



## OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

507-553-5453

Worship: 9:00 am

### KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kiester, MN 56051

507-294-3300

Worship: 10:30 am

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August 22, 2021 – Pentecost 13

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 –

*Christians have eternal security, but sometimes I wonder what God finds to love in me. "God demonstrates love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

–Romans 5:8

#### Greeting

#### \* Call to Worship and Praise

**Leader:** With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to worship God.

**People:** Happy are those who live in God's house! Singing praise to God fills us with joy!

**Leader:** Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of the earth are God's children.

**People:** We greet one another by name in Jesus' name. Together we extol the name of our Creator.

**Leader:** Open your hearts to receive new strength. Open your lives to renewed understandings.

**People:** Surely God will equip us to face our world. We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.

#### Hymn Sing

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Responsive Reading* Psalm 84 Hymnal pg 804, (without sung response)

*Hymn* "Wonderful Words of Life" #600

#### \* Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)

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

*Sermon* "Wearing the Armor of God" Rev. Judith Clark

*Message Response* "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" #513 (v 1 and 4)

### – Stewards of Faith –

#### Offering our Gifts of Faith

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

**Leader:** Our worship is over and now the service begins.

**People:** We go forth into the world in the knowledge that we are God's body,

Leader: That hope for a new world is in the blood of our veins,

**People: That the struggle for justice is the beat to which our hearts respond,**

Leader: And that God's promise is the very stuff of which our bones are wrought.

**People: We go forth to praise the God from whom all blessings flow!**

\* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Standing on the Promises"

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

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**Today, we welcome Rev. Judith Clark** as our guest preacher while Pastor Chris is on vacation. Rev. Judy is a retired United Methodist Elder, having served churches in Nebraska and Minnesota Conferences for thirty+ years. She now lives in Blue Earth. Bob Clark is her younger brother. Thank you, Pastor Judy, for leading us in worship today!

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those effected by the wildfires. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell. 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**

**JOINT Service next Sunday to celebrate Sandy on her Retirement** – Much to everyone's regret, August 31 will be Sandy Youngblom's last day on staff at Open Doors UMC, as she will be leaving to enjoy retirement life. We will thank her and celebrate her ministry with a special service and coffee hour at the Wells Campus on **Sunday, August 29**. This will be a **joint service** for Wells and Kiester at 9:00 a.m.

**Retirement Party from 3-5** – Then come back for grilled hotdogs, games and fun at **Thompson Park from 3:00-5:00 pm**. Former Youth Group members are especially invited. All events are open to the community.

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**Prayer Shawls** – Open Doors has a nice selection of prayer shawls to give as a gift to someone as a tangible means to show God's loving care. There are a few different sizes and designs and a great variety of colors. Each was made especially for the recipient with love and prayer by the women of Open Doors–Kiester, praying that the recipient receives comfort and solace as they wear it and feels God's love and peace encircling them. Ask LaVonne Swearingen about them or see a sampling in the coat room at Open Doors–Wells.

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**Sunday School and Pioneer Club teachers needed!** Will you teach Sunday School or Pioneer Club this year? We're looking for teachers for all ages of Sunday School and either a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Pioneer Club teacher and helpers and a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and helper for Pioneer Club. Please be praying for people to step up, and listen if God is nudging YOU! Contact Sarah in the church office if you'd like to volunteer or have questions.

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**Sunday, Sept. 12**, there will not be a worship service at Open Doors–Kiester. Kiester folks may attend the 7:00 am worship at Farming of Yesteryear, and/or the 9:00 service in Wells.

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**A meeting for the new class of Confirmation students and their parents** will be after worship on **Sunday, September 12** at 10:15am in the basement. This is for students in grades 7 & 8 or older. We will go over curriculum, schedules, and expectations. It is important for the student and at least one parent or adult family member to attend. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Chris at 920-765-3665 or [pastorumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:pastorumc@bevcomm.net).

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**NEEDED: Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator** – Open Doors UMC is seeking to add to its staff, an energetic, innovative, devoted Christian who is passionate about young people and guiding them into a loving relationship with God. The person in this position will develop and oversee all aspects of youth and children's programs, as well as ministry to their parents/families. The hours are negotiable and flexible and training is available. Responsibilities would include weekly programs (i.e. youth group) and monthly to quarterly ministry events and mission projects. If you have a love for Jesus, kids, and a passion to grow young people in their faith, please send resume to: Open Doors UMC, 595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097.

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**While Pastor Chris is on vacation**, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office, we have a pastor on-call. Pastor Chris will be back from vacation on Wednesday, August 25.



**Garden Produce Table** Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the narthex. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.



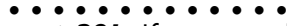
**The September/October Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up. Suggested donation: \$1.25 for regular print, \$1.50 for large print.



**Coffee Servers Needed!** Please sign up for next Sunday or more this summer and fall. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.



**Hands-on mission opportunity:** Help us keep the **Tiny Red Food Pantry** full and stocked for those in our community who need it! If you are able to donate some food to help keep it stocked, you can put it inside the red pantry, drop it off in the collection tub in the entryway marked Food Shelf, or bring to the office. This is an on-going mission. Thanks!



**Collecting school supplies thru August 29!** If you would like to make a donation of school supplies for the local schools, please purchase from the recommended list below and place them in the tote boxes in the entryways. Please note, **we have enough notebooks**. With students' electronic tablets and computers, there is not the need for paper like before.



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| #2 yellow pencils                  | Glue sticks and white school glue |                            |
| Pencil boxes                       | 12" rulers                        | Pocket folders             |
| Colored pencils                    | Erasers                           | 16- or 24-count crayons    |
| School scissors                    | Yellow highlighters               | Fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | Headphones                        |                            |



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 22** (Hymn Sing)  
**W** 9:00am Worship w/ Rev. Judy Clark  
**WK** 10:00am Coffee  
**K** 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Judy Clark

**Monday, August 23**

Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, August 25**

**W** 9:30am Staff meeting  
6:30pm Staff/Pastor Relations  
Committee meeting

**Sunday, August 29**

**W** 9:00am **JOINT** Worship in Wells  
**W** 10:00am Coffee  
3:00-5:00pm Retirement Party for Sandy  
Youngblom at Thompson Park

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Guest Pastor ..... Rev. Judith Clark  
Organist ..... Jan Johanson  
Scripture Reader ..... Bob Clark  
Projection ..... Martin Healey  
AV ..... Kaylynn Healey

**Birthdays This Week:**

August 22 ..... Janice Parriott, Robin Miller, Diane Huper  
August 23 ..... Michelle Healey, Tyler Lackey, Jacob Bathke  
August 24 ..... Harrison Chandler, Tucker Haugh  
August 26 ..... Larry Hummer, Judy Goggin  
August 27 ..... Ryan Lacher  
August 28 ..... Cindy Bixby

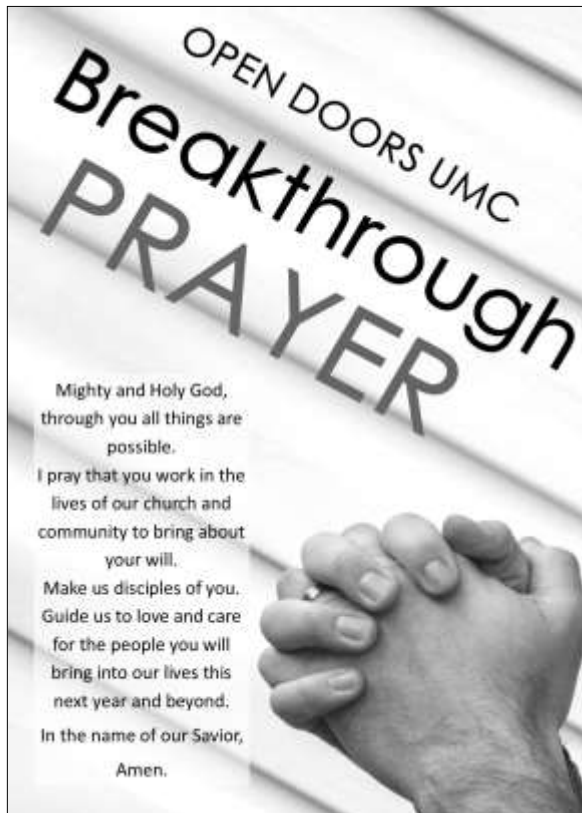
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**Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:**

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

**Reminder – Pray the Breakthrough Prayer for our church and community.**

And pray about who God would like YOU to invite to church and go ahead and “plant the seed.” *Invite! Invite! Invite!*



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# Breakthrough PRAYER

Mighty and Holy God,  
through you all things are possible.

I pray that you work in the lives of our church and community to bring about your will.

Make us disciples of you. Guide us to love and care for the people you will bring into our lives this next year and beyond.

In the name of our Savior,  
Amen.

## PLANTING SEEDS for the FUTURE

I will be praying:

Lord God, may you work in the life of \_\_\_\_\_ so they may come to know you better in their life and may you give me the opportunity to invite them into the life of **Open Doors UMC**. In the name of the true vine Jesus Christ, may I sow the seeds of faith for the future. Amen. 

Name of the person you will be praying for through the months of July and August: \_\_\_\_\_

