



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
507-294-3300
Coffee: 10:00 am | Worship: 11:00 am

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January 15, 2023 – Epiphany 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*God, if someone here needs a word of friendship, a hug or a smile,
please point me in their direction. Through this worship, may they sense your love.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: Good morning. Hear this message to all of us.
To the church of Open Doors UMC
To make a difference to those sanctified in Christ Jesus,
Saved to serve humbly and dependably to those called to be holy,
Serving as living witnesses of God's transforming grace
Let us raise our voices unashamedly, rivaling heaven's angels,
To praise our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.
Let us lift every voice and sing to our Master and Maker.

* *Song* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89, vs. 1 & 2

Leader: I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry,
who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

People: **We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

* *Song* "Shout to the Lord" (W) #2074

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not run aside to false gods.

People: **We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.**

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

People: **We sing, "Here I am, I have come—I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."**

* *Song* "Shout to the Lord" (W) #2074 refrain
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (K) #89, vs. 3 & 4

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Exodus 5:1-21 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "How Long, O Lord" #2209

* *Gospel Lesson* John 1: 29-42 (NRSV)

Sermon "Losing" – *Second in a series on Exodus* Rev. Christopher Leistra

- 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*

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

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

Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at Open Doors UMC! Please extend a word of friendship to those sitting near you. 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; 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

Next Sunday, everyone is invited to the Annual Meeting – January 22, right after church.

Come celebrate all that we have to be thankful for in our church, its 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.

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UM Student Day. If you would like to invest in future missionaries, engineers, teachers, pastors, film producers and so many other careers, use the enclosed Student Day envelope and write your check to Open Doors UMC. Your gift will help underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students who might not otherwise have the funds for their education. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

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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.

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Wednesday Night Supper this week - January 18! Enjoy a night away from the kitchen and out with friends at church! This is a great time for casual visiting and getting to know everyone better. The menu this week: Burritos and Mexican rice. 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! Choir members & youth, come for supper before practice or The WAY. And please consider volunteering as a Wednesday night cook! The sign-up sheet is on the clipboard or on the bulletin board in the entryway. Thanks!

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2022 Financial Statements are being handed out today. Some were mailed last Thursday. Contact Sarah Hankerson if you have questions.

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Painting Class Changing to Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. – We're hoping a few more people will take this opportunity and join the group. The class meets on Tuesdays in the basement Youth Room at the Wells Campus from 1-3pm. 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 17 at 1:00. Hope to see you there!



Caregiver Support – Interfaith Caregivers has a couple offerings at Open Doors UMC for people who are caregivers of a loved one. One is an on-going support group that meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in The Meeting Room. The next group meeting will be February 9. The other is a 6-week workshop coming up March 2-April 6 called “Powerful Tools for Caregivers.” At this workshop, you will learn ways to reduce stress, improve your confidence, learn new skills and strategies, and balance your life. This is open to the public and will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. The suggested contribution for “Powerful Tools” is \$25. Please call 507-526-4684 to register.



Community Prayer Group and Bible Study – Prayer is powerful, renewing, and healing – our way to fellowship with God. 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.



Upcoming Blood Drives: WELLS: January 16, 10:30-6:30 at American Legion. KIESTER: January 17, 11:30-5:30 at the Community Center. *Give the gift of life!*



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 15

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

Monday, January 16

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed
- 10:30-6:30 Blood Drive at Wells Legion

Tuesday, January 17

- 9:00-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- 11:30-5:30 Blood Drive at Kiester Community Center
- W** 1:00pm Painting Class
- 4:30pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

- Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 22

- WK** 9:00am JOINT Worship in Wells
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am ANNUAL MEETING

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Acolytes.....Ryder Anderson
- Cross Bearer.....tbd
- Scripture ReaderKent Viessleman
- A/V.....Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- January 15..... Abby Wedin, Makinlee Gossen
- January 17.....Melissa Kruse
- January 18.....Darin Johnson, Tyra Johnson

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.