
April 28	Mark & Nancy B
April 28	David & Kris H

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte Y	Hans & Gloria
Betty & John O	Celeste H-J
Val V	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

April 1 - Isaac Jenson
April 10 - Jim Hennessy
April 15 (Good Friday) - Needed
April 17 - Isaac Jenson
April 24 - Scott Liestman

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts April 2022

April 3th – Needed

April 10th – Needed

April 17th – Easter: No Coffee Hour

April 24th – Tina V

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

Easter

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THE LORD IS RISEN
Sunday, April 17th | 9:30 AM
112 7th Ave North, Princeton

Youth Group

Sunday Nights | 6 - 7 PM

Pastor Kevin's House

Grades 6-12 welcome!

Contact Pastor Kevin for his
address to join the fun!



Good Friday

BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

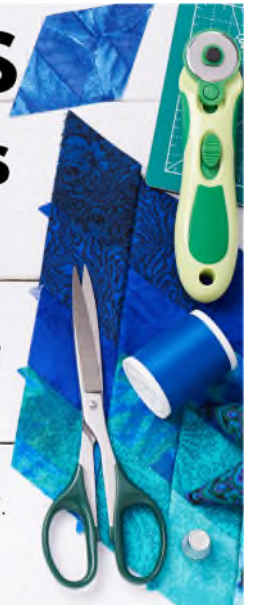
Friday, April 15th | 7 PM

Freshwaters UMC

112 7th Ave North, Princeton

QUILTERS Tuesdays 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
CRAFTING AND
CONVERSATION!
PEOPLE OF ALL
EXPERIENCE LEVELS
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.



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