



**JANUARY 2022**

# **FRESHWATERS**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Greetings and blessings to all of you reading this Freshwaters' Newsletter. I pray that you and your family are well and in good health and spirits! Welcome to a brand new year – 2022.

When I look at the number "2022," for some reason, I think about TV shows or movies created in the 1950s/1960s and made episodes about the "future." I am sure 2022 would have sounded like a faraway futuristic date back then. I am sure they were asking the question, "what would life be like in 2022?" When asked about the year of my birth, I look back at 1974 as a strange distant place so very long ago. So much has changed for me, and I am sure for many of you. I know of people in our congregation who reached 100 years of age – think about all the changes they have experienced. While we can appreciate the changes in technology and communication, I wonder how have we, as human beings, changed? Are we the same as those who experienced the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, or different? We are moving through change. Have we taken stock of how this change is changing us and how we relate to God and one another? And then add to it the Covid pandemic, the deep political and social divisions in our country, and we can genuinely see that we are in a moment of profound change. I look at my son Daniel who is now 11, and I wonder – what was my experience of being 11. How will all these changes impact him and all of our children?

I do not know the answers to these questions, but as I reflect upon them, my mind and heart are brought to the comforting fact that Christ does not change.

## **Sermon Series**

**January 2**

Do You Love Me?

**January 9**

Some Little Things –  
Do We Make Them  
Big?

## **Will God Come Through?**

**January 16, 2022**

When I Feel  
Inadequate

**January 23, 2022**

When I Need  
Wisdom

**January 30, 2022**

When I Feel  
Abandoned



Christ is the same "yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever" – the Word of God does not change; it too is the same. When you look at the history of the Christian faith, you see how the world changed and how the church adapted its methods – but the Word of God does not. The Word of God, the person of Jesus Christ, and the Creeds handed down to us continue to provide a place of encouragement, refuge, inspiration, joy, and hope. This is why it is essential for us to build scripture, prayer, and worship into our daily lives. This is why we need the community called "church." I believe that as we engage Jesus every day through the Word, prayer, worship, and through Christian relationships, we can weather the seemingly chaotic, out-of-control world in which we live. Perhaps if we tap into this great strength of our faith tradition, we might start to experience peace, calm, joy, love, and laughter again. 2022 has many things in store for us – great opportunities, great challenges, and more than likely great changes. BUT if we continue to meet together, love one another, encourage one other in Christ's love and strength, we can move into the future with hope and joy! Amen, and God bless you all!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Kevin

Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

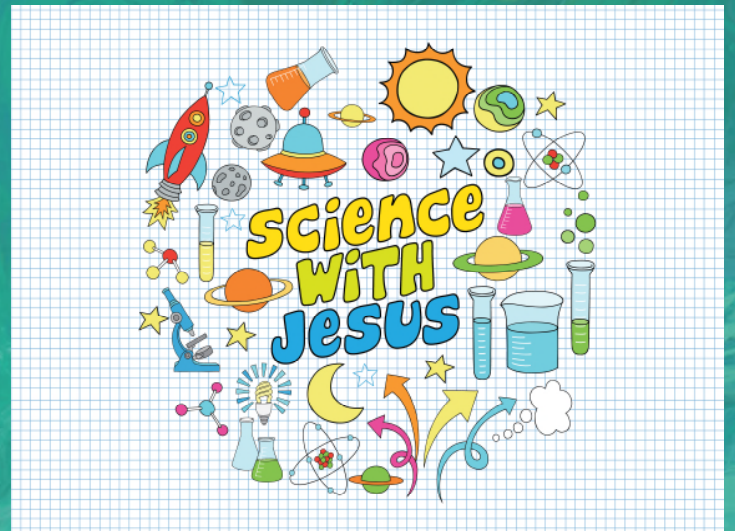
## Kid's Corner

A word of thanks to Cori Wallace -- "Cori, we thank you for sharing with us your creative and energetic spirit for our children. We thank you for all the love and good work that you have given. We love you and your family as you walk through these days of transition. We pray for wisdom, strength, love, protection, and guidance in the days ahead."



## Starting January 16th

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.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, Cori Wallace informed me that she intends to step down as our Coordinator of Children's Ministry as of January 1, 2022.

Her reason is that she might more fully focus on her family as it is going through major transitions. Our conversation was filled with love, grace, honesty, openness, compassion, and understanding. I shared with her that our congregation loves her and her family. We will walk with them as they journey together through this unique time in their lives. I shared with her that Freshwaters Church will be a safe place for them as they prayerfully walk day by day into their future.

We give thanks to Cori for her passion, creativity, leadership, and hard work for the children of our congregation. Her love for the children is evident! She has done incredible things for our church, such as renovating the lower level, creating "Christmas in July," and working with other congregations in a collaborative VBS.

We have seen her volunteer on the praise team, worship committee and helping pitch in where she can. She and her family have blessed us!

In the interim, I will be working with Cayla Lusche and other volunteers to ensure an ongoing children's and youth ministry. Announcements as to the schedule for January will be coming out in the next week or two for our families. The SPRC and the Single Board will be in prayer as we look into the future regarding the needs of this critically important ministry of our congregation. Please be in prayer for this ministry!

On January 16, 2021 – Sunday School will reconvene --- Pastor Kevin and Cayla Lusche will be the primary persons leading it until we hire someone else, or a volunteer oversees it.

I feel continuity and stability of the program are of primary importance.

We will be using an exciting curriculum that will take us from January through February. We will be doing science experiments and learning about God. While we use this curriculum, we will be planning out the remainder of the 2022 year with a group of parent volunteers.

The Sunday School schedule will be like this:

- ◇ 8:30–9:15 AM – prep and set up for Sunday School, technology check and set up, making sure that the craft area is ready – one for the little children and one for the older children.

Immediately after worship:

- ◇ 10:30–10:45 AM snack and refreshment time downstairs so that we can have the kids down in the lower level ready to go. We will need water, lemonade, cookies, and salty snacks already set up – ready to go when the children arrive. Music will be playing in the background.
- ◇ 10:45–11:00 AM music learning, Bible verse memorization/discussion – prep for future worship participation – we would like to see if we can get the kids to sing one or two songs each month (we will need help with either guitar, piano, writing out the words on paper for the kids to see)
- ◇ 1:00am-11:15am lesson time/craft (the 10:45-11:15 will merge together, ebb and flow week to week)
- ◇ 11:15 AM-11:30 AM craft, clean up, prayer, ending song

We will need adult volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and general help – taking children for a bathroom break if needed, etc. We need a small team of adults to help plan out the curriculum and fun activities that we can take our children/youth out together, such as sliding, bowling, pizza party, and maybe even a lock-in. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

God bless you all!

Pastor Kevin

# Freshwaters Single Board Minutes

## Freshwaters Board Minutes

December 14, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Scott Liestman, Kevin Fox, Andrew Harvala, Susan Kettelhodt, Linda Olson, David Halverson, Darren Wesloh and Phil Lingle.

Kevin began with a Scripture reading.

Susan reviewed the financial report. Giving has increased this fall and we have a positive balance with net income at \$3999. The church received a gift of stock to be applied to the general fund. A motion was made and passed to cash out that stock and apply it to the general fund. A motion was made and passed to add Scott Liestman's name on the Edward Jones and Growth Funds accounts. Andrew and Susan will remain listed.

Andrew reported the Trustees' next project will be replacing the doors on the bell tower. Funds are available in the Trustee account.

Darren and Kevin discussed the upcoming staffing changes. Cori Wallace has resigned the Youth Director position as of Jan.1, 2022. Kevin will work with Cayla Lusche and other volunteers to keep the program going through spring, with the job getting posted next summer to start next fall. Sawyer intends to reduce his time coordinating the music and worship programs next year with the intention of resigning the post at the end of 2022.

A motion was made and passed to give Sawyer and Bethany a yearend bonus for the dedicated work for our church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

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.

### **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.

### **MEALS ALA CAR**

**In November, we gave an offering of \$225 to Meals Ala Car to supply meals to local veterans.**

"Thank you for your generous donation. The veterans and spouses appreciate the healthy meals provided to them thru this organization because of people like you."—Princeton Meals Ala Car

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!
2 <b>9:30 AM Worship</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Hour No Sunday School	3  7 PM BSA	4 9 AM Quilters  6:30 PM 4-H	5	6	7	8
9 <b>9:30 AM Worship</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	10  7 PM BSA	11 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	12	13	14	15
16 Communion <b>9:30 AM Worship</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	17  7 PM BSA	18 9 AM Quilters	19	20	21	22
23 <b>9:30 AM Worship</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	24  7 PM BSA	25 9 AM Quilters	26	27	28	29
30 <b>9:30 AM Worship</b> 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School	31  7 PM BSA					

**Regular Sunday Worship  
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# Freshwaters January 2022

# JANUARY MINISTRY NOTES

## BIRTHDAYS

January 01 Brian H  
January 01 Verna J  
January 01 John W  
January 03 Betty A  
January 05 Myra I  
January 05 Scott L  
January 05 Chuck V  
January 06 Henry J  
January 07 Shirley D  
January 07 Sue M  
January 07 Alex S  
January 10 Darren W  
January 11 Mya B  
January 12 Luke N  
January 12 Charlotte Y  
January 15 Judy S  
January 19 Ken S  
January 21 Megan C  
January 21 Elliott J  
January 22 Dave H  
January 24 Hannah J  
January 24 Kathy S  
January 25 Heather S  
January 26 Bryan C  
January 26 Karen M  
January 26 Evy P  
January 28 Brian H  
January 28 Ken L  
January 28 Lonny L  
January 31 Nancy C  
January 31 Carol G  
January 31 Keith M  
January 31 Shirley W  
January 31 Ivy W

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 23

Lowell & Charlotte Y

## 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**

**The Ron Almberg  
Family**

**The Jim Heymer 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

Jan 2 - Isaac Jenson  
Jan 9 - Slayer Carey  
Jan 16 - Scott Liestman  
Jan 23 - Jim Hennessy  
Jan 30 - Isaac Jenson

### Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts January 2022

**January 2nd** – Needed

**January 9th** – Needed

**January 16th** – Needed

**January 23rd** – Needed

**January 30th**

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



# YOUTH GROUP

STARTING SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
6 - 7 PM  
PASTOR KEVIN'S HOUSE

GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!



**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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