Freeland United Methodist Church

FUMC Mission Statement

"A Christ centered mission minded community called to serve all people through God's love."

Worship Service Online Sunday 10:00 am via Zoom—details found on page 3 of the newsletter.

Take a look…

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I'm not sure where time is going these days, other than time is going quicker it seems for me in this season of COVID. Days have been much longer, filled with phone calls checking in on people, and now trying to pre-record worship so I can pay attention to the technological details of Sunday mornings! Our worship services are available on our Church's YouTube Page, you can find it by searching for Freeland United Methodist Church. To keep in accordance with Copyright rules and regulations, we are unable to leave the services up for more than a couple of weeks—yes, the learning curve has been steep—there are many rules and regulations to abide by in the midst of streaming and recording an entire worship service, particularly when we do not have rights for the music to do such things.

Parking Lot Communion

July 12th, 12:30-1 and 7-7:30

August 16th, 12:30-1 and 7-7:30

In June we tested parking lot communion. We blessed the elements during the worship service and invited people to receive the sacrament (individually packaged juice and wafers handled only by me). The response was great and we plan on offering this in the months ahead in the dates listed above. Please mark them in your calendar. If you would like to visit with one another in the parking lot, you are welcome to hang around. The building will not be open to go into at this point in time during the times to receive communion.

The leadership (Church Council) who gathered on June 16th decided that they are not comfortable gathering in person at this point in time. We did decide to do a survey for the congregation to gain further input on returning to worship. We have several guidelines to follow (local health department, denominational leadership guidelines, CDC, and best practices from other churches). The surveys have been distributed via email and will be attached to the newsletter for those who do not have internet. Please complete it and return it to church before July 30th. Thank you to those of you who have already done so, we have had a great response from our members! Thank you for your candid input.

Pastorally, this season is incredibly difficult. I want to be back in person too. Like many of you, music is an important aspect to me in worship. However, the decision to return to worship will be based in the science as we continue to monitor the risk and liability of returning to worship for all of our members. Each of you are on our minds as we have these difficult conversations and make these difficult decisions, prayerfully. It is not an easy time for any of us. We want to return to normal, but we also want each of our members to remain healthy. Church Council will gather again on August 18th to review the survey information and make a decision.

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To the right you will find the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday in the month ahead. As you prepare your hearts for worship each week, you are invited to read the scriptures ahead of time with your families and come prepared to hear the message that God has given me to share with each of you on our virtual worship!

Lectionary Readings for the Month of July

July 5th

(5th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 24: 34-38 42-49 58-67
Psalm 45:10 -17
Rom 7: 15 –25a
Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12th

(6th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 25:19-34
Psalm 119: 105-112
Rom 8: 1– 11
Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19th

(7th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 28: 10-19a
Psalm 139: 1-12,23-24
Rom 8: 12-25
Matt 13: 24-30,36-43

July 26 th
(8th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 29: 15-28
Psalm 105:1 -11
Rom 8: 26-39
Matt 13: 31-33 44-52

Lectionary Readings for the Month of August

August 2nd

(9th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 32: 22-313
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Rom 9: 1-5
Matt 14: 13-21

August 9th

(10th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 37: 1-4,12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Rom 10: 5-15
Matt 14: 22-23

August 16th

(11th Sunday After Pentecost)

Gen 45:1 -15
Psalm 133
Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matt 15: 10-20, 21-28

August 23rd
(12th Sunday After Pentecost)

Exod 1: 8-2:10
Psalm 124
Rom 12: 1-8
Matt 16: 13-20

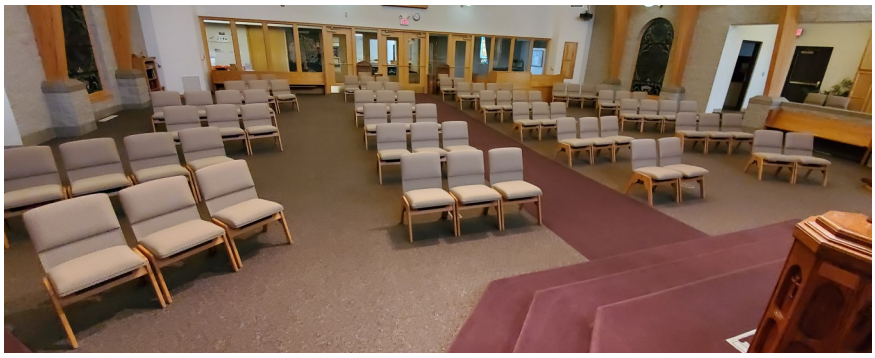
August 30th
(13th Sunday After Pentecost)

Exod 3: 1-15
Psalm 105: 1:6, 23-26, 45b
Rom 12: 9-21
Matt 16: 21-28

EXTRAORDINARY CONNECTION

Looking for some additional spiritual sustenance throughout the week? Several Michigan Area United Methodist Clergy are working together in this difficult time we find ourselves in to share messages of Hope and Grace each day with people around the state! You can check it out and subscribe by going to the following website: http://www.extraordinaryconnection.org/

One thing that I've noted so far in responses is that people are interested in parking lot worship. In order for this to become a reality, I would like to know who will take on the responsibility of making the sound equipment available for outside use each week (set-up and tear down). This is not something I can do on my own. I need willing people to make parking lot worship a possibility for all of our members, not just those who would be able to hear me without a sound system. Since we met for Church Council, I have been working with Dave Hedlund and Mark Collier to prepare the technology in the sanctuary for when we are able to return to in person worship. The Trustees also gathered to social distance the chairs in the sanctuary in groups of 2s, 3s and 4s so individuals can sit by family unit. At this point in time, we have not set a return to worship date. When we do, we will communicate with a letter as well as an email communication.
Stay tuned and stay safe!



Together in ministry,
Pastor Kayla

Until it is safe for us to gather in person, Sunday morning worship will be held using a program called ZOOM. This program can be used if you have internet AND if you don't! Isn't technology great? For those of you who are shut-ins who haven't been able to worship in person, you now have a way to join us for worship! If you have a computer or tablet with internet, you can click the following link. You may be required to download software so please plan on giving yourself a little extra time to download it and log in if you plan on joining. You can trust this software - it is used across many businesses and is safe to download to your computer!

If you do not have a computer or tablet, but would like to call - you will call in using the following toll free number the instructions are below. Think of this as if you are calling in your prescription to renew them at Rite Aid or Walgreens. Upon entering the "meeting" you should be patched into worship and you will hear me on the other end.

Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings! I am still taking attendance so it is helpful if you call in before 10—and it allows you to say hello to all of your church friends! I hope to see those of you who have computers virtually and "see" the rest of you log in from your home phones!

If you are able to help spread the word to our friends without internet, I would greatly appreciate it - what they need to know is they can experience worship at 10 am on Sundays on the phone by doing the following:

1. **Call**: 1-929-205-6099
2. **Meeting ID:** 422-118-509#
3. **Participant ID:** enter your birthdate/anniversary– it must be a unique number than what others have used or it WILL NOT let you in!
4. **Password: 2101#**

When entering the hospital or when confined to home, please notify the church office or Pastor Kayla directly!

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* Note Dick Redifer is now in Apt 133 West Court, 4141 McCarty Rd , Saginaw MI

We are quickly approaching the 175th year of Freeland United Methodist Church. If you would like to be a part of the planning for how we will celebrate this wonderful milestone, please contact Pastor Kayla before August!

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June

3	Brenna VanHaaren
8	Kaiden Ruggles
9	Amie Munger
11	Caleb Davies
13	Martine Holman
14	Dawn Snyder
16	Lauren Guentert
18	Heidi Lentz
20	Logan Munger
23	Nolan Munger
24	Lulu Church
25	Dale Kitts
29	Danessa Hellus

July

2	Autumn Ruggles
3	Della Wilder
5	Barbara Muessig-Short
6	Julie Pfund
7	JoAnn Hargreaves
8	Cody Hain
12	Jill Ortega
13	Patricia Yates
14	Evelyn Fraser Tatyana Spaulding
19	Nathan Castle
24	Eva Markey
25	Bree Castle
28	Kelsey Ruggles
30	Epiphany Pierre

August

1	Thomas Smith
8	Angie Irish
10	Jim Black
13	Bill Church Tina Karnath
14	Peggy Crawford
16	Shawn Collier
17	Kristen King
18	Pete VanHaaren
20	Bob Lowell
20	Vanessa Pierre
23	Richard Yates Mark McMullen
25	Ted Lincoln
30	Harmony Miller Eli VanHaaren
31	Jack Leaman

June

13	Heidi and Michael Lentz
18	Dan and Mary Roosa
20	Walt and Cathy Eddy
21	Ted and Sandy Lincoln
23	Jim and Julie Pfund

July

8	Pat and Barb McIntyre
8	Mark and Tina Castle
10	Randy and Sally Vollmer
15	Tim and Ruth Dill
22	John and Elizabeth Burnett
26	Jennifer and Barry Huckeby
27	David and Jennifer Hedlund
29	Mark and Shawn Collier

August

1	Jon and Kari Rosebush
12	Barry and Linda Williams
15	Dick and Diane Marter
21	Mark and Wendy McMullen
24	Wayne and Maureen Smith
28	David and Judy Collier
29	Greg and Ashley Semp

Celebrating our Graduates!

On June 7th, we celebrated the graduates in our church. What a joy to celebrate with our students on their many accomplishments, even in this unexpected ending to their High School Education. Thanks to your donations and Tina Castle's shopping skills, these students were blessed with practical gifts for the year ahead along with a Bible from the Church.

Sara Church—Dow High School
Sean Musial-Freeland High School
Marissa Rohn—Midland High School
Corbin Thering—Freeland High School
We also celebrated two of our young ladies for their Masters Degrees with a nice gift as well!

Mollie Daly—Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology
Melissa Johnson—Master of Social Work

Sara Church

Sean Musial

Marissa Rohn

Corbin Thering

Opportunities to Serve Our Community

Mission Opportunity: Tis the Season!

In honor of celebrating Christmas in July at Freeland United Methodist Church, we will be collecting the following items through the month of July for the Community Food Baskets! Due to COVID-19, scheduled community food collections were cancelled and we need your help! to fill the baskets this year!

Food item drop offs will be located at the parsonage porch, or by calling and scheduling a time with Melissa at the church.

July Collection

- **Creamy Peanut Butter**
- **Jelly (grape & strawberry)**
- **Cereal (Rice Krispies & Cheerios)**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Spaghetti Noodles**
- **Soup (Chicken Noodle & Tomato)**

Please note expiration dates must be at least January 2021

Contact the office at 989-695-2101 or email freelandumc@gmail.com

With community food collections down this year due to COVID 19, we will continue to collect items from now until Thanksgiving for the Holiday Baskets that we distribute as a church through Red Wagon. We need approximately 50 of each item each month. Each month between now and then we will have 6 items we will focus on. Stay tuned for future lists! Invite your neighbors and friends to help in this community effort. You can arrange a drop off time with Melissa or drop items off to the parsonage

August Collection

- **Brownie Mix**
- **Cake Mix**
- **Frosting**
- **Canned Green Beans**
- **Canned Corn**
- **Orange Jello mix**
- **Red Jello mix**

Supporting the Teachers in our Church

For many teachers, this time is a time of great uncertainty. They do not know what Fall will look like, they haven't been able to order supplies for their students. They are unsure when/if they will be in person for school this Fall. Whether in person or online, supplies will still be needed as they are going to be doing creative teaching in this drastically new world that we live in. Please be in prayer for the teachers and those who serve in schools within our congregation (Jennifer Huckeby, Jennifer Hedlund, Jon & Kari Rosebush, and Caitie Bradfied). We will be spotlighting different teacher needs in the months ahead. For now, our focus will be on gift cards to the following places so they can start planning for their classrooms:

Amazon, Target, Walmart, Meijer, Staples, Michaels

Note: many of these gift cards can be purchased through our SCRIP program by contacting Tina Castle, either purchase on your own or send a check to the church for the amount and "teacher support" in the description line.

Community Back to School Event

Our Community Churches are working together to have a back to school backpack and school supplies distribution on August 15th at St. Agnes from 11-1.

To prepare for that event, we have been asked to collect the following items through August 3rd:

Backpacks for all ages, rulers, colored pencils, washable markers, retractable pencils, pencil cases, erasers, crayons, index cards, composition notebooks, lined paper, folders, pocket sized tissues, #2 pencils, glue sticks, glue bottles, personal sized dry erase boards, dry erase markers, single subject notebooks, highlighters.

You can drop these items to the parsonage porch or arrange a time with Melissa, or bring them to Parking Lot Communion. If you would like to make monetary donations, please write a check to the church and designate "Community School Event." We will make a mass order of items needed as the collection comes to an

UMC MISSION RELIEF SUPPLY KIT

We collected Flood Relief Bucket Supplies at the church at the end of the month. The items we collected will help to serve community members who are cleaning up post-flood and include items such as cleaner, air freshener (pump style), dish soap, gloves (kitchen and work gloves), mosquito spray, trash bags, n95 masks, laundry detergent, clothesline and clothespins, scrub brushes, scouring pads, reusable cleaning wipes and more. Thank you to everyone who help with the collection and dropped off supplies.

Thank you

To those who donated food for the east side soup kitchen!

3 buckets packed, thank you, Freeland Community and St. Louis UMC for your support! Two cases of water were also dropped to United Way yesterday at their collection site and the food for East Side Soup Kitchen will be delivered next week! All monetary donations will be directed accordingly as well (we will continue to collect for the Great Lakes Bay Disaster Relief Fund until the projects are completed). The buckets that we have collected but we are unable to fill this week will be finding a new home at Coleman Faith UMC as they continue to collect supplies to fill, distribute, and assist in areas that need it most.

SAINT AGNES
CATHOLIC PARISH

Members of Freeland United Methodist Church Community,

Thank you very much for supporting the St. Agnes Food Pantry with your food donation. During these extraordinary, trying times, you are the hands and feet of Jesus answering the prayers of many in need. May our Lord continue to bless you with loving and caring hearts. Thank you for your generosity.

Jan and Joe Pleas
St. Agnes Outreach

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