

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth*

"How Great Thou Art"

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

Welcome to worship this autumn day. Let us bless the Lord and open our hearts to his guidance and grace. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus and before the 11:00 am service at the Kiester Campus.

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.

Keep in your prayers this week: Joan Christian in her fight with cancer; Alan Yokiell; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Today is the last Sunday to collect for UMCOR Cleaning Kits – Complete kits, or just some supplies, are needed for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts in Florida and the Southeast. Midwest Mission’s truck will be in Blue Earth on Nov. 15 to pick up whatever local churches have collected.

Marlin Krupp to auctioneer at the Pie Auction next week! Don’t miss the annual Pie Auction on November 20! It’s a perennial favorite! Whose pie will get the highest bid this year? Homemade pie donations requested. Can be baked, refrigerated, or frozen and ready to bake. Bring to the basement before church. Proceeds will go for the 2023 Jamaica mission trip and youth activities.

Kitchen Update: The cabinets are 100% done (except for the rolling counter). The countertops are in place on the north wall and sink island. Everything looks lovely! Electrical to be completed this coming week and hopefully the last counter comes in. Replacing all the cupboard contents will be in a couple weeks after the water and dishwasher are hooked up.

Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen –We are now up to \$22,290 in donations just since the campaign began last August! That’s 89% of our goal of \$25,000. Thank you ever so much!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due next Sunday! –The deadline for dropping off your OCC shoebox gifts is next Sunday morning, November 20. These things will help to make assembling your box easier:

- We have a supply of pre-printed Operation Christmas Child boxes you can use – they’re in the cardboard carton beside the bulletin table – and self-stick box labels. Pick up a brochure or label sticker, gift suggestion lists, and a shoe box. (Don’t forget to mail or pay online the shipping/processing fee of \$10.)
- For help with your shopping, the Operation Christmas Child’s website (www.operationchristmaschild.com) has a link to OCC’s Amazon page (www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild) where they have assembled shopping lists of great items for shoe-boxes. You can shop online and have the items shipped to you, then assemble your box.
- At www.operationchristmaschild.org you can build a shoebox totally online for a set fee of \$25, or \$31 with “The Greatest Journey” discipleship program. To find Open Door’s online goal page, scroll to the bottom of the Build a Shoebox Online page and click “Search for a Goal Page,” enter 56097 and you’ll find our page.
- Check out the website for tons of tips and stories. Plus there are lists of gift suggestions on the bulletin table.

Advent Season – November 27 will be the first Sunday of Advent. A few of the church activities to look forward to are:

Sermon series and small group: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes – Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch*. The small group will meet at Open Doors UMC in the Hospitality Room on Tuesdays beginning November 29 at 9:00 a.m. (change of location from The Bean).

"Unfrozen" Wednesday after-school kids program for grades 3-5: Do you want to meet a savior this Christmas? *UnFrozen* 4-Week series (Wednesdays 11/30-12/21) teaches kids that Jesus was born to melt away the old and bring new life and a new kingdom. UnFrozen will include a snack, skits, lessons, crafts & games and run from 3:15-5:00 on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21. Contact Sarah Hankerson for questions, to help, or to sign up your kids.

Weekly Advent candle lighting: an opportunity for families and individuals to participate in worship. Contact Jan Johanson or the office if you would like to volunteer.

Christmas Eve readers – now is the time to let Jan Johanson know if you would like to volunteer to read for the Lessons & Carols at the 5:30 (K) or 7:30 (W) candlelight services. There also are plans to put on a fun skit at the 4:00 (W) service and 8 actors are needed for "Sleepover at the Stable." Sign up on the red sheet on the back table for any of the services.



Jesus Food results – Thank you to everyone who took part! 141 people packed 25,488 meals last Thursday at USC! These meals will be shipped overseas to feed Ukraine refugees. Tim Stromer says, "What a sweet gift Open Doors! Thank you for letting me come and speak. You are a blessing." We can still accept donations to help pay for the food and shipping.



Painting Class – There are still openings in the painting class. It meets from 9-11 on Tuesday mornings in the Youth Room in the basement. It is open to acrylic or watercolor painters of all skill levels. If you want to take the class, call the church office or just show up. Supplies are provided for the first class, after that, please bring your own.



Jason Gray Concert – The Five Sisters Project is proud to host and welcome back Jason Gray for his Christmas concert on December 3, 6:00 pm, at USC Auditorium right here in Wells! Jason Gray (international Christian artist), invites us to take in the Christmas story from a whole new perspective. The concert will feature original songs from his album, "Christmas Stories: Repeat the Sounding Joy," as well as, beautiful worship, sweet treats, fun prizes and SO MUCH MORE.

Purchase your tickets on Five Sisters' website: www.fivesistersproject.com



Festival of Trees – Bring your decorative skills and a few friends and decorate a tree for a chance to win a prize! The Festival of Trees will be November 18 starting at 4pm at the Wells Golf Clubhouse. Food trucks, Christmas carols, vote for your favorite tree, boost your Christmas spirit. Free will offering - all proceeds will support the work of Five Sisters Project. Register your tree at www.fivesistersproject.com.



Lung Cancer Benefit for Genna Kline Mears – November 19, 1-5pm at Waldorf Community Center. Pulled pork sandwich, chips, cookies, drink \$10, \$7 for under 10.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 13

W 9:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
K 10:00am Coffee
11:00am Worship

Monday, November 14

W 9:00am Painting class

Tuesday, November 15

9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
4:00pm MMDC truck at Hope UMC, BE
W 4:30pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, November 16

W 9:00am Staff meeting
2:00pm Wells Ministerial at Covenant Life
W 5:45pm Praise Team
6:30pm Adult choir practice
6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

Thursday, November 17

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 18

4-7pm Wells Does It Bright

Sunday, November 20

W 9:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
K 10:00am Coffee
11:00am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organists....Jan Johanson (W), Staci Thompson (K)
AcolyteDylan Parks, Ryder Anderson
Cross BearerMakinlee Gossen
Scripture Reader.....Steve Burns
A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

November 13 Juanita Beyer (97), Gavin Bird
November 14 Faith Wedin
November 15 Dean Kaiser
November 18 Marion Redman (98)

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 9:00am on Facebook