



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

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Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 10:30 am

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September 26, 2021 – Pentecost 18

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

As our Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Welcome.

– Gathering in Faith –

Greeting & Announcements

* Call to Worship and Praise

Song "Here I Am to Worship" on screen

Leader: O Lord, we stand in awe of you and your great love for us. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for you. We give you all honor and praise.

Song "Honor and Praise" #2018

Leader: In our praise of you, let us strive to become more like you, in all that we are, do and say.

Song "More Like You" #2167

All: O God, You pour out your spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2, 2:1-2, 6:17-21 (NRSV)

Song "Spirit of God" #2117, vs. 1, 3, 5

* **Gospel Reading** Luke 9:23-27 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Noah, the Disciple" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Let It Be Said of Us" Praise Team

– Stewards of Faith –

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| Baptismal Covenant 1 (Ritual for Confirmation) | UMH pages 33-39 |
| Introduction | pg.33 #1, 2 |
| Presentation of Confirmands | pg.33 #3 |
| Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith | pg.34 #4, 6 |
| Faith Statements | |
| Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith | pg.35 #8 |
| Apostles' Creed | pg.35 #9 |
| Thanksgiving Over the Water | |
| Confirmation (<i>Parents come forward as directed for laying on of hands.</i>) | pg.37 #12 |
| Reception into The UM Church & Local Congregation | pg.38 #14-15 |
| Commendation and Welcome | pg.38 #16 |
| Blessing | pg.39 |

Communion Song "Be Present at Our Table Lord" #621

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer pg. 9

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

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering may be placed in the green chest at this time or as you leave. Thank you!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Sending Forth -

* Benediction

* Hymn of Going Forth "My Life Is In You Lord" #2032

* Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

Keep in your prayers this week: Farmers as they bring in the year's harvest. All those effected by Hurricanes Henri and Ida; the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. The family of Sue Rucker; Carol Tibodeau on the loss of her son, Todd Anderson, from Covid.

Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiel, Bebo Getchell. Our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner as they finish out their final month as missionaries. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

The flowers on the altar this morning are from the funeral service of Sue Rucker which was held here on Friday, September 24.

Announcements

Special recognition and prayers for our confirmands as they proclaim their belief and faith in Christ . . . the Confirmation Class of 2021:

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| Abigail Healey | Clare Kruse | Brooklyn Miller |
| Addison Mithun | Brennan Anderson | Hayden Chandler |
| Aaron Johnson | Jadyn Lutteke | |

Please join us for a special reception for our new confirmands in the basement Fellowship Hall following worship.

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New Weekly Worship Schedule Begins Today, September 26!

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| <u>Kiester</u> Worship 8:00 a.m. | <u>Wells</u> Worship 9:30 a.m. |
| | Sunday School/Classes 10:30-11:30 a.m. (begins next Sunday, Oct. 3) |

Live Streaming will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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The Story - The 31-week series begins today and goes through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, helping people understand God's Word more fully. We will be looking at people in the Bible who have been disciples of God and how that can relate to our own story. To gain a greater understanding and have a time to talk and get better acquainted, come to the *Pathways to Discipleship* class that will be meeting after worship each Sunday. Don't worry if you can't be at every class, come whenever you can.

If you'd like to read along in *The Story*, we have a few copies available for only \$5.00.

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Pathways to Discipleship – Everyone interested in the Sunday morning Pathways to Discipleship group that Pastor Chris will be leading should meet in the Youth Room in the basement at 10:45 this morning for a brief overview of what to look forward to.

Sunday school for ages 3 through 6th grade begins Oct. 3 – Class will be from 10:30, or right after worship, until 11:30 am. Classes will be Preschool (age 3)-Kindergarten, 1st-4th, and 5th-6th. Next Sunday will also be **Bible Sunday**. 2nd graders and upcoming Confirmation students will be getting new Bibles during the worship service.

Sunday School teachers needed! We're still looking for a few teachers. Will you teach Sunday School this year? You can have your choice of age and schedules can be flexible. 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. Classes begin next week on October 3.

Next Sunday:

- Sunday School begins – 10:30-11:30
- Bible Sunday – 2nd, 7th & 8th graders receive Bibles
- Pathways to Discipleship – 10:30-11:30 in the Youth Room in the basement
- World Communion Sunday and special offering
- Food offering for the Little Red Food Shelf

Oct. 4 - First Sunday of the Month food offering for the **Little Red Food Pantry** will be next Sunday. Bring non-perishable healthy food to help keep the Little Red Food Pantry stocked. It's been getting regular use. Canned vegetables, fruits, meats, soups, and all-in-one meals, peanut butter, cracker or granola snacks, rice or potato mixes are all great. Cash can also be given to go towards the purchase of needed food.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations.

United Methodist Churches around the globe take a special offering on World Communion Sunday that will provide scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. There are envelopes on the back table if you would like to pick one up today.

Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween Day, Sunday, October 31 from 3:00-5:00 pm on 1st Ave SW (west of the church). We're looking for lots of trunks, the more the better! Contact Barbara Roberts (553-3341) or the church office if you would like to reserve a spot to host a trunk . . . car trunk, SUV, pick-up. Have fun with it – you can decorate, have a theme, come in costume, bring candy or trinkets for handing out to all the kids. This is a safe and fun alternative to door to door trick-or-treating.

Operation Christmas Child – just a reminder that we'll be collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child this year and now is the time to start picking up little gifts for that special child. The deadline will be November 14. Information and tips can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.com.

Goodbye GivePlus Mobile, Hello Vanco Mobile. If you are a user of the GivePlus Mobile app on your smartphone, you have until September 30 to switch over to the new Vanco Mobile app, which is a free download from The App Store or Google Play. You'll need the new app to give! Visit www.vanco.com/vm to learn what steps you need to take.

Jason Gray 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!

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. Hurry, limited quantity left.

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



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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 26

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship with Confirmation and Communion

Monday, September 27

- W** 5:30pm Staff reviews & SPRC meeting

Sunday, October 3

- K** 8:00am Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship with Communion
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Adult study
- 10:30am Sunday School

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

- Pastor Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Greeters..... Deb Lackey
- Praise Team Sherry Asmus, Deb Lackey
- Technicians Brett, Sabrina, Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- September 26....Jay Miller
- September 27....Bruce Frederick
- September 29....Jan Elmer
- October 1.....JoAnn Stensrud
- October 2.....Martin Healey, Teal Leistra
- October 3.....Sherry Asmus, Emmett Rasmusse

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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