



APRIL 2021

FRESHWATERS

United Methodist Church

In-Person & Streaming Live on Sundays at 10 AM

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and blessings to you and your families! May the Blessings of the Easter message of new life in Christ fill you as you receive this newsletter!

Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday were pivotal moments in the lives of the disciples of Jesus Christ. They had been through a lot together in their shared ministry with Jesus, but nothing like this. They witnessed the betrayal, arrest, brutal treatment, and crucifixion of their friend, teacher, mentor, and Savior. On Holy Saturday, while they were in grief, shock, anger, fear, disillusionment – two disciples left for Emmaus. On Easter morning, they awoke to the news by the women that they had seen and heard Jesus; that he had risen, he was alive! And soon, the disciples would see for themselves when Jesus would appear and say, “peace be with you.” In these 3-days, their lives were radically, irrevocably changed; there was no going back to the “way it was.” Everything was different, things had changed – and this was only the beginning. In the days after the resurrection, the risen Christ Jesus would be preparing the disciples to go out into the world to make disciples. Life had changed, circumstances had changed – there was no going back to familiar patterns of life and faith.

We are in a similar place as the disciples. Covid has changed things. It has changed lives, patterns, habits, traditions – to put it simply, despite there being vaccines, there is no going back to the “way it was” before covid. I have been praying hard about what that means for us here at Freshwaters. Let’s be honest – and this is hard to say but, we can’t snap back to how things were pre-covid. As we come back to worship and

Sermon Series

**April 4
EASTER**

**WOMEN AT THE
TOMB**

**NEW SERMON SERIES
THE MASKS WE
WEAR**

April 11
The Masks We Wear

April 18
**The Mask to Hide
Loneliness**

April 25
**The Mask to Hide
Addiction**

May 2
**The Mask to Hide
Depression**

fellowship, we must be full of patience, loving, understanding, gracious, accepting, and respectful spirits. For a time, we will very likely have to worship in a single blended worship that offers the best of traditional and praise. We have to build up our numbers before we can split into two worship services again. I know this might not sound ideal, but this is the reality we must face. Just as we adjusted to worship from home - now we must readjust to worship together again. The faster we can get our worship numbers up, the sooner we can create two worship experiences again. In the meantime, prayer, patience, kindness, love, and care are what we will need as we come back together.

As we have been apart for so long, I see an opportunity to get to know one another again and make new relationships. Worship provides us that opportunity to see your sisters and brothers that might have been in another worship service. Here is the opportunity for us to reach out in Christian love toward one another to build up one community of faith called Freshwaters. I look forward to seeing you either in-person or online. Please, keep our congregation in prayer as we move forward into the future, together with offering "refreshing relationships with God and others." God bless you! Happy Easter! He is Risen!
Pastor Kevin

FRESHWATERS UMC

Good Friday Service

IN-PERSON AND STREAMING ONLINE
7 PM FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND



FRESHWATERS

EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers for our Easter Flower Garden. Our Sanctuary will be filled with new life as we celebrate Jesus this Easter.



MEDIA UPGRADES AND VIRTUAL CAMPUS

The Worship Committee met this month and had started planning media and technology upgrades for our online services. We want to create a solid online experience backed by a thriving online community. Please be in prayer for us as we make these important decisions. Plans are in place and are approved. Continue to pray for us and be patient with us as we upgrade our system.

Freshwaters Board Minutes

March 9, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Linda Olson, Susan Kettelhodt, Andrew Harvala, Scott Liestman, Dave Halverson, Kevin Fox, Phil Lingle, Myla Tolmie and Joel Carver.

The agenda was approved with the order altered to have the Worship Committee report moved up and the book discussion moved to last.

Minutes from last meeting were previously approved electronically.

Myla and Joel reviewed the several options the worship committee has formed to upgrade the video streaming of Sunday Services. One option is to get a new projector and screen, and another is to upgrade a camera and place TV screens on either side of the sanctuary to display graphics during the service. When pros and cons were considered it was agreed by consensus the TV option allowed better visual integrity of the sanctuary, longer lifespan and lower cost. Joel has volunteered to coordinate the purchase and installation of the project. Phase 2 will address the audio components.

Susan reviewed the financial report. Income and expenses remain down about 20% from a year ago.

There was discussion on when to open up two services on Sundays but it is still too early to make that decision.

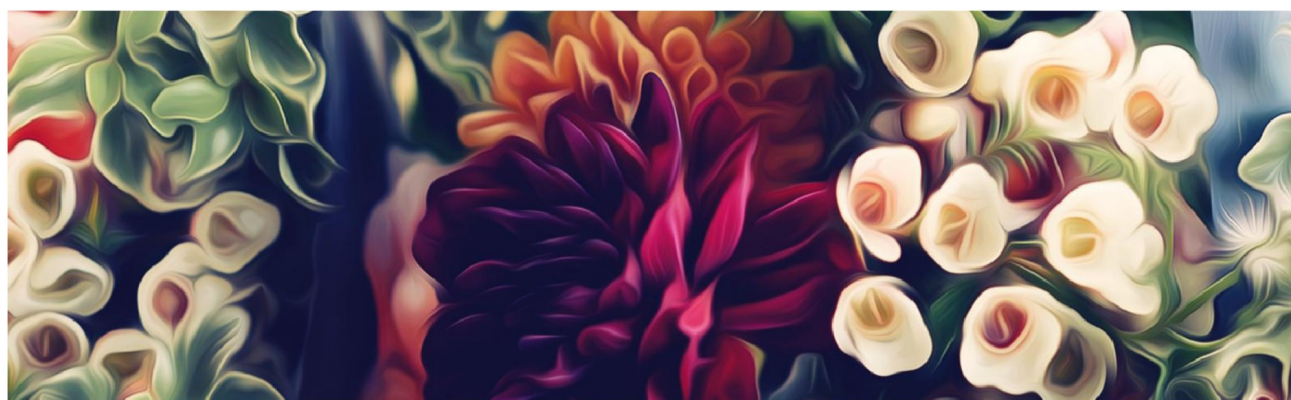
Meetings will change to the second Monday of each month starting April 12th.

Due to the time involved with the video presentation the book discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

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.



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EASTER AT FRESHWATERS

Sunday, April 4, 2021

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APRIL MINISTRY NOTES

BIRTHDAYS

April 02	Jenny
April 03	Missy J
April 03	Tyler S
April 04	Vivi B
April 04	Isaac J
April 07	Lynn H
April 07	Eva W
April 08	Rose A
April 08	Jack B
April 08	Chip F
April 08	Elaine M
April 10	Heidi L
April 10	Anne P
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 16	Molly S
April 17	Kaylie F
April 17	Frank K
April 17	Jennifer M
April 18	Amanda P
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	Amber K
April 30	Ken K

ANNIVERSARIES

April 07	Ken & Linda L
April 08	Brad & Tracey H, Mike & Kim J
April 15	Keith & Joanne M
April 19	Paul & Sandy W
April 21	Gregg & Laurie R, Kelly & Aaron S
April 25	Jason & Kelly S
April 26	Tom & LeeAnn S
April 28	Mark & Nancy B, David & Kris H

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte & Lowell Y	Hans & Gloria
Jacob K	Celeste H
Betty & John O	Jim K
Joyce M	Skip H
Val V	The Ruth Hein 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	Irene Galbrecht
Bernice Johnson	Joyce Mattson

(Gracepointe Crossing)

Thank you to all who have made worship this month wonderful!

Gloria W, Sawyer C, Myla T, Ryan P, Jim H, Dawn G, Nancy R, Tammy S, Kathy W, Ildiko F, Bethany M, Slayter C, Cori W, Owen O, Karen O, Bob L, Jeremy G, Jenna J, Hannah J, Bryan C, Sylvia C, Isaac J, Duane K, Scott L, Jeff S, Ken S, Leah C, Joel C

Sound Schedule

April 4 - Jim Hennessy
 April 11 - Scott Liestman
 April 18 - Isaac Jenson
 April 25 - Slayter Carey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday Service 7 PM	3
4 Communion EASTER Worship 10 AM	5 7 PM BSA	6 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM 4-H	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday Worship 10 AM	12 7 PM BSA 7 PM One Board	13 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Trustees	14	15	16	17
18 Sunday Worship 10 AM	19 7 PM BSA	20 9 AM Quilters	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday Worship 10 AM	26 7 PM BSA	27 9 AM Quilters	28	29	30	

Regular Sunday Worship

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