



FEBRUARY 2022

FRESHWATERS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings to you, my sisters and brothers, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May the Lord bless and keep you and your families in this new year.

We are roughly three weeks into this new year at the time of this composition. I pray that your new year has been off to a good start. The Christmas decorations are down and stowed away for another year, but let us remember that the spirit of Christ's birth is still with us. We must resist the pressure of the world to "move on" to the next thing. We must lift the hope that the birth of Christ brings to everyone, especially in these times when everything seems to be surrounded by darkness. Christ is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot overcome him! I do not say these words lightly, for I know what it is like to face darkness, and when darkness comes, it feels like an overwhelming force. The light of Christ might be like a humble little flicker of light from a candle, but it is light nevertheless! We tend to that light by connecting to Christ through prayer, worship, the scriptures, and through meaningful, life-giving relationships.

I find myself feeling Christ's light as I experience life here at Freshwaters.

The quilters are busy with amazing projects downstairs. We have a great team of talented musicians who inspire us every Sunday, and we see people attending worship in person or online.

The youth group is meeting again, and Sunday School has just restarted an exciting new curriculum called "Science with Jesus." Jenna Jenson, Cayla Lusche, Angela Harvala, Bethany Moos, and I

Sermon Series

Will God Come Through?

February 6, 2022
When I Need Hope

February 13, 2022
When I Need Healing

February 20, 2022
When I Take A Risk

February 27, 2022
When I Need Courage

are working together to make this an exciting, fun, inspiring, and educational time where we get to experience fun experiments and apply those to biblical stories for life. This past Sunday, we had a great time learning about the paralyzed man and how Jesus forgave his sins. We learned about gravity and inertia and how sin can weigh us down.

I am already looking forward to next Sunday's Sunday School and Youth Group gatherings. We plan to have a schedule of fun things put together, so be on the lookout on the Freshwaters Facebook Page, the website, or in the weekly worship bulletin.

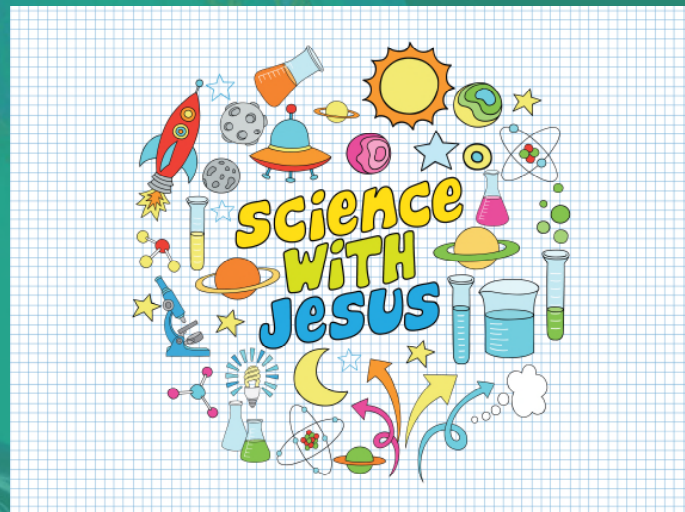
So despite the struggles, we are facing as a people – we persevere because of our abiding faith in Jesus Christ, for Jesus Christ abides in us. I invite you to share your light of Christ with those around you and help people see why you have hope! Our calling is to witness through our words, deeds, actions, and attitudes to reflect Christ's righteousness, love, peace, joy, and hope! May God bless you all with his love and care! Amen!

Pastor Kevin

MEMORY VERSE

"THEN JESUS TOLD HIM, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME, YOU HAVE BELIEVED: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED."

JOHN 20:29



Sunday School

Kids will get to participate in or watch some fun experiments that remind them of some of the amazing miracles Jesus did. These miracles show us how awesome God is and why Jesus is our Savior. If you are interested in helping volunteer for this important ministry, please let Pastor Kevin or Cayla Lusche know.

Jesus Walks On Water – When Jesus miraculously walked on water, he showed us that if we have faith like Peter did, God can use us to do miracles just like Jesus was able to do. We just have to keep our eyes on Jesus and not be distracted by the waves. Kids will be reminded of Peter and Jesus' miraculous walk on water as they watch some sinking eggs learn to float. Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Heals a Blind Man – When Jesus passed by this blind man on the side of the road it changed his life. This simple experiment will show something surprising happen to a coke can just by having someone's hand pass by it. Kids will learn that Jesus wants to and can make our life amazing, we just have to ask him to like the blind man did. Luke 18:35-43

Jesus Rises From the Dead – The surprising rising water in this experiment will remind kids of how Jesus miraculously rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Kids will be given an opportunity to ask Jesus to be their Savior, now that they know how amazing Jesus is and how much he loves them. Luke 24:1-12, 36-53

QUILTERS YEAR IN REVIEW

The Freshwaters' Quilting group has had a year of trying new things. With the COVID pandemic, we took many precautions to keep people safe, and with vaccinations, we could meet on Tuesdays. We want to thank all those who have donated cotton quilting fabric and supplies throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. As you can see, we do keep busy.

*We donated a quilt to the Princeton High School Senior class for their senior party.

*Our first event was in July when Abby Lingle was kind enough to invite us to sell our quilts and creations at her outdoor Art Fair in Milaca, where we raised & donated \$2000 toward UMW missions such as Feed My Starving Children,

*We have quilts set aside for Pastor Kevin to give to homeless people or anyone in need.

*Wheelchair and walker bags and clothing covers were made and donated to Princeton ELIM.

*Several altar runners & banners and a new Baptismal banner were made for the church.

*The last quilt that Juanita Laskowski worked on was finished and given to Jim.

*We sent several quilts and some fabric to the Navajo people in the West, as they desperately needed blankets and fabric to make blankets.

*We decided to have our 1st Freshwaters' Sidewalk Sale (including gift baskets, gift items, crafts, & baked goods) in early October, including coffee and warm rolls made by Sue Lingle. We raised \$2000, which was donated directly to the church fund.

*We made 15 baptism quilts this year, and over 200 tiny pocket prayer quilts were made and given out to remind us of God's love & presence during difficult times.

*It took us over a year to make the 23 patriotic quilts gifted to our veterans in November, honoring them and their families.

*In late December, we donated about 40 quilts to the people who experienced the devastating tornadoes in the south. Our quilters continue to collaborate with another quilt group in the area that finds a way to get supplies and quilts to people in need. (It's the same group that drove the quilts to the Navajo people.)

*We continue to sell our quilts and gift items in the "Gift Shop" downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall, which has brought in more donations.



Coffee Hour is a great time to connect with our Freshwaters' family. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a small treat, and a visit with a friend, old or new. We are looking for volunteer hosts to help with upcoming Coffee Hours. Hosts are a simple but essential part of our team at Freshwaters. A signup sheet is in the entryway.

Freshwaters Single Board Minutes

Freshwaters Board Minutes

January 11, 2022

Present: *Susan Kettelhodt, Andrew Harvala, Linda Olson, Darren Wesloh, Kevin Fox, Ryan Purdy*

Ahead of the meeting the agenda had been approved, as had the minutes from the December 14, 2021 board meeting (electronically).

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Kevin.

Next, Susan Kettelhodt gave a Financial Report. On its year-end income statement, Freshwaters ended 2021 on a positive note, and though giving was slightly down from last year, folks are continuing to give regularly.

Andrew Harvala provided the Trustee Report, which included approval on a new door for the bell tower, and solicitation for bids for maintenance of and improvements to the fellowship hall. Additionally, there is new signage up on the corners.

Darren Wesloh gave a report for the SPRC, indicating the SPRC would be soon meeting with Freshwaters' employees to complete their reviews.

Pastor Kevin spoke next regarding Freshwaters' children's ministry. He'd recently met with Angela Harvala, Bethany Moos, Jenna Jenson, and Cayla Lusche to map out Sunday School for the remainder of the season. They will be using the SCIENCE WITH JESUS curriculum on Sundays, as well as organizing fun activities/events for the kids, such as bowling, pizza parties, sledding, lock-ins, etc. The youth group will meet at Kevin's house on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00.

Notifications about Sunday School and youth programs will be communicated out on a weekly basis through email and Facebook.

In addition to the bible study hosted by Dick Gist in the library, another small group, hosted by Andrew, will resume in March.

Freshwaters is in need of volunteers to help organize and schedule: 1) ushers & greeters; 2) fellowship/coffee hour.

In the spring, the single board plans to meet for a day of prayer, fellowship, and discernment regarding goals for 2022.

The next single board meeting will be February 8th.

Motion to adjourn by Susan. Seconded by Andrew.

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

MEALS ALA CAR

A special thanks goes out to Richard & Norma Gist, Jeremy & Jessica Laskowski, Phil & Sue Lingle, and Roger & Nancy Leider for delivery of Meals Ala Car from the individuals receiving the meals during the month of October 2021. Our next delivery of Meals Ala Car will be May 2022. Anyone interested can call the church office, 763-631-1185, or Skip Harmen at 7963-389-1845 to volunteer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	7 7 PM BSA	8 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	9	10	11	12 4-H 9 AM to 12 PM
13 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	14 6:30 PM 4-H 7 PM BSA Valentine's Day	15 9 AM Quilters	16	17	18	19 Scrapbook Event 9 AM to 9 PM
20 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	21 7 PM BSA President's Day	22 9 AM Quilters	23	24	25	26
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**Regular Sunday Worship
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Freshwaters February 2022

FEBRUARY MINISTRY NOTES

BIRTHDAYS

February 01 **Sue L**
February 03 **Lois C**
February 04 **Rachel G**
February 06 **Zach L**
February 08 **Lisa F**
February 08 **Abby M**
February 11 **Alan W**
February 12 **Michelle M**
February 15 **Barry H**
February 16 **Everett P**
February 17 **Lana S**
February 18 **Ryan D**
February 18 **Dolores H**
February 20 **Dale B**
February 20 **Hunter S**
February 21 **David V**
February 22 **Larry M**
February 25 **Ruth A**
February 25 **Mark L**
February 26 **Slayter C**
February 26 **Jason Z**
February 28 **Audrey P**

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 14 **Daryle & Dawn G**
Feb 22 **John & Betty O**
Feb 28 **Marlys & Ron F**

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte Y	Hans & Gloria
Betty & John O	Celeste H-J
Val V	Mary V
The Lowell Yahnke Family	The Ruth H 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!

Muriel Walker

Sound Schedule

Feb 6 - Jim Hennessy
Feb 13 - Scott Liestman
Feb 20 - Slayter Carey
Feb 27 - Isaac Jenson

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts February 2022

February 6th – Lusche
February 13th – Brander
February 20th – Needed
February 27th – Laskowski

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

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!



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!

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