



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. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
507-294-3300
Worship: 10:30 am

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September 5, 2021 – Pentecost 15

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 –

God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank you for the work to which you have called me — at home and beyond. May I glorify you in all I do.

Greeting & Announcements

Mission of the Month Presentation: Five Sisters Project

Tracy Muhlenbeck

* *Call to Worship and Praise*

Leader: We can trust God.

People: **God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

Leader: God loves all the people:

People: **the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

Leader: We can depend on God.

People: **God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.**

Leader: Praise our Loving God.

EVERYONE: Hallelujah. Hallelujah! HALLELUJAH!!

Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

* *Hymn*

"Jesu, Jesu"

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* *Gospel Reading*

Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

"Worthy Perseverance"

Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response

"He Touched Me"

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– 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

Communion Song

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to commune in your seats from the pre-packaged communion set as directed by the pastor. The pre-packaged sets are there for you to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. 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 discard the empty cup in the trash receptacle. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

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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Jason Gray Fundraising Concert for Five Sisters Project – The Five Sisters Project is hosting a benefit concert with local artist Josh Edwards opening for International Christian Recording Artist Jason Gray to benefit their outreach to women and families in crisis. It will be held at Crossroads Church, 3402 Hoeger Lane, Albert Lea at 7pm on Sunday, October 24. Tickets can be purchased on the Five Sisters’ website www.fivesistersproject.com. If the concert is a sell-out, the concert can be livestreamed internationally and that could be a huge help in their fund raising efforts! So, won’t you consider purchasing a ticket and enjoy an exciting night with Jason Gray! HURRY, as tickets are going fast!

This benefit event has two ticket options:

Option 1: Savory meal with the best seats for the concert – \$60. Dinner seating will begin at 5:30 and the meal served at 6.

Option 2: Concert only tickets are \$25. Concert starts at 7. Doors open at 6.

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New Worship Schedule Beginning September 26!

Kiester Worship 8:00 a.m.

Wells Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Classes 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Tiny Red Food Pantry Monthly Offering – On the first Sunday of each month (that’s today!), we will be taking a special offering for the Tiny Red Food Pantry to help keep it full and stocked for those in our community who need it! The offering can be food items suitable for the little outdoor pantry or money that can be used to buy needed items. Of course, you don’t have to wait until the first of the month to bring in food! 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.

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UMCOR provides relief – There is so much pain and sorrow and danger in the world right now. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coming alongside those who are suffering from natural or human-caused disasters, most recently, hurricane Henri & Ida victims in the US, earthquake victims in Haiti, and the people in Afghanistan. If you would like to do something to help out financially, you may give online at umcmmission.org or give to Open Doors and designate on your envelope or check if you would prefer hurricane relief (US Disaster Response), Haiti (International Disaster Response), or Afghanistan for help in resettlement of displaced families (Advance #3022144), or simply UMCOR and we will divide it equally. 100% of your donation will go to the project you choose.

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Rally Day is September 19! We hope EVERYONE will be returning to church after the busy, “almost back to normal” summer. It’ll be great to be TOGETHER again – Kiester *and* Wells members alike! A joint outdoor service is being planned to be held on the front lawn of the Wells Campus at **10:30 a.m.** Bring your lawn chair! After worship, we’ll pack up and move to Thompson Park for some grilled hotdogs & chips and ice cream cones. If you’d like to bring a side dish, you may. There will be games like 9-Square, bean bags, and maybe a game of kickball. “Rally” together with the Open Doors Family and have some fun as we move into Fall!

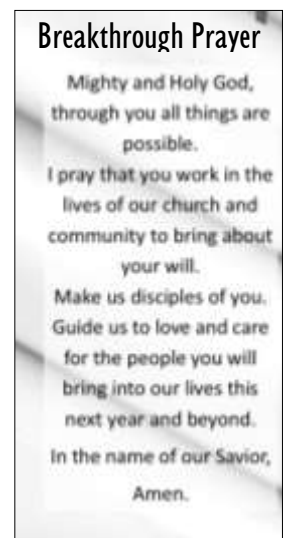
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Garden Produce Table Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the narthex. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

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

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Choir info – At this time, there is not a determined “start date” for our choir and bell choir. Watch bulletins, OneWay, and email for updates. Please contact Jan Johanson with any questions or concerns.



S.A.I.L. Stay Active & Independent for Life exercise classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. at the Kiester Community Center. Exercises can be done sitting or standing and are very adaptive. Classes are free. See the September OneWay for more information. To register, contact Mary at 507-458-9687 or mcassem@ccsomn.org.

SEPTEMBER MISSION

Five Sisters Project

The Five Sisters Project in downtown Wells serves women in crisis. This past January, they accomplished their goal of building emergency housing and have served over 15 women and their children since opening. They have helped clients with long term housing solutions, furnishings, small appliances, Christian Counseling services, Bible studies, vehicles, and many, many other things that have helped their clients move forward at a very challenging time in their lives.

The Five Sisters Project is our Mission of the Month for September. Below is a list of items they use on a continuous basis for their clients. Please participate in this hands-on mission by purchasing any of these items and placing in the designated collection tub in the entryway. Thank you!

ON-GOING NEEDS LIST

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| Paper towels | Acrylic paints | Trash bags - kitchen and large |
| Toilet paper | Canvasses to paint | Gallon storage bags Light bulbs |
| Facial tissue | Craft scissors | Small laundry baskets |
| Office supplies | Gel pens & markers | Laundry detergent |
| Copy paper | Hand soap | Grocery or gas gift cards |
| Postage | Dishwasher soap | Portable file box with office supplies |
| Bottled water | Dish soap | Plastic totes, gallon totes |
| K-cups, tea | AA & 9V batteries | Bed bug mattress protector/twin & queen |
| Lint roller | Cleaning supplies | Bed bug pillow protectors |
| First Aid kits | Toilet bowl cleaner | Flameless battery operated candles |

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 5

- W** 9:00am Worship
- WK** 10:00am Coffee
- K** 10:30am Worship

Monday, September 6

Labor Day – Office closed

Wednesday, September 8

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 10:30am Worship at Parkview

Thursday & Friday, September 9 & 10

- W** 7:00-3:00 USC Pre-School Screening

Sunday, September 12

- 7:00am Worship at Farming of Yesteryear
- W** 9:00am JOINT Worship
- W** 10:00am Coffee
- 10:15am Confirmation meeting for new group

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

- Pastor Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader..... Kent Viesselman
- Projection..... Brett Hankerson
- AV Sabrina and Sarah Hankerson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Kiester

- Pastor Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist..... Staci Thompson

Birthdays This Week:

- Sept. 5 Barbara Roberts, Terry Thisius
- Sept. 6 Shari Petersen
- Sept. 10..... Richard Bebler, Eli Torrez
- Sept. 11..... Mary Jacobsen, David Schuster
- Sept. 12..... Melissa Nappin, Adam Frederick

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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