



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:00 am | Coffee: 8:30 & 10:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
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Coffee: 10:00 am | Worship: 11:00 am

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January 8, 2023 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

* Song "O Worship the King" #73, vs. 1 & 2

Leader: Psalm leads our thoughts into worship.

Give honor to the Lord, you angels; give honor to the Lord for his glory and strength.

People: Give honor to the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Leader: The Lord reigns as king forever. The Lord gives his people strength.

People: The Lord blesses them with peace.

* Song "I Sing Praises to Your Name" (W) #2037
"O Worship the King" (K) #73, vs. 3 & 4

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. Amen.

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Exodus 3:1-12 (NRSV)

* Hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" #2214

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

Sermon "Ending" – *First in a series on Exodus* Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "In His Time" #2203

– 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 "He Leadeth Me" #128, vs. 1-3

Paul tells us, “We are co-workers in God's service” (1 Corinthians 3:9, NIV). So we gather to be fed for a new week of ministry. **Welcome!** 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: The family of Dorothy Garver; Bev Niebuhr and Joan Christian with cancer; Alan Yokiel; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

The flowers in the chancel area are from the funeral of Dorothy Garver, which was held last Friday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We received word that Harriett Roesti Borst (100) passed away. Her funeral will be Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00 am at Evangel UMC, Rochester, with visitation an hour before. Harriett’s first husband, Rev. Donald Roesti, died suddenly in 1965 while he was serving the Wells EUB church. If you’d like to send a card, her daughter’s address is: Pauline Kirschner, 996 Southern Ridge Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902-1852. You can find more information at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Open Doors UMC Annual Meeting – January 22 Come celebrate all that we have to be thankful for in our church, it’s ministries and people, at the Annual Meeting held Sunday, January 22. We will have a joint worship service at 9:00 and the meeting will take place after worship at 10:00. This will be a time to give feedback on how you think the last year went, what you found impactful or what was good for us as a church. Everyone in the church – members and friends – are invited.

Ministry area chairpersons and treasurers, please have your 2022 reports turned into the office by Monday, January 16.

Today is UM Student Day. Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice or, for some, any school at all. However, because of people like you, they will be sent into the world with gifts made through United Methodist Student Day. The funds received from this special offering are used to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities. Supporting this ministry allows us to invest in future missionaries, engineers, teachers, pastors, film producers and so many other careers. Our students are depending on your support.

Worship services in Kiester will continue through Easter and then take a break for the summer. However; January 22, will be a joint service at 9:00 in Wells so that everyone can attend the Annual Meeting.

Wednesday Night Supper this week - January 11! Yes, enjoy a night away from the kitchen and out with friends at church! **The menu this week is pork sandwiches and cheesy scalloped potatoes.** John & Melissa Kruse will start us out as cooks and a schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway for others to volunteer to cook. Serving will be from 5:00-6:15 each Wednesday and we’ll ask for a free-will donation. Invite your friends or meet them here! And please consider volunteering as a Wednesday night cook!

Offering envelopes are ready for you to pick up in the entryway. If you would like a box and you don’t find your name, contact Sarah in the church office. Envelopes are also available for your children upon request.

Painting Class – We’re going to continue with the painting class into the new year and are hoping a few more people will take the opportunity and join the group. The class meets on

Mondays in the basement Youth Room at the Wells Campus from 9-11am. Jim Dalton teaches the class. It is open to acrylic or watercolor painters, novice or experienced. Your supplies for the first day are provided so you can see if it is something you want to continue and invest in. The next session will be January 9. Hope to see you there!



TheWAY Dance Party this Wednesday, Jan. 11 – This is the Christmas party that has been rescheduled twice now and you won't want to miss it this week! An awesome DJ from The Cities will provide music. For grades 6-12, 6:30-8:30 at USC. Come to Open Doors for supper at 5:00 and then head over to school! •••••

Youth Breakfast – Youth in grades 7-12 are invited for breakfast at Sandy & Dean Youngblom's home this **Thursday, January 12, at 7:30am** Come for a delicious breakfast, devos and prayer – a great way to start your week!



Jan./Feb. Upper Room daily devotionals are available to pick up in the entryway or north hall. Start your new year off right with daily devotions.



Community Prayer Group and Bible Study – Prayer is powerful, renewing, and healing. There is a group that meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for prayer in the Hospitality Room of Open Doors UMC and you are invited. Following prayer at 10:00, there is a community Bible Study that is open to all, as well. They are studying the book of John. Just bring your Bible.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 8–UM Student Day

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

Monday, January 9

- W** 9:00am Painting Class
- 6:30pm Ministry Council

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:00-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- 1:00pm Ministerial at Wells AG
- W** 4:30pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, January 11

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study
- 10:00am Worship at Parkview
- W** 5:00-6:15 Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team
- 6:30pm Choir
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC:
Christmas Dance Party

Thursday, January 12

- 7:30am Youth Breakfast at Sandy's
- W** 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, December 15

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Acolytes..... Kylin & Kenlie Cords
- Cross Bearer.....tbd
- Scripture ReaderKim Meyer
- A/V..... Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection..... Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- January 8 Henry Mortenson
- January 9 LaMar Johnson
- January 12 Sally Roesler
- January 13 Alan Yokiel
- January 14 David Kirschner, Avery Schroeder
- January 15 Abby Wedin, Makinlee Gossen

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, YouTube and www.opendoorsumc.org.