



# 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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507-294-3300  
Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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March 27, 2022 – Lent 4

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*The psalmist urges us: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD! ... Come into his presence with singing!" (Psalm 100:1-2, ESV). Let us do so! Welcome.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: As we come before the Lord in worship and prayer this morning, let us join our voices in the words of Psalm 27 and in singing our response to these words of encouragement to our faith in what God is doing in our lives. Please stand if you are able.

**Song** "Lord, Listen to Your Children" #2207

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord protects me from danger—so why should I tremble?

People: **Though a might army surrounds me, my heart will know no fear. Even if they attack me, I remain confident.**

**Song** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" #2002

Leader: The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.

People: **For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.**

Leader: Then I will hold my head high, above my enemies who surround me.

People: **At his Tabernacle I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.**

**Song** "Lead Me, Guide Me" #2214, vs. 1-3

Leader: Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the path of honesty, for my enemies are waiting for me to fall.

People: **Yet I am confident that I will see the Lord's goodness.**

All: **Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.**

**Song** "Oh Lord, You're Beautiful" #2064, vs 1

#### Opportunities to Serve

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Psalm 100:1-5 (NRSV)

Hymn "Blessed Be the Name" #2034, vs. 1-3

Gospel Lesson \* John 1:1-15 (NRSV)

\* Hymn "Lord of the Dance" #261

\* Gospel Lesson \* Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "No Ordinary Man—Only He Can Calm the Storm"  
*The Story*, Chapter 24 Pastor Chris Leistra  
 Message Response "Light of the World" #2204

**– 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*

**– Sending Forth –**

- \* *Benediction*
- \* *Hymn of Going Forth* "It Is Well with My Soul" #377, vs. 1-3
- \* *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** For the people of Ukraine; Bob Clark; Carol Tibodeau; Priscilla & Dean Holst; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; Wanda Kothlow as she continues to gain strength and endurance at home; Brenda Johnson's sister, Cherie, in her fight against Covid-19; Alan Yokiell; all others who are dealing with health issues; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; the victims of natural disasters all around the world; all those serving in the military and their families.

**Announcements**

**Today we vote for which missionary/mission** we will enter into a Covenant Relationship with. The choices are Lorraine Charinda–D.R. of Congo, Red Bird Mission–Kentucky, Sara Flores–Ecuador, and Rev. D. Yang–Laos. EACH member or regular attender gets a vote. Ballots may be placed in the green offering chest. Ballots sent in the mail will still be accepted tomorrow and an announcement will be made Tuesday of who the winner is.

**The Lenten Offering this year** will go to the winner of our Covenant Relationship vote. The commitment is \$1,205. Please use the special Lenten envelope in the pew pockets.

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**Today is UMCOR Sunday.** This is when we collect a special offering to help cover the overhead costs for UMCOR. UMCOR does not get any funds from the general church. Our gifts on UMCOR Sunday help to make sure that your donations for specific causes, such as for the displaced Ukraine refugees, tornado and hurricane recovery, or any other national or global need, will go 100% to the cause and nothing for administration expenses. This is a once a year plea. Please give! Checks should be made out to Open Doors UMC and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. Please use the special UMCOR Special Sunday envelopes. You can also give using the mobile app, Vanco Mobile, or online at [www.opendoorsumc.org/giving](http://www.opendoorsumc.org/giving).

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**To give direct assistance to Ukrainians** fleeing from their country and those left behind, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write "Ukraine" in the check memo line. Donations will be forwarded to UMCOR. (This is a separate donation from UMCOR Sunday.) For more info, pick up a F&Q sheet on the back table.

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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**

**March 30 Menu:**

Tater Tot Hotdish  
 Served by Katie & Darrin Hueper

**\* Volunteers are needed to cook! The next open dates are April 6, April 20, April 27 and May 4.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board 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.



**Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross** is a book by Magrey deVega that Pastors Chris and David Leistra are discussing in a recorded conversation during the season of Lent. You can find it linked to Open Door's Facebook page and website. There will be six videos over six weeks, going online each Tuesday during Lent. Feel free to post comments and questions and be a discussion starter!



**The funeral for Ruth Lamphier** is Sunday, April 3. Visitation is at 1:00 and the service will be at 2:00 at the new Nasinec Funeral Home and Crematory in the Wells Business Park.



**The community youth group, UNITE::YTH** is tonight, March 27, at Assembly of God Church in Albert Lea (1540 South Shore Dr., Albert Lea) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Josh Edwards is the host and worship leader. All youth in grades 6-12 (and parents/drivers) are invited!



**Are you a Thrivent Financial member?** You may have some Thrivent Choice Dollars that will expire on March 31 if you don't direct them to a charitable organization of your choice. Don't let them go to waste! Open Doors UMC is a participating organization and eligible for your Choice Dollars. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Search for "Open Doors United Methodist."



**The Country Store has changed names! It is now Open Doors' Treasures & More.** To make this a big success, we need everyone's help in submitting items for the sale. The categories will be Bakery, Baby Place, Collectibles, Plants, Canned Goods, Crafts, Rugs, Clothing/Apparel, Cards & Such, Holidays, and Jewelry. We are looking for **very good** quality items. Please sign up on the easel what you are thinking of offering for the sale. All proceeds will go towards the kitchen remodel. The dates are Saturday, April 30, 8am-noon & Sunday, May 1, 10:30-11:30.



**Register now for "Hearing God,"** a day for women to gather, grow closer to the Lord, and to learn to hear Him more clearly. Megan Edwards will be the special speaker. The Woman's Day will be held Saturday April 9, from 9:00 am-noon, at Prairie River Camp in the Cups of Faith Cafe. The cost will be \$15 and will include coffee, rolls and fruit, worship and the message, and supplies for making a prayer journal. Proceeds will go to the building of a Safe T Home® in Haiti. Register by April 4 by contacting Katie Hueper 763-300-4955, Sandy Youngblom 507-525-2401, or the church office. The \$15 fee is due at time of registration.



**March is MN Food Share month!** Dollars received during March can expand the amount of food that can be purchased, \$1 can be stretched into food for 2 or more meals. Please consider donating. Donations may be sent to: WAFS PO Box 12, Wells MN 56097 or you may donate through Open Doors UMC, just write Food Shelf in the memo line.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, March 27 – UMCOR Sunday &**

**Missionary/Mission Vote**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 6:00pm UNITE::YTH at Albert Lea Assembly of God

**Monday, March 28**

- 10:30-6:30 Bloodmobile, Wells Legion

**Wednesday, March 30**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice (No Youth Group)
- 7:00pm Choir practice

**Saturday, April 2**

- 10am-6pm Open House at Nasinec Funeral Home, 789 Business Park Drive

**Sunday, April 3**

- K** 8:00am Worship w/Communion
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship w/Communion
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 1:00 pm Visitation for Ruth Lamphier at Nasinec Funeral Home
- 2:00pm Funeral for Ruth Lamphier at Nasinec Funeral Home

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader ..... Kolt Bullerman
- Cross Bearer ..... Chloe Bullerman
- Acolytes..... Kylin & Kenlie Cords
- A/V ..... Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection ..... Martin Healey

**Birthdays This Week:**

- March 28..... Greg Ellsworth
- March 29..... Neil Roesler, Darrin Hueper
- March 30..... Brett Hankerson
- April 3..... Mary Smalley, Virginia Clark

**Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:**

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

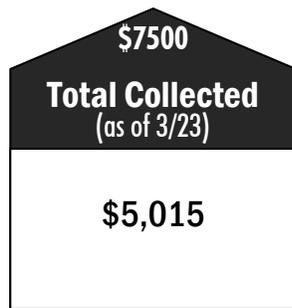
**COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BALLOT**

This is a congregational vote to select a missionary or mission with whom Open Doors UMC will form a Covenant Relationship with, pledging to support financially and with prayer. All members and regular attenders may vote. Please vote for one:

- Lorraine Charinda**, Agriculturalist and Rural Economic Development Specialist assigned the Kamisamba Farm in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa
- Red Bird Mission**, in Kentucky, offering a full range of support to people in the poverty-stricken Appalachian Mountain area.
- Sara Flores**, working to strengthen and support the leadership and ministries of the local Methodist churches in Ecuador
- Rev. D. Yang**, a Congregational Development Specialist working to establish a Methodist presence in Laos.

Voting closes on **March 27**. You may bring or mail your ballot to church, email your choices to [opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net), or phone the church office 507-553-5453 with your choice by March 27. (Votes received in Monday's mail will be accepted.)

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



## Two-thirds to Our Goal!

We have \$5,015 towards our goal of \$7,500.

For every \$750 donated, we will add one-half “ring” to the grain bin wall display in the sanctuary until we have the bin completed.

## MISSION-OF-THE-QUARTER

Safe T Home® is a hurricane-proof grain bin home designed and built by Sukup Manufacturing Co. in partnership with GoServ Global that is saving and transforming lives for people in developing countries around the world.



The Safe T Home can withstand the devastating hurricanes and earthquakes that have plagued Haiti over the last decade. In fact, in 2016 when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with 145 mph winds, all 200 of the grain bin homes that were built there remained strong with only minimal damage, while only 10% of the traditional homes remained.

A suitable dwelling for all phases of a recovery effort – emergency, transitional, or permanent – the Safe T Home is:

- Made of 20-gauge galvanized steel for 75 year life expectancy
- Withstands hurricane winds (145 mph) and is highly earthquake resistant
- 100% termite, fire, and water proof
- Assembles on site with simple hand tools
- Comes with a solar panel and has water collection potential
- Houses up to 10 people in bunk beds in a standard 18’ unit that contains a loft
- Can shelter up to 60 people during a natural disaster

The complete cost of one Safe T Home is \$7500 – \$5700 for materials, \$1500 shipping, and \$300 for a cement foundation. This is our goal. Won’t you help us complete an entire home for a needy family? If we can do that, Sukup will engrave the home with our church’s name and let us know where it is providing a safe shelter for a family in need.

For more information, check out the January OneWay and the websites: [www.goservglobal.org](http://www.goservglobal.org) and [www.sukup.com/safe-t-home](http://www.sukup.com/safe-t-home)

To donate, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write Safe T Home in the memo line.