

FRESHWATERS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2020

Join us in-person or online on Sundays at 10 AM!

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings dear friends, sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, fellow disciples and companions on the journey of faith and readers of this edition of the Freshwaters Current.

How are all of you in these days? How is it with your souls and your faith? How are your families? For those of you who have children, grand-children, nieces and nephews I pray that they have all gotten off to a good start with school. As I sit and write this article to you, I have been teaching a class at the University of Northwestern on the history of the Roman World. It has been a great experience so far; I am truly thankful to God for this opportunity. We have not only been studying a civilization that is long gone; we have been looking at a civilization that influences us today. Our system of government was modeled after the Roman Republic; our buildings reflect the classical world of Rome and Greece; when we go to the race track or to a football stadium we are sitting in places that were modeled after the Romans. Our Christian faith emerged in and transformed the Roman world. In my class we just finished exploring the period of the rapid Roman expansion during the Roman Republic, and how this rapid expansion would be a consequence of the demise of the Roman Republican system and give rise to persons like Julius Caesar and Augustus. Today was a sobering day as we began to look comparatively at the stresses and strains the Roman Republic faced with our own republic. We saw similarities and we also saw differences. The point is – the Roman Republic faced moments of profound change, and we are in the midst of moments of profound change. I told my students that they should be documenting

Sermon Series

UNDIVIDED

October 4

Undivided Love

October 11

Undivided Mind

October 18

Undivided Church

October 25

Undivided
Strength

November 1

A Kingdom
Divided Cannot
Stand

what they see, hear, and experience because it will be important to future scholars when they look back at this period in time.

My friends one of the big differences is that we have the teachings of Jesus Christ to guide us in the days ahead as we move toward the election. Jesus teaches us that we are to love God, to love our neighbor (including our “enemies”), and to love the person who God made us to be. He teaches us to forgive, he teaches us to treat others as we want to be treated. He teaches us to rest in him. He teaches us that we should be defined by love but also to stand for what is right, good, and holy – even if it is hard. He teaches us that we must pray and seek first his kingdom. He teaches us not to worry about tomorrow, but rather be focused on the present day. When I think about these principles it does not surprise me that the early Christian movement was called “The Way.” I believe that these principles of Jesus Christ are a wonderful guide in the way ahead – as we navigate through the CoVid, as we navigate our way through this election season, and as we navigate our way into the holidays (which is hard to believe, but they are coming!). We need to care for each other, love each other, encourage each other, be there for each other in these days. I believe that we do have something to offer this hurting world – it is the life-giving refreshing waters of Jesus Christ who invites us together into life-giving relationships and moments of restoration and rest. Invite people to experience that with you and with us! – May God bless and keep all of you in his love and care!

Pastor Kevin

In-person Worship Reminders

- *Please social distance 6-feet apart*
- *Please wash hand or use hand sanitizer frequently*
- *Please wear a face mask*
- *Please stay at home if you or any family member is sick*

The weekly bulletin is now publish on our website (freshwatersumc.org) on Friday afternoons. Look for it under the Connect tab.



Give+ App



Online



Mail



In-Person

4 WAYS TO GIVE

Meals Ala Car

A special thanks goes out to Richard & Norma Gist, Dave & Joanne Vork, Jon & Rosetta Conway, and Jeremy & Jessica Laskowski for delivery of Meals Ala Car from the individuals receiving the meals in the month of August 2020. Anyone interested in helping in the future can call the church office, 763-631-1185, or Skip Harman at 763-389-1845.

SINGLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Linda Olson at 7:00pm.

Members present were Andrew Harvala, Roger Leider, Linda Olson, Kevin Fox, Darren Wesloh, Scott Liestman and Philip Lingle. Also present was Youth Director Cory Wallace.

The agenda was approved as written.

Cory outlined how they plan to provide Sunday School with appropriate Covid safety. They will decide on purchasing a final curriculum after a few weeks to assess how much they need. Preschool to 8th grade will participate. Pastor Kevin will begin Confirmation classes in October.

Carla Lusche will be joining the Board in January.

Andrew reported a final settlement has been reached with the insurance company for \$91,000, and repairs to the sanctuary will begin soon.

Roger submitted the financial reports, showing collections down by \$11,000 YTD, but expenses also down so net is down \$900 from budget. He also created a new report titled Freshwaters Church Holdings. This separates out the endowment, memorial, youth, and growth funds that are not part of the general fund. The policy statement describing the use of those funds was discussed, some changes made and will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for October 10, 9-3, and changed to the MN. Propane building (former Zimmerman church) due to the addition of more people attending. Scott will coordinate lunch and snacks. This meeting will combine the regular October Board meeting with the retreat and cancel the October 13 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.
Submitted by Philip Lingle

Worship Committee Minutes

September 14, 2020

Present: Dawn Green, Pastor Kevin, Myla Tolmie

Our tentative agenda was to discuss a recommendation to the Board re continuation of the one service through the end of the year. Pastor Kevin informed us that the Board had already decided to continue the one service for that time period.

We also discussed providing prefilled communion cups/wafers for congregation members who would like them. Bethany will order a supply and it will be made available to the congregation. Members or anyone who would like to participate in at-home communion can contact Bethany at 763-631-1185 or admin@freshwatersumc.com or Myla Tolmie at 651-955-3877 or mylatolmie@rocketmail.com. Interested persons can either stop by the office to pick some up or the Worship Committee members would be happy to deliver to your home at your convenience.

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

Children and Youth Ministry

King of My Heart

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart be
The mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from; oh
He is my song
Let the King of my heart be
The shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life; oh,
He is my song

Chorus

You are good, good, oh

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart be
The wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves; oh
He is my song
Let the King of my heart be
The fire inside my veins
And the echo of my days; oh
He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down



We had 12 kids the first week of Sunday School!



Confirmation



Starting in Sunday, October 4th, Pastor Kevin will host confirmation classes at 9 AM. Contact Pastor Kevin to register your teen for this foundational part of their faith journey.

Freshwaters October 2020

Regular Sunday Worship
In-Person and Streaming Live at 10 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday Worship 10 AM	5	6 9 AM Quilters	7 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	8	9	10 Board Retreat 9 AM—3 PM
11 Sunday Worship 10 AM	12	13 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees	14 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	15	16	17
18 Sunday Worship 10 AM	19	20 9 AM Quilters	21 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24
25 Sunday Worship 10 AM	26	27 9 AM Quilters	28 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	29	30	31 Private Event

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 01 **Connie T**
 October 03 **Gloria S**
 October 05 **Ron F**
 October 05 **Diana W**
 October 07 **Bradley H**
 October 07 **Molly O**
 October 08 **Tim K**
 October 10 **Sarah F**
 October 11 **Brad W**
 October 12 **Katie D**
 October 13 **Jon C**
 October 14 **Walter M**
 October 16 **Gary H**
 October 16 **Mary V**
 October 17 **John O**
 October 17 **Phyllis W**
 October 17 **Robin C**
 October 18 **Isabella S**
 October 20 **Wyatt M**
 October 21 **Juanita L**
 October 21 **Kathy W**
 October 22 **Ainsley M**
 October 24 **Bernice J**
 October 25 **Frank S**
 October 26 **Secylia C**
 October 26 **Jonathon M**
 October 28 **Jean M**
 October 28 **Colton S**
 October 28 **Alec V**
 October 30 **Duane J**

October 04 **Mitch & Tina B**
 October 07 **Tim & Tina V**
 October 19 **Doug & Kandy H**
 October 24 **Alex & Ryan F**
 October 24 **Rodger & Bonnie G**
 October 25 **Ken & Susan K**
 October 25 **John & Shirley W**
 October 28 **Myla & Don T**
 October 31 **Jim & Juanita L**

October Ushers	
	10 AM Service
Oct 4	Kurt & Kim N Paul M and Deb F
Oct 11	Ken & Susan K Tim & Tina V
Oct 18	Scott & Jackie L Scott & Becky A
Oct 25	Doug & Kandy H Ron & Debbie J

PRAYER AND MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Bob & Sarah L	Joyce M
Charlotte Y	Val V
Mary V	Donna L
Deloris R	Jim & Rene H
Betty & John O	

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!

Wayne Patten	Muriel Walker
Dorothy Anderson	Irene Galbrecht
Bernice Johnson	Ruth Hein
Joyce Mattson	Deloris Reynolds
(Gracepointe Crossing)	(Caley House)

Those *unmarked* are at the Elim Home in Princeton or Milaca

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

Angela H, 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, Lily W, Debbie G, Duane K, Scott L, Jeff S, Ken S, Connie T

QUILTERS Tuesdays 9 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
CRAFTING AND
CONVERSATION!
PEOPLE OF ALL
EXPERIENCE LEVELS

ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.
FACE MASKS AND
SOCIAL DISTANCING
REQUIRED.



Prefilled Communion Cups

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The Book of Revelation BIBLE STUDY

Online Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday evenings at 6 PM
Meeting ID: 962 636 2517
Password: 1aEAYv

Hello, Autumn! UMW FUNDRAISER

BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND PUMPKINS
AVAILABLE FROM GLORIA WESLOH

Bernie and Gloria Wesloh have donated approximately 300 pounds of butternut squash each year to the Annual Beef Dinner for the last several years. They also provided pumpkins for the outside decorations. Sadly because of Covid-19 there will not be a beef dinner this year. However, they have a bumper crop of squash, pumpkins, and even have some acorn squash. They are offering their produce to those who would be willing to give a donation to Freshwaters UMW in exchange. They'd appreciate it if you would come to their farm to pick it up. Call Gloria at 763-389-3712 or text her at 763-260-0254.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | 6 PM

Service of Remembrance

A special time of remembering those who have died during the time of COVID, including Charles Herman, Yvonne Gunnick, Bruce Morton, and Verna Ady.

If you have a loved one you would like us to remember, please contact the Church Office so their name and photo came be added to the night.

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Return Service Requested

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