

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

# FRESHWATERS

*United Methodist Church*

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and God's blessing on you dear friends and readers! May the blessing and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your families!

Here we are in these last weeks of August, moving once again into the season of school and Fall. What lies ahead of us? After these past few months who can say, right?

My family and I went on a little vacation last week to the Wisconsin Dells. It was a fun and relaxing time. For those who have been there, you know that it is a place that thrives on water activities. There are water parks everywhere! At the little resort where we stayed there was an indoor pool as well as an outdoor lagoon for swimming. One of the days, we went to a water park that had both indoor and outdoor slides of all kinds. Daniel begged me to go down one of the slides with him. I confess while I love to have fun with my son, I do not like going down these water slides! You sit on an innertube moving at rapid speed through a tube where there is no light at all. You twist and turn in darkness, only at the end to burst out at the tube's ending in a blaze of light and water; praying that you don't flip over backward into the receiving pool with everyone looking on. My heart is racing just recalling the feeling! I don't like the feeling of not being able to see what lies ahead! While you are sliding down the tube in the darkness you try to anticipate what the turn will be – and where it will be – to the right or the left, and when will we explode out into the receiving pool.

## Sermon Series

### OVERLOOKED

**September 6**  
Zechariah

**September 13**  
Malachi

### UNDIVIDED

**September 20**  
Undivided Heart

**September 27**  
Undivided Soul

As I thought about this experience, once my heart started beating again – I began to think that this has been very much like the experience of this year. We are sliding around in this tube where we cannot see what lies ahead. We can try to anticipate what might be the next twist or turn in the remaining months of 2020, but there are moments we just have to hold on and “enjoy the ride.” (as my son Daniel loves to say while sliding!)

In September, we will be celebrating one year of our consolidation in one location! We have hired a children’s/youth leader; we have seen the renovation of the lower level into a fresh space for children, youth, and our quilters; the church has been reroofed; we have seen a new dehumidification system installed; we have gone online with worship; we have seen our worship leaders and volunteers do a great job in helping us to experience God’s presence; we have seen our financial health stabilize; we have seen a new playground installed outside; we have packed 1500 bags of blessing, and we have invested the funds from Zimmerman campus for future ministries and opportunities. These are some of the highlights of this one year and I know that there are many more. Rejoice and celebrate God’s good provision and your good work even in the midst of these days!

Enjoy the ride!  
Pastor Kevin

## PASTOR KEVIN'S FALL SCHEDULE

Pastor Kevin will be an adjunct faculty at the University of Northwestern this Fall! He is excited to be teaching a class on the history of the Roman world.

**His Freshwaters office schedule will be the following:**

**Monday/Wednesday: 9 AM - 4PM**

**Tuesday/Thursday: 1-5/6 PM**

Tuesdays and Thursdays Pastor Kevin will be at the U of NW from 8 AM-12 PM teaching and having office hours.

In the event of pastoral emergency or need, please contact pastor Kevin and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

### 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*



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Online



Mail



In-Person

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE

**The weekly bulletin is now publish on our website ([freshwatersumc.org](http://freshwatersumc.org)) on Friday afternoons. Look for it under the Connect tab.**

# SINGLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**August 4, 2020**

Scott Liestman filled in as secretary until the next meeting when Phil Lingle will take over.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Linda Olson. Attending were Linda Olson, Roger Leider, Andrew Harvala, Dave Halverson, Scott Liestman, Kevin Fox, Darren Wesloh, and Phil Lingle.

Pastor Kevin started us off with a prayer.

We discussed potential candidates for the board for 2021 as several terms will expire.

The minutes of the June 9th meeting were already electronically approved.

**Trustee Report** by Andrew Harvala: The new dehumidifier has been installed. Painting has helped a lot to reduce the musty smell. Mint Roofing did some roof repairs as we had a few leaks from the recent heavy rains. Our insurance company is arguing the claim amount, Andrew is working through it with them. We are still planning to shampoo the carpets in the downstairs. We are still hoping to do some painting outside depending on how the settlement comes out?

**Financial report** by Roger Leider: We were supposed to be getting another \$10,000 grant from "Investing in Congregations" in July, but have not seen it yet. Kevin will write a letter to see if we should still expect it, or if things have changed due to the Covid 19? Our giving is down about \$4000 from last ytd. We feel very fortunate to be in the financial situation we are in and thank everyone for their continued giving.

Roger indicated his term of Treasurer will be done at the end of the year and to start looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested, please step forward.

**SPRC report** by Darren Wesloh: Kathy Walz would like to step down as choir director. Myla Tolmie is willing to take over provided we are able to have a choir soon?

**Pastor Kevin report:** In-person attendance has been low so the decision has been made to go back to one service starting August 16<sup>th</sup>. The service will be at 10am and be a blended service (traditional and contemporary). Online attendance has been good and despite attendance dropping during the live streaming, our overall hits are staying steady. Kevin will update the sound schedule since we are going to only one service. We are hoping to start Sunday School on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> with details to follow.

The endowment spending policies for both our Endowment and Zimmerman sale proceeds were discussed again.

The board agreed that any amount over the original \$500,000 principal received from the sale of the Zimmerman property could be available at the discretion of the **Single Board** as needed. If the principal should drop below the original amount, no access would be available until the account exceeds the original principal again. Linda will adjust the policy for approval at the next meeting.

We have set Oct 10<sup>th</sup> as a retreat date of the single board to look at the direction of the church and set some 1 year and 5 year goals. The meeting will be at Scott Liestman's home and will begin at 9am, ending around 3pm.

Elim Oasis is back running again with less than average attendance. We will continue to charge only 50% rent until they get back to full capacity.

Next meeting will be on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Halverson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger. Leider. Adjourned at 8pm.

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

## THE FALL IN A SNAPSHOT

We will have in-person and online worship at 10 AM for the foreseeable future. This is a temporary measure until the pandemic ends and our worship numbers increase to the point we can restart our 2 worship services. We will do our best to offer the best of both worship experiences in the one 10AM worship experience. We look upon this moment as an opportunity to bring greater connectedness and relationships for our congregation.

We do plan to offer Sunday School in the Fall! Our children's leader Cori Wallace is working out the details so that it is safe but also fun and instructive for our children and youth. We are exploring how we can offer a time of refreshment in a safe and secure manner.

The Single Board will go on retreat in October to assess what our goals need to be in the next 5 years. What will be Freshwaters in 5 years' time? This is our prayerful question to God and for one another.

## BAGS OF BLESSING

The new school year is approaching with new challenges and opportunities, and we see a great need in our communities to continue with our Bags of Blessings ministry. We are in communication with the Princeton and Zimmerman schools and they expressed their hope to continue to work with us to support local families in need. We are starting to collect items (listed below) in the coming weeks. If you are able to pick up a few extra things during your shopping trips, it is very much appreciated. Some items, like canned foods are in limited quantities and even a few extra can be very helpful. You can drop off your items at the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Financial contributions are also welcome so that we can go out and purchase the needed items. Thank you for your continued support of the Bags of Blessing ministry in the coming year!

Collected Items: Canned vegetables/soups  
Oatmeal-single pack  
Fruit/pudding cup  
Apple sauce cup  
Chips-single bags  
Single Serve Cereal boxes  
Ramen Noodle  
Mac and Cheese  
100% fruit juice

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

**James 1:2-3**

# Freshwaters September 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Worship	2 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	3	4	5
6 <b>Communion Sunday Worship 10 AM</b>	7 <b>Labor Day</b> Office Closed	8 <b>First Day of School</b> 9 AM Quilters 6 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	9 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	10	11	12
13 <b>Sunday Worship 10 AM</b> First Day of Sunday School	14	15 9 AM Quilters	16 Zoom Bible Study 6 PM	17	18	19
20 <b>Sunday Worship 10 AM</b>	21	22 9 AM Quilters	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 <b>Sunday Worship 10 AM</b>	28	29 9 AM Quilters	30			

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 03 **Wanda McCormick**  
 Sept 03 **Jacqueline Young**  
 Sept 06 **Kandice Hennen**  
 Sept 06 **Andrew Wesloh**  
 Sept 07 **Paul McCormick**  
 Sept 08 **Jim Laskowski**  
 Sept 11 **Gerald Miller**  
 Sept 12 **Aubrey Harvala**  
 Sept 12 **Dee Hemgren**  
 Sept 12 **Phillip Lingle**  
 Sept 12 **Lowell Yahnke**  
 Sept 13 **Shelbi Voss**  
 Sept 14 **Megan Borich**  
 Sept 14 **Jeremy Wesloh**  
 Sept 16 **Ginny Elliott**  
 Sept 17 **Bryson Borich**  
 Sept 18 **Addison Harris**  
 Sept 22 **Dorothy Anderson**  
 Sept 23 **Rebecca Oleen Voss**  
 Sept 24 **Lee Dettmer**  
 Sept 24 **Jay Fredrick**  
 Sept 24 **Matthew Hohlen**  
 Sept 25 **Norma Hatch**  
 Sept 26 **Jonathan Fillafer**  
 Sept 27 **Patricia Nelson**  
 Sept 28 **Ryder Borich**  
 Sept 28 **Wendy Thompson**  
 Sept 30 **Trudi Abraham**

Sept 03 **David & Joanne Vork**  
 Sept 07 **Scott & Carla Lusche**  
 Sept 10 **Mark & Nita Lyngen**  
 Sept 11 **Al & Sandy Miller**  
 Sept 12 **Amber & Benjamin Endicott**  
 Sept 12 **Bruce & Barb Hoeft**  
 Sept 12 **Ron & Debbie Jenson**  
 Sept 14 **Eric & Christine Petersen**  
 Sept 14 **Frank & Darla Scouten**  
 Sept 20 **Scott & Jackie Liestman**  
 Sept 22 **Dick & Norma Gist**  
 Sept 22 **Garr & Amanda Pemberton**  
 Sept 26 **Ben & Dani Zehowski**  
 Sept 28 **Gene & Kathy Stoeckel**  
 Sept 28 **Diane & John Wesloh**

<b>September Ushers</b>	
<b>10 AM Service</b>	
<b>Sept 6</b>	Isaac & Jenna J Scott & Carla L
<b>Sept 13</b>	Ryan & Audrey P Sarah L and Deb F
<b>Sept 20</b>	Jeff & Heather S Needed
<b>Sept 27</b>	Dave & Joann V The Claassen Family

## PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

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



# Fresh CONNECTIONS

## Confirmation



Starting in October, Pastor Kevin will host confirmation classes for 7th & 8th graders on Sunday evenings. Contact Pastor Kevin to register your teen for this foundational part of their faith journey.

## 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.



OVERLOOKED SERMON SERIES

## ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

**Join our Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM.  
Meeting ID: 962 636 2517  
Password: 1aEAYv**

Please contact Pastor Kevin if you are interested in participating. Each Wednesday we will explore the book of the minor prophet that we looked at on Sunday.

HEY KIDS!  
Sunday School  
begins on  
September 13th  
during the 10 AM  
service!

We are so excited to begin Sunday School! We will have so much fun learning about our faith and how we can make it grow!  
**See you there!**



## UMW Meeting

The United Methodist Women will meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, September 8th at 4 PM. This is open for women of any age to come and connect in faith, hope, and love in action. Face masks and social distancing required.

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