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# July 2018

**Freeland United Methodist Church**

**Pastor: Kayla Roosa**

**Church: (989) 695-2101**

**Sunday Schedule: Worship Service 10:00 am**

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**Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 – 4:00 & Wednesday 9:30 – 1:30**

As I write this I'm sitting in the gathering area of the church we are staying at in Pittsburgh, PA on the mission trip. I'm sifting through the materials for the week, preparing for Sunday's message when the students and I return. This week while on the mission trip the scriptures revolve around Peter's journey with Jesus and the GRIT that he discovered and grew inside himself. You will hear a little more about GRIT on Sunday as the Youth and I share our testimonies from the week.

It makes me think of the GRIT that we had last week as we navigated Vacation Bible School. I heard many comments that the challenge that was set before you was too large and that it wasn't possible. THAT wasn't the case...we not only met the challenge but we rose above it. The challenge required us to have GRIT of our own. I'm still overwhelmed by the love we poured into the 82 young people who attended VBS last week. You did something that many think you could do last week. I am thankful for your risk, and your willingness to step outside of your comfort zone. This will not be the last time you are asked to do this. Time and time again Jesus called those who were closest to him out of their comfort zones and we must follow their example, putting our trust in God that God will provide and lead us accordingly.

We need to remain faithful in our own spiritual formation – we must continue to spend time daily in God's word and in prayer for not only our families, but our local church, our community and the world, for God's will to be done, not our own. For this reason, you are invited to join me on Thursdays from 2-3 beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> for an hour of devotion and prayer. We will spend time in prayer for our church, our community, and our world, including joining our hearts and minds together during the 2:23-2:26 when we are to be praying for the Commission on a Way Forward. Please consider joining me for this journey over the course of the next month. My hope is that out of this we will continue to meet into the Fall as we begin to explore what is next for Freeland UMC as we continue striving to be a "Christ centered mission minded community called to serve all people through God's love."

Over the course of the next month, you will be presented with several ways in which you can engage with being mission minded through our Christmas in July Celebration that will be occurring each Sunday in July. Each week we will focus on a different mission ministry of the church: Red Wagon, School Bags, Haiti Dresses and more. Be sure to join us to see how you can be involved in these mission minded activities!

Blessings,  
Pastor Kayla

**When entering the hospital or when confined to home, please notify the church office.**

**ASSISTED LIVING:**

<b>Mrs. Laura Heffel</b> Stone Crest 255 N. Main Street Freeland, MI 48623	<b>Mr. Curt Thayer</b> Medilodge 500 W Genesee St Frankenmuh, MI 48734	<b>Ms. Kathryn Hilton</b> Kings Daughters Home 2410 Rodd St Midland, MI 48640	<b>Mr. Ben Webb</b> Brookdale Living 4004 Waldo Ave Midland, MI 48642	<b>Ms. Evelyn Fraser</b> Wellspring Living 2825 Wieneke Apt 105 Saginaw, MI 48603
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**HOMEBOUND:**

<b>Mrs. Wilma Spyker</b> 4700 E. Kent Rd Freeland, MI 48623	<b>Mrs. Jill Ortega</b> 9670 Midland Road Freeland, MI 48623	<b>Mrs. Barb Crocker</b> 5935 Shattuck Apt 33 Saginaw, MI 48603	<b>Ms. Mary Goodrich</b> 6102 Jefferson #1404 Midland, MI 48640	<b>Ms. Joyce Schuknecht</b> 180 South Colony Dr Apt 325 Saginaw, MI 48638
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**IN THE MILITARY:**

- AMN Anthony A. Miller / Commander Christopher Osborn, U.S. Navy / Alex Osborn, U.S. Navy

**COLLEGE STUDENTS – Please contact church office with updates**

Ally Duley – CMU	Sarah Kusowski – Ferris State University
Lauren Guentert – CMU	Jessica Pfund – Ferris State University
Scott Haines – Delta	Matthew Rohn – Greater MI Construction Academy
Sam Uptmor - Delta	Kelsey Ruggles – Delta
Steve McGuire - Delta	Tatyana Spaulding - Delta
Mitchell Musial – Ferris State University	

**JULY**

2 Autumn Ruggles	8 Cody Hain
3 Della Wilder	12 Jill Ortega
5 Barbara Muessig-Short	13 Patricia Yates
6 Julie Pfund	14 Evelyn Fraser
7 Bree Castle	Tatyana Spaulding
Mary Goodrich	23 Kris Kreager
JoAnn Hargreaves	28 Kelsey Ruggles



**JULY**

8 Pat and Barb McIntyre	22 John and Elizabeth Burnett
10 Randy and Sally Vollmer	27 David and Jennifer Hedlund
15 Tim and Ruth Dill	



Come celebrate Meghan Rohn's high school graduation July 7th! The party is starting at 3:00pm until who knows when. The pool will be open (no life guard) and we are planning a bonfire. 4120 Smith's Crossing.



**Reward Program:** When shopping at Gordon's be sure to mention FUMC at the checkout as a nonprofit. Your sales dollars will be added to FUMC account and later redeemed for FUMC food supplies.



**Endowment Town Hall Meeting:** July 15<sup>th</sup> all are welcome to join us for a Town Hall Meeting regarding the Endowment Fund. Come learn about this generous gift that we have the joy of managing for the future ministry of Freeland UMC. Lunch will be provided and the Nursery will also be available.



**School Bag Mission Project:** As a mission project we are again making school bags. Soon July and August will be here when school supplies will be on sale. Each bag needs the following:

1 - <u>blunt</u> scissors	6 - <u>unsharpened</u> pencils with erasers
3 - <u>wide ruled</u> spiral notebooks (70 pages each)	1 - 2 1/2 inch eraser
1 - 30 centimeter (12 inch) ruler	1 - box of Crayola Crayons 24 ct
1 - hand held pencil sharpener	

Help in purchasing any supplies will be greatly appreciated. There will be a tub in Fellowship Hall starting in July. Goal is to have bags filled by August end. Blessings – Grace Leaman



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

You're Invited

Children's Ministry Leaders Gathering

Wednesday, July 18, 6 pm

Hexlock United Methodist Church

406 W. Saginaw Hexlock, 48626

This is a casual gathering for anyone involved in children's ministry at their church—from planning VBS to being a volunteer Sunday school teacher to being paid staff at a church

We can meet, network, share ideas, discuss and troubleshoot your church's plans and fellowship. Light refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to Tina Karnath by July 16 [tinamarie48604@gmail.com](mailto:tinamarie48604@gmail.com)

Central Bay District - Children's Ministry

**DISTRICT 3 FAMILY CAMP**

Join us August 17-19th for the District 3 Family Camp! We are excited to offer this event in connection with Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries, an affiliate ministry of the Michigan Area United Methodist Church!

**BAY SHORE PARK**

**SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Camp opens for RVs	2:00pm	Paintball Tournament	9:30am	Worship Service	10:00am
Activities available	3:30pm - 10:00pm	Camp tours	10:00am - 4:00pm	Camp Bonfire	8:00pm
Pool	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Concession Stand opens	10:30am		
Mini Golf	4:00pm - 8:00pm	Canoeing	1:00pm - 2:00pm		
Scavenger Hunt	7:00pm				
Laser Tag & Arrow Tag	9:00pm				
Barrel Train	10:00am - 12:00pm				
	1:00pm - 3:30pm				
Mini-Golf	10:00am - 7:30pm				
Camp Store/Museum	10:00am - 12:00pm				
Pool	1:00pm - 3:00pm				
Pool	10:00am - 12:00pm				
	1:00pm - 5:00pm				
Inflatables	10:00am - 12:00pm				
	1:00pm - 3:00pm				
Zip-line	2:00pm - 4:00pm				
	8:00pm				

(listed times are subject to change at the discretion of BSC.)

Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries • 450 N. M. Ter St. Grosse Pointe, MI 48759 • (989) 883-8288 • [www.bayshorecamp.com](http://www.bayshorecamp.com)

Bring a tent or RV or Lodge with us or COME FOR THE DAY on Saturday!

(Call for details.)

Everything is first come first serve, so be sure to register early! Check-ins start at 2:00pm on Friday and activities start at 3:30pm. If you can't stay, consider coming for the day on Saturday and join in the fun!

Our campground is not designed for ground campfires, but elevated campfire pits are permitted. Bring your own or use one of ours, we'll supply the wood. Even the family dog is permitted at your campsite or in designated areas.

If you or your church is interested in reserving a space/tent for your group during the weekend, WE'LL GET YOU COVERED! Contact the office at (989) 883 2501.

Bring your family and friends. Make it a church event! Bay Shore Camp is planning some wholesome family fun they all can enjoy. Whether you're into flying down your zipline or if playing minigolf is more your speed, District 3 Family Camp at Bay Shore Camp is sure to have something for everyone. Some activities include: Gaga Ball, Carpetball, 9-square, human foosball, Snookball, horseshoes, ladder ball, Corn hole, Volleyball

**JOIN THE FUN, REGISTER!**

**Prayer with Pastor:** All are welcome to join Pastor Kayla from 2-3 each Thursday in July and August from 2-3. We will gather in the sanctuary for a devotion, prayer for our church, our community, our world and the United Methodist Church as we pray our way forward together as a body of Christ. If someone is interested in facilitating an evening prayer group following the same format, please see Pastor Kayla.



**Christmas in July:** One of our Christmas projects this year will be a food drive. All during the month of July and August we all will have the opportunity to create a cross to hang on the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary during Advent. By donating the requested items of food you will earn pieces of the cross that can be put together to make the ornament. There is no limit of the number of crosses that can be made, so a family of five can make one ornament or ten. In addition to the Christmas project we will be getting "Mission News" each Sunday in July. This will be a short video of Missions that are supported by FUMC from your offerings. Look for list of items to earn the cross pieces. God Bless Your Mission Team



**VBS 2018:** Was a super fun time. There were 82 kids who rolled down the river and experienced the ride of a lifetime with God. From singing to listening to Bible stories to contributing to the water collection for the Flint water crisis, the kids loved it. *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."* - Isaiah 43:2

THANK you to the 35+ leaders who lent their time and talent to make this such a success. Plans are already underway for next year. Save the days June 18 – 20, 2019 for the next adventure. Tina Musial Karnath

**Congregational Finance Meeting**

Freeland United Methodist Church has been blessed with generous donations to the Endowment Fund in recent and not so recent years. The Endowment Fund was created as a separate account to be used for new or innovative ministries and outreach in the immediate community and beyond. This fund is to be used for non-budgeted initiatives approved by the Endowment Committee and Church Council. The donations to Endowment Funds remain intact; only the earnings on investments are used to fund programs. For example, if the Endowment fund had \$100,000 invested at a rate of 5%, just the \$5,000 of earnings can be used for grants. The \$100,000 principal remains in place for future initiatives.

Below is a summary of the current Endowment Fund balance:

Freeland State Bank Savings	186,504
Freeland State Bank CD's	136,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>323,218</b>



It is important to stress that the Endowment Fund is completely separate from the General Fund. They are in different bank accounts, and funds are not comingled. The General Fund typically operates at, or slightly below break-even year to year, and we keep track of weekly donations and expenses to ensure we have enough to pay the bills. The Endowment fund and its investment earnings are not touched without proposals and approvals of grant requests.

We are seeking input from the congregation on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> as to how funds should be managed. It will be an opportunity to ask questions on church finances, but we would also like to hear your thoughts on how to manage the Endowment investment. Is the congregation willing to seek higher returns by accepting the swings in valuation that come in investing in equity funds, or is preservation of the principal more important? Are we willing to pay an advisor to make recommendations, or defer to the Endowment Committee, Finance Committee, and ultimately Church Council?

We are blessed with these gifts offered by members no longer with us. We don't often talk about money other than during the Stewardship campaign. This time, we are asking members to offer their advice on how to manage funds in a way that honors the desire of the contributors to extend the ministries of Freeland United Methodist Church.

I hope to see you on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pat McIntyre, Finance Chairman

**JULY**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship	2 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	3	4 <b>Office Closed</b> NO Alzheimer's Support Group	5 2-3 Prayer Group	6	7
8 10:00am Worship	9 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	10	11	12 2-3 Prayer Group	13	14
15 10:00am Worship 11:30am Town Hall Meeting	16 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	17 6:00 Worship Mtg 7:00 Council Mtg	18	19 2-3 Prayer Group	20	21
22 10:00am Worship	23 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	24	25 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	26 2-3 Prayer Group	27	28
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