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Grace and peace be unto you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May all of you be blest as you receive this monthly church newsletter “The Current.”

There is a lot of frustrating news out there that causes us to be filled with anger, fear, and disillusionment. We might wonder where is God in the midst of all this chaos that is around us? Hear the Good News: God is with us! God has not forsaken His Creation, nor the people He loves! We prepare to enter into the season of Lent with a renewed hope and conviction that Jesus Christ is the Lord, He defeated hell and death, and that we have redemption through His holy cross and His awesome resurrection. Let the words of Christ comfort you today from the Gospel of John 16:33 “In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

God is moving! Right now there is an outbreak of revival at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. There has been a non-stop worship service that has been going on since last Wednesday (Feb 8, 2023). The Holy Spirit has been pouring out upon the students, faculty, and now upon the community. This revival has been spreading to other

Sermon Series

**LENTEN SERIES
“Themes”**

March 05
Judgement

March 12
Righteousness

March 19
Faith

March 26
Hope

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Join us In-Person or Online on Sundays at 9:30 AM!

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universities and communities. I know of some of my Facebook friends who have gone to Asbury and have experienced it for themselves. Some have driven many miles to see and experience this outpouring of God. People are seeking forgiveness, and asking for reconciliation. It is deeply moving to read about these experiences. It is my prayer that this revival spreads across our nation to bring God’s healing holiness to our deeply hurting nation. I firmly believe that the souls of many people are dry and tired. People are tired of the divisiveness and evil we are having shoved in our faces all the time. God is sending refreshment, and may this spring of life giving water flow over all of us.

I have even felt Holy Spirit working in the life of this congregation! I felt God's power and love this weekend in worship! There was over 100 people worshipping together in person and online -- there was laughter, there was joy! Joy in our musicians, joy in the children, joy in the new faces, joy in the faces of the familiar. I saw joy in the kitchen, I saw joy in the fellowship hall. Holy Spirit was moving through the experience and it did my heart great good. These past weeks of this new year have brought me renewed hope and joy. I am proud of our congregation, how we have weathered the pandemic and consolidation, and how we are worshipping together and becoming the community called Freshwaters. The Holy Spirit is moving, invite others along for the refreshing journey of God’s awesome love and healing power! Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER	
Our Nation & Those Who Are Sick, Hurt, And Suffering	Those Who Are Mourning The Loss Of Loved Ones
Bob L	Joanne V
Norma & Barry H	Karen A
Marian G	Brian B
Chuck & Mary V	Ketchel Family
	
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	

- Single Board Minutes
2/13/2023
- Present: Linda Olson, Kevin Fox, Darren Wesloh, Gene Stoeckel, Ryan Purdy, Scott Liestman, Andrew Harvala, Karen Oudekerk
- Absent: Susan Kettelhodt
1. Approved agenda for meeting
2. Minutes from 1/10/23 were approved & published into February Freshwaters newsletter
3. Kevin led the group in prayer
4. Linda gave a financial report via Susan K report:

-We broke about even in January.

-\$25,000 was taken from the Growth fund to the Trustee fund - for the new HVAC system.
5. Investments w/ Methodist Foundation & Edward Jones-Scott reported a Zoom meeting w/ Himself, Kevin, Linda, Sheri Meister & Diane Weller where the Foundation has oversight & enforcement of the investment rules.

Language in Freshwaters UMC Investment(Growth) account -adopted by the Freshwaters Single Board when the Zimmerman property was sold Spring 2000:
The Bishop and Cabinet have agreed that the proceeds from the sale of the building must be invested with the MN Foundation and not to be used until they have outgrown their current building and are ready to buy or build in another location. The interest earned from the investment can be used annually to make some minor changes to the current building in Princeton, but the principal balance of \$500,000.00 is restricted. The Board understands this and agrees to this.

-Edward Jones Endowment account-Scott reported we cannot use the principal but we can use the current earnings available of \$40,000

-Growth Account with MN Methodist Foundation-we can access the dividends but not the Principal or the earnings.

-Gene made a Rescind motion (Scott 2nd)regarding withdrawal of the \$30,000 from the Growth account due to the restrictions of the account/Cabinet. Motion carried.

-Gene made a Rescind motion(Scott 2nd) regarding to move all the assets in the MN Methodist Foundation to Edward Jones. Motion carried.

-Andrew made a motion(Scott 2nd) to withdraw \$35,000 from the Edward Jones account & place into the Trustee account for the HVAC replacement in April. Any funds of the \$35,000 not used will be returned to the Edward Jones account. Motion carried. The estimated cost to replace the HVAC system is \$55,000.

-Kevin will coordinate a meeting with the current District Superintendent Fred Vanderwerf and incoming District Superintendent Woojae Im to discuss options of our account with the MN Methodist Foundation. Included in that meeting will be Kevin Fox, Linda Olson, Scott Liestman,
6. Trustee Report-Andrew reported that replacement of the HVAC system will take place in April

-Kitchen dishwasher has been fixed & is operational.
7. SPRC Report-Ryan reported that a new Custodian has been hired, Trevor Brown. Trevor started 1/12 & has already received compliments of how clean areas are. Trevor is planning to clean 3x a week.

-SPRC needs to complete & update the Church Profile (demographics, ministries, etc). This profile helps UMC make Appointments as one example of purpose.
8. Annual Board Retreat 4/15-no new discussion
9. Next meeting- 3/14/23
10. Other/New Business

-Elim Vulnerable Adult issue &. Elim Oasis is requesting that the Front Doors be locked during the day hours of their operation due to a vulnerable adult in their program. Multiple options were discussed & weighed against having a ‘Welcoming Church’/logistics of daily operations/security of the building. No decision was reached however Linda will discuss with Mary(Elim Director) the options the Board explored, if the issue still exists, and any cost sharing of said options explored.
11. The meeting was adjourned by Gene, Ryan 2nd. Motion Carried
- Respectfully submitted,

Karen Oudekerk

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

BIRTHDAYS

March 02	Aaron S	March 10	MaeLynn P	March 18	Reese S
March 02	Scott W	March 10	LeeAnn S	March 19	Lawrence C
March 03	Gloria W	March 11	Kelly S	March 19	Susan K
March 05	Lester G	March 11	Rich S	March 19	Gary M
March 05	Joyce T	March 13	Kevin F	March 21	Miranda F
March 06	Syrus C	March 14	Rosanne B	March 22	Caitlyn S
March 06	Bobbie H	March 14	Carolyn F	March 24	Otto S
March 06	Nancy L	March 14	Wendy F	March 25	Peggy W.Z
March 08	Bob B	March 14	Randy H	March 26	August M
March 08	C.J. Z	March 14	John T	March 26	Faith Z
March 09	Sadie H	March 15	Walter H	March 28	Charlotte M
March 10	Grace C	March 16	Linda L	March 28	Ashley S



ANNIVERSARIES

March 05	Isaac & Jenna J	March 26	Rosetta & Jon C
March 06	Jeff & Dana B	March 31	Lee & Shirley D



Jingle Sunday is March 19th (3rd Sunday of the month). Bring your loose change and “jingle”! All money raised goes towards our Bags Of Blessing program providing food for kids in our Princeton and Zimmerman schools.

Thank you quilters for continuing to do your monthly drawing! To enter the drawing, simply fill out the slip in Fellowship Hall. Drawing will be held 1st Sunday of the month. List of past winners is located by the drawing slips!



Hot Breakfast Sunday on March 5th, it’s a great Sunday to invite a friend! Hot breakfast is provided by UMW with the help of our Youth Group. See you then for worship and breakfast!

We are seeking donations of food items or financial contributions to help in our efforts to feed children in Princeton and Zimmerman school districts on the free or reduced lunch program. This is a great ministry of connection between our congregation and the schools in Princeton and Zimmerman. Check out the sign up sheet in the entry way for requested donation items.



Mark your calendar and join us for a fun time at our Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday April 1st from 9 am - 10 am! We will have an egg hunt, crafts, and treats.

We also need your help with the treats! If you are able to make or provide treats for the kids (bars, cookies, etc.) please let Jenna Jenson know. Thank you!



Youth Group is open to kids 6th grade and older, and is held Sunday nights from 6 pm –7pm at Pastor Kevin’s house. We do Bible study, watch videos, play games, eat treats, and have lots of fun!

SPECIAL YOUTH GROUP DATES

March 05 - 8:30 AM Helping with Hot Breakfast



Freshwaters Kids Sunday School is open to kids 3 years old through 5th grade. Every Sunday we start worship together in the Sanctuary and then the kids are dismissed to Sunday School during the service.

This month our Freshwaters Kids will continue learning about the events leading up to and including Jesus’ death on the cross - where He made a way for us.

March 05 - Den Of Robbers, Mark 11:12-19

March 12 - Two Reactions, Matthew 26:6-16

March 19 - Remember, John 13:1-17 and Luke 22:14-23

March 26 - The Only Way, Mark 14:32-50 and Mark 15:1-20

Freshwaters March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service	2	3	4
5 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour. - 6 PM Youth Group	6 7 PM BSA	7 9 AM Quilters	8 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service	9	10	11 Church Reserved For Baby Shower
12 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 11 AM Trustee Mtg. - 6 PM Youth Group	13 -6 PM 4-H -7 PM BSA	14 - 9 AM Quilters - 7 PM Single Board Mtg.	15 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service	16	17	18
19 - 9:30 AM Worship & Sun. School - 10:30 AM Coffee Hour - 6 PM Youth Group	20 7 PM BSA	21 9 AM Quilters	22 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service	23 9 AM Newsletter Assembly	24	25
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Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming LIVE at 9:30am with
Concurrent Sunday School

- The Trustees will meet at 11 am on **Sunday March 12.**
- The Single Board will meet at 7 pm on **Tuesday March 14.**



Single Board and committee heads retreat coming on Saturday, April 15th. We will be developing goals for the year and asking God for His direction and guidance.

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!



As Pastor Kevin would tell you, the more history you know, the more interesting history becomes. That is true about most everything. The more geology you know, the more interesting a walk in the mountains (or a pile of stones) becomes. The more botany you know, the more you enjoy a walk along a country road. It's also true of the Bible. The more you know about it, the more fascinating it becomes. Join Dick Gist on Sundays after worship as he leads Adult Sunday School class through *Mark In Depth*. You will learn about Mark (and Matthew, Luke, and the early Christian community that was fraught with divisions and debate).

Freshwaters Church Values

Refreshing Relationships with God and Others

JOHN 4 - The Woman at the Well

REAL people who worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth
John 4:24 "God is spirit, and true worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth"

EMBRACING God's written word as a guide for life
Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path"

FILLED with the Holy Spirit
Ephesians 5:18 "Be filled with the Spirit"

RESPONDING with prayer and love to hurting people
1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing"

EMPowered to share our faith walk with everyone
Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and You shall be my witnesses..."

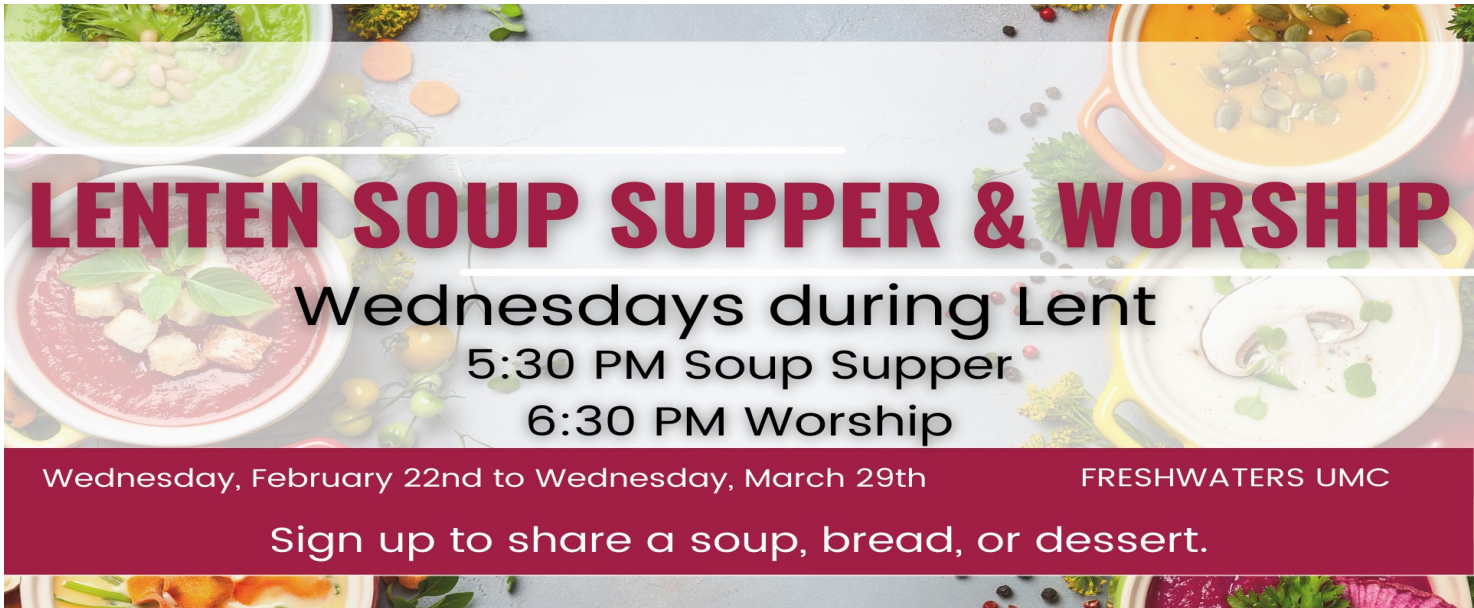
STEWARDS of God's gifts
1 Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others"

HOSPITALITY and acceptance to all persons wherever they are in life
Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it"



This Lenten season we will have a round robin schedule with other pastors in our area. Join us at 5:30 pm each Wednesday for a delicious soup supper and worship at 6:30 pm.

- March 01 - Bill Marschall from First Congregational
- March 08 - Sheri Routh - from God’s Greater Glory Lutheran Parish
- March 15 - Mike Pancoast - from Trinity Lutheran Church
- March 22 - Paul Brown - from Immanuel Lutheran Church
- March 29 - Mark Brower - from Bethel Christian Reformed Church



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP

Wednesdays during Lent

5:30 PM Soup Supper
6:30 PM Worship

Wednesday, February 22nd to Wednesday, March 29th FRESHWATERS UMC

Sign up to share a soup, bread, or dessert.

There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall to sign up for bringing soup, bread, or dessert. These dinners are not possible without volunteers, and this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while breaking bread together. Thank you in advance for volunteering and helping make the soup supper and Lenten worship experience great!



Thank you to our volunteers and committee members!! You are acting as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, volunteering and helping your church!! Together we make our worship services a special place to be, and we couldn’t do it without you!!

Coffee Hour Hosts

March 05 - UMW & YG Hot Breakfast

March 12 - Anji V, Mark & Nancy B

March 19 - NEEDED

March 26 - NEEDED

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Beverages are provided by church, we simply need volunteers to help set-up, provide snacks, and clean up! There is a sign up sheet outside fellowship hall if you are able to volunteer. Please keep it simple! If you have questions, please contact Pat Talberg at 763-221-6344.

Ushers

March 05 - Darren & Michele W

March 12 - Pat & Sarah

March 19 - NEEDED

March 26 - NEEDED

Sign up sheet outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 763-631-1185.

Sound Board

March 01 - Isaac J

March 05 & 08 - Joel C

March 12 & 15 - Isaac J

March 19 & 22 - Scott L

March 26 & 29 - Isaac J

If you are interested in helping with the sound board on Sunday mornings, please contact Pastor Kevin at 651-414-1132.

Sunday School Teachers

March 05 - Ryan P & Audrey P

March 12 - Angela H & Jolie C

March 19 - Jenna J & Audrey P

March 26 - Karen M & Amanda P

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact our Children’s Ministry Director, Jenna Jenson at 763-439-2816

