



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 18, 2021 – Easter 3

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

(* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

– Gathering in Faith –

Friends, we welcome you in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. We too now walk in new life.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: Our call this morning comes from Psalm 4:3,6-8

“The First Song of Isaiah”

(#2030)

Leader: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Leader: There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-7 (NRSV)

* Hymn

“Behold, What Manner of Love”

* Gospel Lesson

* Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

“Why Are You Troubled?”

Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response

“He Touched Me”

(#367)

– Stewards of Faith –

Opportunities to Give

Offering our Gifts of Faith

Offering may be placed in the green chest at the back of the sanctuary on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (unison)

– Sending Forth –

* Benediction:

* Hymn of Going Forth

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

(#2241)

Keep in your prayers this week: Glenn Johanson having heart surgery tomorrow; many people we know fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Charlie Johnson, Diana Zimmerli-Pay Coy's daughter, Karen Gimberline, Bebo Getchell; the unrest in the Twin Cities; our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School – We are in the initial planning stages, but are pretty sure it will be during the week of June 7 at Thompson Park. There will be a VBS planning meeting **tomorrow**, April 19 at 6:30 at the Wells Campus for anyone who would like to be a part of organizing it. Anyone who would like to help out in any way during VBS, please call the office and we'll get you plugged in. Watch for more info to come!

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Our Lenten Offering total to date is at \$1,040.00. Thank you for each and every gift! It all goes to support our missionaries Gordon and Ardell Graner, serving in the Dominican Republic. We have just \$210 to go in order to meet our commitment to them of \$1,250.00. Without your 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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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 Wednesday, April 21, and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.

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UMW District Spring Gathering – Saturday, May 1 via Zoom or phone beginning at 10:00 am. The theme is "Together We Stand for Moms" with Ellen-Jirik, March of Dimes. Please register for this event with Deb Anderson – email her at debraandersondja@gmail.com or call her at 507-380-2785. Only those who register by April 24 will be sent an invitation to access the Gathering by Zoom or phone.

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Registrations are open for the 2021 season of church summer camp! Check out www.campminnesota.org for all the United Methodist summer camps available for children, youth, families, and adults at three beautiful MN locations. Register before April 30 to take advantage of early bird incentives. The United Methodist Women of Wells will give \$75 scholarships upon request for children & youth attending a UMC camp.

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We're always looking to add more people to our tech team, especially for the summer.

Projection Operators: We use the program Easy Worship. The slides are all created prior to Sunday by the Projection Designer. The Projection Operator cues the slides at the proper time. If you're comfortable with computers, it's pretty easy to learn. **Sound Operators:** Controls the audio levels of each mic. **Video Operators:** Operates the 2-camera video system with vMix software, which is the production platform for mixing, switching, recording and LIVE streaming. **Projection Design:** Creating the worship slides and placing them into Easy Worship. Can be done at your home at the end of each week. *Please contact Sarah Hankerson if you would like to serve in any of these ways and to arrange for training.*

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Looking for someone to design and plant the planter near the lower front door of the Wells church. Could use annuals, perennials, compact bushes, or a combination. Contact Sarah to volunteer or for questions.

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REACH! Make More of Fall 2021: Re-launching Post-Pandemic Public Worship with Purpose – Watch the recording of last week's webinar at www.reachumc.org.

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May/June Upper Room devotionals are available for you to pick up.

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Ruby's Pantry is for anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. For a \$20 bundle donation, you will receive an abundance of groceries. There is no income or residency requirement. New Albert Lea location: United Methodist Church of Albert Lea, 702 US Route 69, Phone 507-373-8233. Next Ruby's Pantry is **Saturday, May 1, 8:45-10:00 am**.

Wells Firefighters Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 25 serving "To Go" 7:30am-12:30pm.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 18

W 9:00 am Worship

K 10:30 am Worship

Monday, April 19

Newsletter Deadline

W 6:30 pm VBS mtg

Wednesday, April 21

W 9:30 am Staff meeting

6:00 pm Confirmation, in person

6:30 pm Youth Group, in person

Thursday, April 22

W 6:30 pm Ad Council mtg

Sunday, April 25

W 9:00 am Worship

K 10:30 am Worship

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990);

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra

Organist..... Staci Thompson

Praise Team..... Deb Lackey,

Katie Hueper, Sherry Asmus

Cross Bearer..... Brooklyn Miller

Acolytes..... Kolt & Chloe Bullerman

Scripture Reader..... Brooklyn Miller

Projection..... Brett Hankerson

AV..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

April 18..... Dean Youngblom

April 19..... Heidi Wiebold

April 20..... Linda Johnson

April 21..... Madison Meyer

April 23..... Doug Hankerson, Adi Frederick

April 24..... Addison Mithun, Nancy Hummer

April 25..... Chris Musser



MARCH 22, 2020

More and more churches are offering “serve” opportunities on Sundays to those who come out for worship, so they can experience serving as worshipping – worshipping as serving.

Open Doors UMC, Wells & Kiester, will be having our third Serve Day on Sunday, March 22. We will all come to church at the regular time for a short time of worship. Then, our entire church family will be included in serving others for the remainder of the morning.

There will be a variety of projects that will fit everyone’s gifts – *for all age groups, abilities, and interests* – enough variety for you to be able to pick a favorite.

We’d like *everyone* to sign-up! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board and there will be clipboards passed around.

This would be a great day to extend a special invitation to some neighbors and friends to come and have a “hands on” worship experience by helping others!

THANK YOU to the Thrivent members who have used their opportunity to unleash some of Thrivent’s community outreach dollars for use in our communities on Serve Day 2020. We have gratefully received five grants totaling \$1,250 to use in community service. If you would like to learn more about Thrivent’s attitude of giving, go to www.thrivent.com/wise-with-money-journey/give-of-yourself

Choose from the list below for your service project on SERVE DAY. We’d like *everyone* to sign up! Early sign-ups can be done on the bulletin board.

All materials will be pre-purchased and on-hand for March 22. (This is what the Thrivent grant dollars are used for.) Exceptions are items for the Blessing Bags and Military boxes. We are asking for donations of those items. Suggestions of what to include are on the back page.

1. **Making Fleece Tie Blankets.**
Blankets will go to The REACH Drop-In Center, a support service for at risk teens in Mankato. This team will cut and tie the blankets at church, to be delivered at a later date.
2. **Assembling Blessing Bags** for cancer patients, adults and children, going through chemo. This team will put together the blessing bags of items at church, to be delivered to the hospitals at a later date. Requesting donations of items. See list on back.
3. **Making a Tiny Food Pantry/Prayer box.**
Wooden pieces will be cut, ready to assemble and paint. The Tiny Pantry will be placed outside the Wells church at the northwest corner. Anyone can place food in there for those who need it and those that need food can take what they need at any time. Resembles the tiny libraries that are popular. This will be an ongoing ministry.
4. **Making Cards** to give to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. All the materials, plus instructions, will be provided for making the cards.
5. **Making and Delivering Freezer Meals** to individuals or families in our community who are in need of some extra love. The team will assemble the meals at church and deliver to families in town.
6. **Helping Out With Small Household Jobs.** This team will have a list of small jobs to do for people in their homes. You may need to bring your own tools, but we will know ahead of time what the jobs are and will communicate that to you, so you will know what to bring.
7. **Making Care Packages for Local Military Personnel.**
Box up items for individual care packages to be shipped to military personnel with connections to Wells/Kiester. Requesting donations of items. See list on back.

If you have any **small household jobs**
you would like help with on Serve Day, contact Sandy
Youngblom at 507-525-2401.

Suggestions for items to donate for:

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES:

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| Granola Bars | Deodorant | Nail Clipper |
| Breakfast Bars | Bar Soap | Lotion |
| Word or Math Puzzle Books | Nuts | Sun Screen |
| Old Spice Swagger Deodorant | Pop Tarts | Baby Wipes |
| Chrystal Light or Propel Packets | Gum | Wash Cloths |
| Small Bags of Chex Mix | Mints | Toothpaste |
| Rice Krispie Treats | Jerky | Toothbrushes |
| Sunflower Seeds | Cookies | Foot Powder |
| Adult Coloring Books | Crackers | Antacids |
| with colored pencils & sharpener | Books | Playing Cards |
| | Pencils/Pens | Dice |
| | Frisbee | Socks |
| | | T-shirts |

BLESSING BAGS for CHEMO PATIENTS:

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| Soft, Fuzzy Socks | Small Crackers |
| Small Adult Coloring Book | Soft Granola Bars |
| Colored Pencils | Hard Candy |
| Word Find Puzzles | Lemon Drops |
| Crossword Puzzles | Hand Sanitizer |
| Travel-sized games/puzzles | Lotion (with no perfume) |
| Playing Cards | Inspirational Books (like Chicken Soup for the Soul) |
| Pens | Small Stuffed Animals (Beanie Babies) |
| Small Tablets | |