



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELLS CAMPUS

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

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September 11, 2022 – Pentecost 14

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

Jesus, in our hearts we carry grief, anxiety, weariness and more. Help us release those burdens to you and take on your lighter yoke: a peace the world cannot give.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship* "We Fall Down" on screen (#3187)

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

People: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

ALL: Let us worship God together.

Song "You Are My King" on screen (#3102)

Leader: Let us pray together:

ALL: Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Lord, we would follow you.

Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.

Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Lord, we would follow you.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "Grace Alone" #2162

* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

Sermon "The Lost Chapter of the Bible" Rev. Judith Clark

Message Response "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #381, vs. 1-3

– 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

Response "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God" #2044, vs. 1 & 2

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* Hymn of Going Forth

"Love Lifted Me"

on screen (#3101)

* Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

We welcome today, Rev. Judith Clark, as our guest preacher while Pastor Chris is on vacation. Rev. Judith is a retired United Methodist pastor, living near Blue Earth. Thank you for leading us in worship today, Pastor Judy! Pastor Chris will be on vacation through tomorrow, Sept. 12.

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 today; Alan Stensrud, Joan Christian, and Rita Bebler in their fight with cancer; JoEtta for the loss of her stepson, Daniel Doolittle; 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: Mission-of-the-Month – The Little Red Food Pantry is our Mission-of-the-Month for September to restock our dwindling supplies. Each week this month, please bring an item from the list below if you are able.

September 11 – Meat & Protein

September 18 – Cereals & Pasta

September 25 – Fruit, Vegetables & Soup

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Kitchen Update: A lot was accomplished last week! The concrete flooring got trenched out and water pipes rerouted, electrical work done, and walls & ceiling scrubbed, primed, and painted. Tomorrow the floor will be filled with new cement to make ready for the cabinet installation, which should be this Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you so much to all the hard workers!

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Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are over halfway to our goal of \$25,000. As of last Sunday, the total is \$13,695! 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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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.

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The WAY Youth Group meeting this Wednesday! Youth Group will begin Wednesday, September 14. This year, it will be something new and exciting, a community-wide ecumenical group called “The WAY” (Wells Area Youth) 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!

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Church Bell Choir is Reforming – “Sounds of Praise” is open to people who would like to challenge themselves in a new way – men, women, boys, and girls (grades 7-12). Being able to read music is helpful, but learning when the right time to play your bell can be learned fairly easily. Beginners are welcome! We need 6-11 people to play this music and currently we have only a few. Please consider joining the bell choir. Practice times will be decided by the group. Talk to Jan Johanson about any questions you might have. Her email is wellsunmusic@gmail.com, phone 553-5077.

Community Chimes begins practice September 13. This is a group of people from within the community that meets on Tuesdays at 4:30pm to play bells. They are also looking for members. Contact Jan if interested.

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Caregiver Support Group Interfaith Caregivers is offering a new Caregiver Support Group that will be held at Open Doors UMC–Wells Campus. It will be meeting monthly and the first meeting will be Thursday, September 15 at 10:00am in The Meeting Room, and then will continue meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 10am. If you are a caregiver and are interested in joining a support group, contact Merry or Sara at Interfaith Caregivers at 507-526-4684.

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Friendship Café Bingo for older adults and their caregivers is Monday, September 19, at 1:30pm at Hope UMC in Blue Earth. Friendship Café is a place to be socially and creatively active within a group setting. Please RSVP the week before to Interfaith Caregivers 507-526-4684.

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The Chosen, Season One will be shown at the Flame Theatre downtown Wells, MN starting in October. Admission is FREE and concessions will be available for purchase. Free-will donations are welcome. 100% of the donations will be given to the Five Sisters Project in Wells. Showing Wednesdays at 7:00pm on October 5 (Episodes 1 & 2), October 12 (Episodes 3 & 4), October 26 (Episodes 5 & 6), and November 2 (Episodes 7 & 8).

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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.

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

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Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Wells American Legion on Monday, September 19 from 10:30am-6:30 pm. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WELLSMN or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment. Give the gift of life!

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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 left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 13

9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
4:30pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, September 14

W 9:00am Staff meeting
10:00am Worship at Parkview
W 5:45pm Praise Team practice
6:30pm Adult choir practice
6:30pm The WAY leader meeting at USC

Thursday, September 15

W 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, September 18

W 9:30am Joint Worship
10:30am Coffee
10:30am Confirmation class

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Guest Preacher..... Rev. Judith Clark
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader Bob Clark
A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
Projection..... Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

September 11David Schuster
September 12Melissa Nappin, Adam Frederick
September 14Tanya Bird, David Elmer
September 17Clare Kruse, Becky Woolverton

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