



# 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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December 5, 2021 – Advent 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

*During this time of Advent, God, show me how to be a messenger  
of the Messiah's coming, as John the Baptist was. Amen.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Announcements

Advent Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

#### \* Advent Lighting Ceremony

Praise team: All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,  
With hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch.

**People: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: During Advent we watch for hope in the midst of despair.

**People: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: During Advent we watch for forgiveness in the midst of rebellion.

**People: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: During Advent we watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

**People: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: During Advent we watch for the presence of God in the midst of a fallen world.

**People: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Leader: This morning we light two candles. The **first candle** reminds us that Advent is a time of waiting. We wait in anticipation for God to fulfill every promise set forth in the Bible. The **second candle** reminds us that Advent is also a time of watching. We watch with expectant eyes, trusting that God is active, present and constantly at work, leading all of creation toward the plan of redemption. As we light the second candle, we ask for faith to watch for God's presence and open eyes to see all that God is doing.

**All Sing: We watch in hope for the morning Light,  
(W) for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.**

**We watch with joy for the Savior's birth;  
we watch in hope for peace on earth, peace on earth.**

Leader: Let us pray: God in heaven, as we learn to wait in faith, help us now to watch in expectation. Open our eyes that we might see the ways you are at work around us, within us, and through us. Amen.

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Baptism/Reception of New Members

#### Baptismal Covenant 1

Introduction

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

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**Following the Christmas Program**, you're all invited to the basement for coffee, cider, and a large array of Christmas cookies. There'll also be Christmas tree ornament crafts for youngsters to make to give to the residents at Parkview Care Center. This can be a fun multi-generational project – getting the parents and grandparents involved with the children to make something that will spread holiday cheer to someone in the nursing home.

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**Advent/Christmas Worship** We're looking for families and individuals to help out in the special upcoming services:

**Advent candle lighting ceremony** – Families or couples who can lead this part of our service.

**Christmas Eve Readers** to read scripture during the Lessons and Carols. Seven readers are needed in both Kiester and Wells.

**Special music** – Musicians who can do a solo or sing in a small group for the Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve.

Please contact Jan through email ([wellsumcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wellsumcmusic@gmail.com)) or by phone (553-5077). She would love to hear from you.

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**Our Advent mission offering** will stay local this year, benefiting Communities Fighting Student Hunger backpack program at USC and St. Caimir's. We will collect this all month long. Please use the special Advent Offering envelopes or write CFSH in the memo line of your check made out to Open Doors UMC.

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**Coffee with Pastor Chris** Pastor Chris invites you to join him for coffee and conversation this Tuesday, December 7, and each Tuesday after (except for Dec. 29), from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at The Bean, downtown Wells south of the Theater.

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**The Heart That Grew Three Sizes – finding faith in the story of The Grinch.** Listen to Pastors Chris and David Leistra as they discuss Dr. Seuss's beloved movie and book *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, using Matt Rawle's study as reference. You can find it linked to Open Door's Facebook page and website. There will be four videos over four weeks, the first went online last Wednesday and will continue with a new video posted each Tuesday afternoon. Feel free to post comments and questions and be a discussion starter!

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**Today**, December 5, is our monthly offering for the **Little Red Food Pantry**. Food items may be placed in the tub and financial gifts in the jar.

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**Poinsettias** – We would welcome poinsettias—any color—to decorate our sanctuaries during this Advent season. If you plan to have a plant brought to the church, please arrange for delivery anytime during Advent. Let the church office know by December 15 if you are sharing a plant so that it can be printed in the bulletin.

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**You're invited to go caroling tonight!** The Love Out Loud group of Wells is organizing a caroling event this evening, Dec. 5, to ring in the holiday season with some love, cheer, and song! There will be several groups heading around town. If you'd like to carol along as they stroll around town, meet at 4:30 pm at Jenny's Pink Petals flower shop. If you can, give Jenny a call at 507-553-6335, or just show up.

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**Bell Ringers are needed for The Salvation Army Red Kettle!** If you'd like to help change lives and know it's helping local folks, sign up for a shift or two to ring the bell at Wells Marketplace. Bell Ringers will be posted each Friday and Saturday until Christmas and also Thursday & Friday, December 23 & 24. The shifts are 2 hours and run from 12noon to 6pm. Volunteers can sign up for open time slots by going to [www.RegisterToRing.com](http://www.RegisterToRing.com) or by contacting Sarah Hankerson at 507-317-4322 or 553-5453. Sign up with a friend or two and spread the giving spirit of Christmas!

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**UHD Hospice** invites you to **Light Up A Life**. Remember your Loved One and support Hospice by purchasing a bulb for the local Hospice Memorial Tree. Donation forms are available at each church.

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**Don't forget to do your online Christmas shopping** through [iGive.com](http://iGive.com)! There are 2,200+ participating retailers, all donating a percentage of your purchase to our church. (You must designate Open Doors United Methodist Church.) Some popular retailers are Walmart, CVS, Chewy,

GameStop, Shutterfly, JCPenney, Macys, . . . check them all out at [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) then start iGiving at: [www.iGive.com/OpenDoorsUnitedMethodistChurch](http://www.iGive.com/OpenDoorsUnitedMethodistChurch). \* Join today and make your first purchase by 1/1/22 and iGive will pay a \$5 bonus to our cause! **Shop-Save-Support!**



**Compassionate Gifts** Consider giving Christmas gifts from Heifer International, Samaritan's Purse, Compassion International, or donations to UMCOR, or any one of the hundreds of UMC missions found at [www.advance.umcor.org](http://www.advance.umcor.org)

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, December 5**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship – Baptisms & New Members
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

**Tuesday, December 7**

- 9:00am Ministerial Ass's at The Bean
- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

**Wednesday, December 8**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 10:30am Worship at Parkview
- 5:30pm Youth Group
- 5:45 pm Praise Team practice

**Friday, December 10**

- W** 3:15pm Christmas program dress rehearsal

**Sunday, December 12**

- W** 9:30am JOINT Worship, Children's Christmas Program
- 10:30am Coffee & Christmas Craft party

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader .....Doug Hankerson
- Cross Bearer.....October Roberts
- Acolytes ..... Olivia & Elyse Bird
- A/V.....Kaylynn Healey
- Projection.....Martin Healey

**Birthdays This Week:**

- December 5..... Heather Schuster, Tammy Bullerman
- December 6..... Dawn Tews Weber
- December 7 ..... Kayla Lackey
- December 9..... Ethan Fickett
- December 10 ..... Brian Wesley
- December 11 ..... Karissa Bathke, Larry Johnson

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

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