



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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January 2, 2021 – Christmas 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*God, you are always doing "a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life.
On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here on this Sunday morning to worship and praise and honor our Lord God. Let us begin this new year, cleansing our hearts from all that would keep us from a closer relationship with Him, who has created, claimed and loves us. Let us hear the words of Psalm 51 to lead us.

"Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

People: **Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin."**

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" (K & W) #2152

Leader: Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;

People: **Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.**

Hymn >>> "Whiter Than Snow" (K) insert
>>> "White As Snow" (W) on screen

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit with in me.
Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy spirit from me.

People: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Father, God, we come to you asking your forgiveness where we have chosen to go our own ways. We seek your guidance and presence in our lives as we commit our lives, again, to follow your plan for us in this new year. Let us always be aware of and remain in your will, as you have shown your love and care us each day.**

Hymn >>> "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (K) #117, vs. 1 & 3
>>> "Gather Us In" (W) #2236

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 2 Samuel 11:1-3, 6-9 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "How Shall I Come Before the Lord" on screen (#3124)

* *Gospel Lesson* * Luke 12:1-3 (NRSV)

One: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Trials of a King, David's Sin" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response

"Make Me a Captive, Lord" (K)
"Give Me Jesus" (W)

#421
on screen

- Stewards of Faith -

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering may be placed in the green chest (W)/offering plate (K) at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Song

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

#641

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to commune in your seats from the pre-packaged communion set as directed by the pastor. The pre-packaged sets are there for you to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Every-one is welcome to the Lord's table in the United Methodist Church, as Christ's act of love is offered to all. After you have communed, please discard the empty cup in the trash receptacle. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth*

"Take Up Thy Cross" (K)
"You Are My All in All" (W)

#415
on screen (#3040)

* *Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Keep in your prayers this week: All who are coping with or healing from physical ailments; especially Anne Feist following knee surgery, Wanda Kothlow recuperating at home; Alan Yokiel; Sue Schuster, Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Advent Offering – Thank you for your gifts to Communities Fighting Student Hunger backpack program. We have received \$845.00 that will go to provide weekend meals for students in the USC and St. Casimir's schools. There's still time to give today.

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Today we will be having the once-a-month collection for the **Little Red Food Pantry** – cash or food items. If donating food during the winter, please consider food that won't be hurt if frozen.

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Open Doors UMC Annual Meeting – January 23 *Come celebrate all that we have to be thankful for in our church, it's ministries and people, at the Annual Meeting held Sunday, Jan. 23. We will have a joint worship service at 9:30 and the meeting will take place after worship at 10:30. We will be starting out 2022 with a new form of church leadership called the "One Board," and this will be the key topic in the business meeting.*

Ministry area chairpersons and treasurers, please have your 2021 reports turned into the office by Sunday, January 16.

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Special offering for UM Student Day is next Sunday, January 9.

One of the major challenges that students face is the lack of financial support to attain a college education. But for United Methodist students, The United Methodist Church is always there to help them accomplish their career goals. For more than 100 years, United Methodists have been supporting their students' educational needs through the Children's Fund, which later became United Methodist Student Day.

United Methodist Student Day is celebrated January 9, 2022.

The United Methodist Student Day celebration is a time when we celebrate our United Methodist students and receive an offering to provide scholarships for their college education.

When you give to the United Methodist Student Day (UMSD) offering, your gifts support the Gift of Hope Scholarship program. Gift of Hope scholarships are awarded to deserving United Methodist students annually.

Please use the "Special Sunday" offering envelopes located near the offering chest.

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Everyone Come!
You all are invited out for Supper!
Enjoy good food and good company!
5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells Campus basement

January 5 Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs & Garlic Bread,
 Prepared and served by John & Melissa Kruse.

Bring the whole family! Kids games and activities will be from 5:30-6:00.

John and Melissa have generously volunteered to cook each Wednesday in January and hope others will volunteer for other weeks as we go forward. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for you to sign up on. Or call Sarah in the office to sign up or if you have any questions. The church will cover the cost of the groceries from free-will donations for the meal and budgeted funds.

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Sunday Classes: The adult class will meet today in The Meeting Room following worship in Wells. Children's Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 9.

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Mission of the Quarter: We've got a new mission we think you will be excited to learn more about and to support. See the January OneWay coming out very shortly.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 2

- K** 8:00am Worship in the Upper Room w/Communion
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship w/Communion
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

Monday, January 3

10:30-6:30 Blood Drive at Wells Legion

Tuesday, January 4

- 9:00am Ministerial Ass's at The Bean
- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

Wednesday, January 5

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:00-6:00 Wednesday Supper
- 5:45 pm Praise Team practice

Sunday, January 9, UM Student Day

- K** 8:00am Worship in the Upper Room
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

PastorRev. Christopher Leistra
 Organist.....Jan Johanson
 Scripture Reader.....Doug Hankerson
 Cross Bearer.....tbd
 Acolytes.....tbd
 A/V.....Kaylynn Healey
 Projection.....Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

Jan. 2.....Wes Mortenson
 Jan. 4.....Jada Lau
 Jan. 5.....Sawyer Schroeder
 Jan. 6.....Roxanne Bruckhoff, Neveah Roberts
 Jan. 8.....Henry Mortneson
 Jan. 9.....Elyse Bird, LaMar Johnson

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

Tuesday: 11:00 am & 8:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)
 Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990);