



# 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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October 24, 2021 – Pentecost 22

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

*"O LORD ... [we] will exalt you, [we] will praise your name" (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).  
Welcome, friends, as we gather to exalt and praise God.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Greeting & Announcements*

\* *Call to Worship and Praise*

**Song** "To God be the Glory" #98, vs.1

Leader: We come before you, in thankfulness and praise.

People: Open our eyes to see all that you are providing for us, and to see all that you have created to make life on earth so special.

Leader: Let us pray:

People: Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles.  
Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing;  
Let there be moments when your presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk.

Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed.

And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder;

How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know it;

"Blessed is the eternal One, the holy God!" Amen.

**Song** "Let All Things Now Living" #2008

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Reading* Exodus 32:1-6 (NRSV)

*Song* "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" #385, vs 1 & 4 (tune from #192)

\* *Gospel Reading* \* Mark 7:1-6 (NRSV)

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

*Sermon* "Moses – God's Commands" Pastor Chris Leistra

*Message Response* "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (K) #2086  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (W) on screen

### – 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*

– Sending Forth –

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*      “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** Sue Schuster for surgery on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Jason Roberts, Sue Schuster, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane’s daughter-in-law), Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

**Announcements**

**Trunk or Treat** is NEXT SUNDAY, Halloween Day, from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). It’s always a lot of fun! Are you signed up yet to have a trunk? Sign up on the bulletin board or 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.

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**Interested in joining** membership of Open Doors UMC? We’ll be having a day to join soon. Contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

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**The Story** – To discuss the sermon and have a time to talk and get better acquainted, grab a cup of coffee and come to the *Pathways to Discipleship* class that will be meeting after worship in the Youth Room each Sunday. Don’t worry if you can’t be at every class, come whenever you can.

**Wednesday class** – Another similar class meets Wednesdays at 6:00. This class will be meeting in the Youth Room. If you miss the Sunday class, you can come to the Wednesday class and visa-versa.

**If have a copy of *The Story* from the last time we went through it, you should dig it out. We have a few new copies available for only \$5.00. There is a reading schedule available if you want to refer to the Bible as we go along. Also a handy bookmark with the schedule to mark your place in your copy of *The Story*.**

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**All Saints Sunday is November 7.** If you have a loved one who passed away within the last year and whom you would like us to pay tribute to during the naming of the saints, please inform the office of their name and obituary information. A funeral program and photo would also be helpful.

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**Operation Christmas Child** –If you’d like to take part in the Operation Christmas Child mission to spread GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY, now is the time to start putting together a shoebox gift for that special child. The deadline will be November 14. Pick up a brochure on the back table. Information and tips can also be found in your October OneWay and at [www.operationchristmaschild.com](http://www.operationchristmaschild.com). Plus, you can fill a shoebox right online without having to go to a store! Scan this QR code or use this link to go to the Open Doors UMC Goal page to build your box. <https://sampur.se/3vzbAGE>



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**World Communion Day** – We are still accepting World Communion Day offerings for scholarships for gifted and qualified national and international graduate students who face financial obstacles. Please use the Special Sunday envelopes located by the chest and make checks out to Open Doors UMC. To give online, find the World Communion card in the pew pocket and scan the QR code.

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**Country Store** . . . is it back? There’s hope, and we want to get everyone’s creative juices flowing. Are you a baker, crafter, gardener . . . do you like to help plan, arrange, shop while you work? All is still in the infant stages, but to move Country Store further we need to know how you all feel about donating your time, talents and products to the Country Store fund raising event. A date has been put on the table for the morning of Saturday, April 30, and Sunday May

1 following church. "Store front" ideas could be (The) Baby Place, Garden Shed, Wood Shop, Christmas 365, This and That, Bakery . . . what more can we come up with? Please text or call Linda Bakken 507-383-5796 if you have the hankering to help, donate your time, talent and/or products. Minnesnowta weather will soon be upon us so what better time to think of projects, new recipes . . . dare to dream of what you can do and bring. We will keep you up-to-date as we hear from all of you to make Country Store possible!



**Sunday School teachers needed!** We're still looking for a few teachers, especially preschool-Kindergarten. 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.



**Looking for someone who could be Acolyte Coordinator** . . . Being here on Sunday mornings (Sept-May) to help with candle-lighting sticks, making sure they are working properly and have enough wick, lighting the flame, preparing a schedule. Please contact Sarah in the church office if this is something you can do that takes very little effort or time outside of Sunday mornings.



**The November/December Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up.



**Jason Gray Concert** was a sell-out, so unfortunately, there will be no tickets available at the door tonight. But you can still get tickets to watch the live stream from the comfort of your own home. And don't forget, your ticket purchase still goes to help fund the great work of helping women and families in crisis. [Fivesistersproject.com](http://Fivesistersproject.com)



**Spread some Holiday Cheer!** UMW-Wells invite you to help the Holiday Cheer Program by donating a gift or cash donation for patients in St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. Sharing a gift – even something as small as a new pair of socks – reminds people that they are not forgotten. Donations of hygiene products, socks and underwear (male and female, L-5x); shoes (men's 9-14); and gift cards are appreciated. Place in collection tub in the entryway. Last Sunday to collect is November 14.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, October 24**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

**Monday, October 25**

- 8am-4pm Sarah at PAUMCS Annual Meeting on Zoom
- 12:30-6:30 pm Blood Drive at Kiester Community Center

**Wednesday, October 27**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- W** 4:30pm Confirmation class
- 5:45 pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00pm Discipleship Pathways

**Sunday, October 31**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 3-4pm Trunk or Treat**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Acolytes.....Makinlee Gossen, Chloe Bullerman
- Cross Bearer ..... Jaiden Gossen
- Scripture Reader ..... October Roberts
- Technicians.....Martin & Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- Oct. 26 ..... Basil Kruse, Claire Christianson
- Oct. 27 ..... Sawyer Bird
- Oct. 29 ..... Will Petersen, Anne Feist
- Oct. 30 ..... Sharon Parriott

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

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