



*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.*



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:00 am | Coffee: 8:30 & 10:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
507-294-3300
Worship: 10:30 am | Coffee: 9:45 am

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April 14, 2019 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

(Please remember to pass the Friendship Folder)

Anthem

“Blessed Is He Who Comes”

Adult Choir

* *Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

One: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

All: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

One: Recall the words of the Scriptures: “A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’”

All: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

* *Processional Hymn*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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* *Passing the Peace*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118:14-29 (CEB)

O.T. 565**W**, 541**K**

Philippians 2:5-11

N.T. 197**W**, 182**K**

* *Hymn*

“He Is Exalted/Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TFWS #2070/2071

* *Gospel Lesson*

* Mark 11:1-11 (CEB)

N.T. 47**W**, 44**K**

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

Sermon

“The Gate of the Lord”

Pastor Chris Leistra

Anthem

“Wondrous Love”

Adult Choir

– Stewards of Faith –

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (unison)

On this day we raise our voices to say, Hosanna, Hosanna. We will give as we are able to the glory of the kingdom, that would make even the rocks cry out at the coming of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

– Sending Forth –

* *Dismissal with Blessing*

One: On the back of a donkey,

All: Jesus came to bless us.

One: With a love that did not count the cost,
All: Jesus came to heal us.
 One: From hopelessness and despair,
All: Jesus came to free us.
 One: With the power of the Holy Spirit,
All: Jesus came to save us.

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" # 166, vs 1, 3, 4

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

As crowds welcomed Jesus that first Palm Sunday, we welcome him among us today. Hosanna! Let us worship together. Everyone is invited for coffee, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at Wells and before the 10:30 am service at Kiester.

Keep in your prayers this week: The family of Richard Roberts; Margaret Courier on the loss of her twin sister; Karen Kimberline; all those who are dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis; our missionaries, Gordy & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families.

Announcements

Thank you to the Adult Choir for blessing us today with selections from the Easter cantata, "Wondrous Love."

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Joining Open Doors UMC today at the Wells Campus as new members are: Matthew & Tanya Bird, along with their children Gavin, Olivia, Elyse, Harper, and Sawyer; Doug & Pat Druckenmiller; and Blake Boyd & Casey Comstock with their son, Bryce.

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	<p>Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm at Kiester One service for all of Open Doors UMC at the Kiester Campus. Recreate the Upper Room with the symbolic act of foot washing and Holy Communion.</p> <p>Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm at Wells One service for all at the Wells Campus. Hear the story of Jesus' last days and crucifixion in the form of a Tenebrae service.</p> <p>Easter Morning, April 21 7:00 SonRise Service led by youth W 7:45 Breakfast, 7th-9th grade families serving W 9:00 Easter Celebration Worship W 10:00 Coffee Fellowship W&K 10:30 Easter Celebration Worship K</p>
<p>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</p>	

Lenten Offering: Our Lenten Offering total is at \$343.00. Thank you for each and every gift! It all goes to support our missionaries Gordon and Ardell Graner, serving in the Dominican Republic. Our covenant of support for them is \$1,365.00, so that means we need \$1,022.00 more to meet our commitment. Without our support of United Methodist missionaries, we wouldn't reach as many people and do as much good in the world as we do. Please use the special Lenten Offering envelopes or mark your check "Lenten Offering." Please give today! Thank you!

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Rescheduled meeting times: Ministry Council is Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in Wells. Mission Kids is Thursday, April 18 after school, going to Parkview to sing.

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Wednesday Snack & Supper volunteers needed! We're looking for snack servers for April 24 & May 8 and supper providers for May 1. Would anyone be able to help out? We need snacks for about 40 kids from 3:10-3:30 and supper for roughly 60 people from 5:00-6:15. Please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board or call Sarah in the church office.

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Easter Flowers: Anyone wishing to give an Easter lily or other flowering spring plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, or just for the joy of Easter, should bring it to church, either in Wells or Kiester, or have it delivered by Friday, April 19. Please notify the church office by Wednesday,

April 17, to have it included in the bulletin - 553-5453 or e-mail opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net.

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Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating from high school, college or other educational institution this spring? To be included in the May graduation issue of the OneWay, please e-mail or call Sarah in the church office by Wed., April 17, and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.

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Auction – On May 19, there will be an all-church fundraiser auction, live and silent, with lunch. There will be a joint worship service at Wells, followed by the last Sunday School session for the season, all adult classes for *The Story* will combine as one at 10:00 with Pastor Chris leading, coffee time, and lunch on the back drive. The silent auction will be held in the basement during coffee and lunch time and end shortly before the live auction begins. We are asking for donations of items and services to put on the auction bill. You can be things you have at home that are good quality and gently used; services, like 3 hours of house cleaning or a loaf of bread a month; or gift certificates/tickets to entertainment events; or brand new items – household, décor, sporting goods, tools, etc.

Clip boards will be passed today to let us know what you are thinking of donating for the auction.

Auction Planning Meeting Monday, April 15 at 5:30 pm in Wells. This is open to any and all who would be willing to help make this a success. We looking for people to work on lining up auction items, arranging the silent auction, coordinating and serving the lunch, clerking the auction, setting up the space, and just willing to help out where needed. Please come to the meeting tomorrow or contact the church office or Scott Johnson if you're not able to attend.

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Vacation Bible School – Save the dates, June 4-7, for this year's VBS! Vacation Bible School at Open Doors is open to ALL children from age 3 (potty trained) through grade 5. VBS is from 9:00-11:30 am Tuesday-Friday.

Evening VBS in Kiester – This year we are also planning on having a 2-day evening version in the park at Kiester on June 4 & 5 for all community children. This will be another great time to make Open Doors' presence known in Kiester. A planning meeting will be held soon. Stay tuned.

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Don't miss the April 30 early bird registration date for summer UMC camps in order to get your \$25 credit to use in the camp store or canteen. Register today! The Wells unit of United Methodist Women will give scholarships of up to \$75 for United Methodist sponsored camps. Send letter requesting a scholarship to Ruth Roesler, UMW Treasurer, 21180 35th St., Wells, MN 56097. www.campminnesota.org

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Help those in need! A Good Shepherd Lutheran confirmation student and mentor are reaching out to help those affected by the floods in Iowa and Nebraska. They are collecting items to be used with clean-up efforts: paper towels, disposable rags, glass cleaners, cleansing powders, bleach, liquid cleaners (PineSol, etc.), scrub brushes, rubber gloves, sponges. Items may be dropped off at GSL church, either at the office or in the designated collection boxes until April 28 and then will be delivered to SW Iowa.

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Still accepting gifts for UMCOR Sunday. Your gift to UMCOR Sunday allows UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, and not toward administrative expenses. Envelopes are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to Open Doors UMC.

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Easter Egg Hunt – Children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt and meet the Easter Bunny in Minnesota Lake Saturday, April 20, 1:00 pm at the Minn. Lake Park.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday

- W** 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Adult Study / Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- K** 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship (no study)
- 10:30 am Worship

Monday, April 15

- W** 4:00 pm Community Chimes practice
- 5:30 pm Auction meeting
- 7:00 pm Ministry Council (rescheduled)

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:30-11:30 Coffee with Pastor Chris at The Bean
- W** 6:30 pm Sounds of Praise practice

Wednesday, April 17

- Newsletter Deadline
- W** 9:00 am Staff meeting
- 11:00 am Roberts' Luncheon
- 11:15 am Worship at Parkview
- W** 6:15 pm SonRise practice, then Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday

- W** 3:15 pm Mission Kids (rescheduled)
- K** 7:00pm Joint Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 19, Good Friday

- W** 7:00pm Joint Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 20

- 9:00am Easter Breakfast prep

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday

- W** 7:00 am SonRise Worship
- 7:45 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- K** 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Cross BearerMakayla Knutson
- AcolytesAlly Mersman, Brooklyn Miller
- Scripture Reader.....Steve Burns
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection.....Karen Stenzel
- Ushers.....Bruce & Joyce Frederick
- GreetersKatie Hueper, Betty Culbertson,
Don Stenzel, Sharon Miller
- Nursery.....Katie Hueper, Kori Elmer
- Coffee Servers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Kiester

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader.....Larry/Nancy Hummer
- Greeter/Usher..... Rich Goggin
- Coffee ServersLarry/Nancy Hummer

Birthdays This Week:

- April 14..... Marlene Wedin
- April 15.....Floyd Lackey
- April 16.....Sadie Nappin
- April 17..... Donald Tibodeau
- April 18.....Dean Youngblom, Justin Possin
- April 19.....Heidi Wiebold
- April 20..... Linda Johnson
- April 21.....Madison Meyer, Frank Vincent

Wednesday Meal:

There will be no meal on April 17 during Holy Week.