



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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September 4, 2022 – Pentecost 13

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*God who labors and rests, thank you for giving us this rhythm for life.
During this worship service, I rest in you.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship* “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #103, vs. 1 & 3

Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

People: We respond to the Spirit’s leading and open ourselves to receive God’s gracious gifts.

Song “Praise You” #2003

Leader: From Psalm 139 we read:
O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

Song “All My Days” on screen (#3011, vs 1-2)

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* “Change My Heart, O God” #2152

* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

Sermon “What Will We Give to Be Molded by the Potter’s Hand?”
Rev. Chris Leistra

Message Response “The Potter’s Hand” Praise Team

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering may be placed in the green chest 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 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #614 vs. 1, 2, 4

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 9

The Lord's Prayer (unison) # 895

Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive this gift of God's love in Christ as instructed by the pastor. Everyone 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 return to your seats by the side aisles. If coming forward is difficult for you, signal the communion servers who come to the back of the sanctuary and overflow room – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Living for Jesus" #2149

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

Welcome! On this Labor Day weekend, we pray that all our daily labors may be an extension of this time of worship, done to the glory of God. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:30 worship service at the Wells Campus.

Keep in your prayers this week: Students, teachers, and all school personnel; Pastor Chris as he competes in a 100-mile bike ride next weekend; Alan Stensrud, Joan Christian, Rita Bebler, and JoEtta's stepson Daniel Doolittle, in their fight with cancer; Mary Smalley, recovering from knee replacement surgery on Aug. 22; Tanya Bird's brother-in-law following an ATV accident; Alan Yokiel; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

The nursery is available for parents to use during worship on Sunday mornings. The nursery is on the south side of the entryway next to the restroom. The TV may be turned on to watch the service.

Announcements

Little Red Food Pantry – The tiny food pantry really needs your help. This is a needed service to our community. Please give what you can, either in food donations or money. The Little Red Food Pantry is our Mission-of-the-Month for September to restock supplies.

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Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are almost halfway to our goal of \$25,000. The new kitchen will be a blessing to this generation *and* the next. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give that will help bring us closer to a fully financed new kitchen. Pledge cards and gifts can be dropped in the green offering chest and you can find extra pledge cards there, too.

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Kitchen jobs we need help with this week:

- Washing walls – Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 6-7
- Fill in and smooth wall imperfections – Tuesday or Wednesday, Sept. 6 or 7
- Painting primer and final coat Wednesday-Monday, Sept. 7-12.
- Extra men to carry pails of cement on Monday, Sept. 12 when fresh cement is poured to patch the floor.

Check in with the office this week to volunteer and find out more.

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Looking for Sunday School Teachers Sunday School for ages 3 through 7th grade will begin October 2. We're looking for teachers for all age levels. Teach half-time and trade off with a co-teacher, work as a husband/wife team, or offer to sub. Please consider teaching this year. It is what we, as a church, are called to do.

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The United Women in Faith unit of Wells (formerly UMW) will meet for a planning meeting on Wednesday, September 7, at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. All women of the church are invited. Come to reconnect. This will be a time of visioning and planning for the future.

Youth Group will begin Wednesday, September 14. This year, it will be something new and exciting, a community-wide ecumenical group called "The Way" for grades 6-12. It will meet weekly from 6:30-8:30pm at the USC high school and will include music, worship, lessons, food, and small group time. Youth – try it out! Meet your friends there. It'll be awesome!

Marriage Retreat – Thrivent of Faribault County is putting on a marriage retreat on September 9-11 at Okoboji Bible Camp in Milford, IA. The guest speaker will be marriage counselor Todd Dubé. It starts at 6:30pm Friday and check-out is Sunday after breakfast. Includes a date night and dinner cruise. Price is \$150 per couple. Registration deadline is September 5. To sign up, message them on facebook.com/faribaultcountythrivent or call 507-526-5000.

Join Five Sisters Project's Book Club A new study will begin Sept. 8 at 7pm and will be every Thursday for 10 weeks til Nov. 10. The book is *Strong in Battle* by Susie Larson. Max 10 people, there's a couple spots left. Book available at Five Sisters. 507-553-6207

The Clothes Closet – Remember, if you are making a trip to Mankato, check with the Clothes Closet if they have some boxes of surplus items that they would like dropped off at Goodwill. The Clothes Closet is open Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 9:30am-5:30pm and Goodwill is open Mon.-Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, and Sundays 11am-6pm. The phone number of the Clothes Closet is 553-2040.

Pastor Chris will take next weekend off to ride in a 100-mile bike ride in Wisconsin. Rev. Judith Clark will be our substitute preacher on September 11.

Kiester and Wells Worship Services will continue as joint services held at 9:30 a.m. in Wells through September.

UMC Disaffiliation Myths – There is a handout on the back table written by our District Superintendent, Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, about the denominational schism and some "myths" that he believes have caused a false sense of urgency for churches. Feel free to take one if you are interested.

Sept/Oct Upper Room Devotionals are available. \$1.25 regular print, \$1.50 large print.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 4

- W 8:30am Revival Study Group
- 9:30am Joint Worship w/ Communion
- 10:30am Coffee

Monday, September 5, Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- 12:30-4:30pm Interfaith Caregiver meetings

Wednesday, September 7

- W 9:30am Staff meeting
- 1:30pm United Women in Faith (W)
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 1:30pm Wells Area Ministerial at Five Sisters

6:30pm The WAY leader meeting at USC

Thurs. & Fri., September 8 & 9

- W 7:00am-3:00pm Preschool Screening

Sunday, September 11

- 7:00am Farming of Yesteryear worship
- W 9:30am Joint Worship w/ Rev. Judith Clark
- 10:30am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Steve Burns
- Communion ServersCarol Draheim, Pat Coy
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- September 5Barbara Roberts, Terry Thisius
- September 6Shari Petersen
- September 10Richard Bebler, Eli Roberts
- September 11David Schuster

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

Live Stream: Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook, YouTube and www.opendoorsumc.org