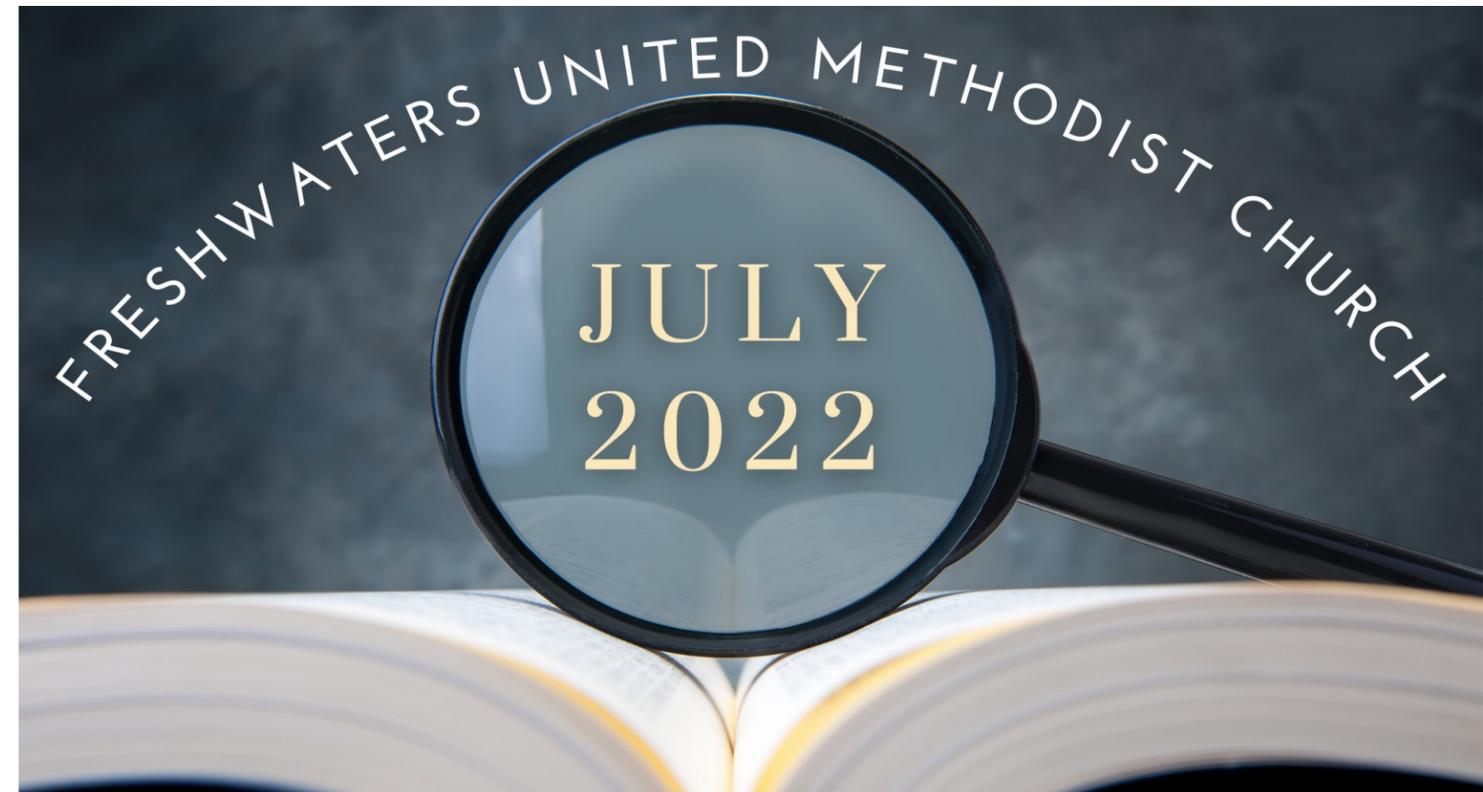


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## FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and blessings dear friends and readers of the Freshwaters Current, may God bless you all as we are in the midst of the summer.

Thomas Paine famously said “These are the times that try men’s souls” during the deepest darkness and difficulties when the American Revolution was on the verge of defeat. General George Washington had faced defeat after defeat, desertion was growing, and the impact of the war was taking its toll on the lives of the civilians, families were torn apart between loyalties to the crown or to the patriot cause. I do not know how many people realize that the American Revolution was on the verge of total defeat and collapse many times. George Washington’s letters convey a deep depression and discouragement, and yet he kept going because ultimately he believed in the vision of an independent free America. On March 16, 1776 the Continental Congress in response to these difficulties called the people to a time of prayer and fasting. They asked God for forgiveness for their sins, they called God to bless them and their cause, to give them strength and endurance for the days ahead. This call to fast and pray was not forced upon anyone, it was a voluntary act for those who felt called to do so.

The French historian, Francois Pierre Guillaume Guizot, asked James

## Sermon Series

### A Jonah Life

**July 3**

The Jonah  
In Us

**July 10**

Jonah’s Prayer

**July 17**

Jonah’s  
Adventure

**July 24**

Jonah’s Anger

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Russell Lowell, a famous American writer and abolitionist, "How long will the American Republic endure? Lowell's response was, "As long as the ideas of the men who founded it continue to endure." For this reason, we cannot allow ourselves to forget that the Founders did not believe faith was in conflict with liberty. They saw faith as foundational to freedom. And while they were strong advocates of religious liberty, they did not believe it wise or useful for government to actively separate faith from public life.

This act of fasting and prayer for one's country harkens back to the call of God to his people in 2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* My prayer as we celebrate our independence this July that we too will take time to pray and to fast for our country. Our culture has drifted far from God, relationships with friends and family are frayed with divisions over many things, violence ravages our cities, the innocence of our children is under assault, rising prices of gasoline, food, and essentials stretch people even further. We need to lead the way as a people of faith – turn back to God, draw near to His love, and radiate that love to a broken and angry world. Perhaps this July we fast from social media, our phones, TVs, computers, and pray for God to hear our repentant prayers and to ask for His healing balm to soften hardened hearts! Amen

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
<b>Our Nation &amp; Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering</b>	<b>Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones</b>
<b>Greg A</b>	<b>Joyce M</b>
<b>Mary V</b>	<b>Linda A</b>
<b>Betty &amp; John O</b>	<b>Val V</b>
<b>Janelle &amp; Ray D</b>	<b>Mary V</b>



**Let's bless our Seniors** who are home bound or in a long term care facility. 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, Betty Oliver, Joyce Mulder**

We pray for many wonderful and safe summer memories to be made with friends and family!

Announcements in worship: If you have an announcement that needs to be made in worship, please bring in a note of what you would like to have announced and Pastor Kevin or one of the worship leaders will be happy to do that for you. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation!



## QUILTERS Tuesdays 9 AM

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



### Mowing Schedule

We are looking for help mowing the church lawn this summer! There is a sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall, please contact Isaac Jenson with any questions. 763-742-4583

### Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts

- July 3** - Stoeckel's
- July 10** - Becky G
- July 17** - **NEEDED**
- July 24** - **NEEDED**
- July 31** - Tina V

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!** Treats & coffee are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, serve, and clean up! There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall if you are able to volunteer.

Good Food Great Fellowship

## Men's Group BREAKFAST

ALL ARE WELCOME

WHERE: K-BOB CAFE  
WHEN: LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
8 A.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT ISAAC 763-742-4583

### Ushers For Sunday Worship

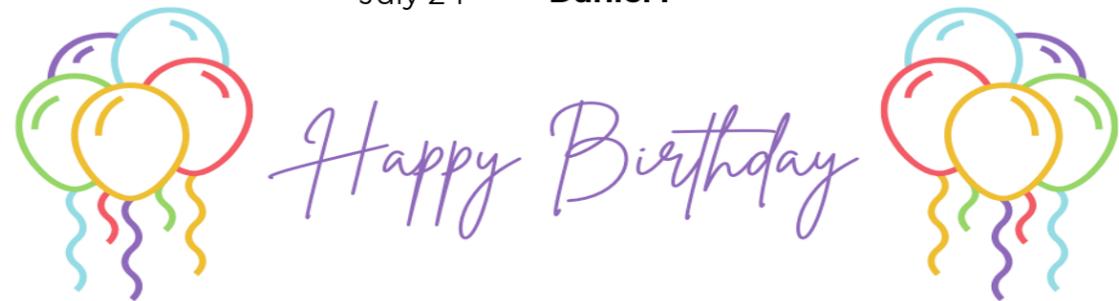
- July 3** - **NEEDED**
  - July 10** - Jessica & Jeremy L
  - July 17** - **NEEDED**
  - July 24** - Isaac & Jenna J
  - July 31** - Jessica & Jeremy L
- Sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Laskowski 612-298-6709

### Sound Board Schedule

- July 3** - Isaac J
- July 10** - Jim H
- July 17** - Slayter C
- July 24** - Scott L
- July 31** - Isaac J

## BIRTHDAYS

July 01	<b>Breanna J</b>	July 14	<b>Abe W</b>	July 24	<b>Joanne M</b>
July 02	<b>Scott A</b>	July 16	<b>Spencer C</b>	July 26	<b>Jeff S</b>
July 02	<b>Sandy W</b>	July 16	<b>Marian G</b>	July 27	<b>Jenna J</b>
July 03	<b>Jolie C</b>	July 18	<b>Roger L</b>	July 28	<b>Joe L</b>
July 07	<b>Nancy R</b>	July 19	<b>Dana B</b>	July 28	<b>Anna P</b>
July 08	<b>Elliott S</b>	July 19	<b>Dennis T</b>	July 29	<b>Kris H</b>
July 09	<b>Lylia H</b>	July 20	<b>Linda M</b>	July 29	<b>Tina V</b>
July 11	<b>Pearl B</b>	July 21	<b>Terry A</b>	July 30	<b>Ben K</b>
July 11	<b>Nora F</b>	July 21	<b>Hailey D</b>	July 31	<b>Norma G</b>
July 12	<b>Nita L</b>	July 21	<b>Joan S</b>	July 31	<b>Greysen P</b>
July 14	<b>Lillian S</b>	July 23	<b>Jim B</b>	July 31	<b>Diane W</b>
		July 24	<b>Daniel F</b>		



## ANNIVERSARIES

July 02	<b>Phil &amp; Sue L</b>	July 13	<b>Gary &amp; Bobbie H</b>
July 07	<b>John &amp; Connie T</b>	July 22	<b>Dennis &amp; Joyce T</b>
July 12	<b>Brian &amp; Jenny M</b>	July 27	<b>Larry &amp; Wanda M</b>



Jim & Alma Burvee want to express their many thanks for all of the wonderful letters they received celebrating their special days! It was so much fun to open them all, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you who took the time to celebrate with us!

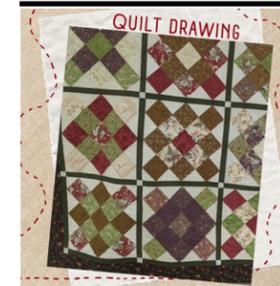


Thank you - From Jim & Alma



Day Of Kindness is August 6th! This year we are partnering with Immanuel Lutheran and Crystal Cabinets to collect and donate school supplies! We are collecting notebooks, folders, highlighters, dry erase markers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, Kleenex, etc. Supplies are due to church by August 1st. Contact Isaac Jenson with any questions 763-742-4583.

VBS IS JULY 25 - 28TH!! We will serve dinner from 5:30pm - 6:00pm with VBS to follow from 6:00pm - 7:30! Cost is \$10/child or \$30/family max. Please register your child(ren) early so we can anticipate numbers for volunteers, meals, crafts, etc. You can drop completed registration forms and payment in the offering plate, or mail it into the office. If you have questions or are able to help in any way, contact Jenna Jenson 763-439-2816.



On July 4th, we will be drawing a winner for the beautiful queen sized quilt that is in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased in the office or on Sunday mornings during coffee hour.

We are looking for flowers to help decorate our sanctuary with this summer! If you have flowers from your garden at home, please feel free to bring them in! We will find a place for them in the sanctuary, and appreciate your help. We look forward to seeing our sanctuary "blooming" this summer!



Freshwaters Single Board Minutes  
June 14, 2022

Ryan Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Ryan Purdy, Scott Leistman, Susan Kettlehodt, Andrew Harvala, Kevin Fox, and Phil Lingle.

Minutes from last month were approved electronically.

Susan gave the financial report. Giving has remained steady. Memorials and miscellaneous giving are less than last year. Heating was up 70% for the 5 month period. We will begin passing the offering baskets again now that Covid has lessened.

We reviewed short and long term goals and continue to work on implementing them.

The next meeting will be on August 2.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Phil Lingle

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	27 7 PM BSA	28 9 AM Quilters	29	30	1	2
3 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	4  Independence Day	5 9 AM Quilters	6	7	8	9
10 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	11 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA  -Laundry Love	12 - 9 AM Quilters - 6:30 PM Trustees - NO One Board	13	14	15	16
17 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	18 7 PM BSA	19 9 AM Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	25 -Laundry Love  VBS 5:30-7:30	26 9 AM Quilters	27	28	29	30  8 AM UM Guys at K-Bob
31 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour	<p><b>Regular Sunday Worship</b> In-Person and Streaming Live at 9:30AM</p> <p><b>Freshwaters July 2022</b></p>					