



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

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

## KIESTER CAMPUS

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January 16, 2021 – Epiphany 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*"How precious is your steadfast love, O God!" I thank and praise you that "all people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings" (Psalm 36:7, NRSV).*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

Leader: We are here together to worship and praise our Lord God. He walks with us, and leads us when we don't know where to go, he cares for us and helps us through many tough times. Let us join our hearts and voices as we declare our praise and love for God.

**Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400, vs 1

Leader: From Psalm 36:  
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds,

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O God!**

**Hymn** "Lord God, Almighty" #2006

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (K) #140  
"Forever" (W) on screen (#3023)

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson* 1 Kings 12:1-12 (NRSV)

\* **Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (K) #474, vs 1  
"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" (W) #2216

\* **Gospel Lesson** \* Mark 3:24-29 (NRSV)

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

**Sermon** "A Kingdom Torn in Two" Pastor Chris Leistra  
*The Story*, Chapter 14

**– 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* "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** All who are coping with or healing from physical ailments; Wanda Kothlow as she continues her recuperation at home; Alan Yokiel; Sue Schuster, Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

**Announcements**

**2021 Giving Statements** are being handed out this morning. If you have not received yours, or have questions, contact Sarah Hankerson.

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**Open Doors UMC Annual Meeting is next Sunday** 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 23. We will have a joint worship service at 9:30 and the meeting will take place after worship at 10:30. We will be starting out 2022 with a new form of church leadership called the "One Board," and you will hear all about it in this meeting.

**Ministry area chairpersons and treasurers**, please have your 2021 reports turned into the office by today, January 16 or ASAP.

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*Everyone Come!  
You all are invited out for Supper!  
Enjoy good food and good company!*

**5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells Campus basement**

**January 19 Menu:**

Pulled pork sandwiches, potato chips.  
Prepared and served by John & Melissa Kruse.

We're asking for volunteers to cook the Wednesday meal in February, March, etc. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for you to sign up on. Or call Sarah in the office to sign up or if you have any questions. The church will cover the cost of the groceries from free-will donations for the meal and budgeted funds.

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**UNITE::YTH** will NOT meet this month. Youth are welcome to gather in our church basement this Wednesday, January 19 for a game night, 6:00-7:00pm.

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**Wanted: Custodian** for the Kiester Campus. Priscilla Holst has made the decision to retire from her job of cleaning the Kiester church effective February 1. She has served for a lot of years and we thank her immensely! We are looking for a replacement for her. For more information or to apply, contact Pastor Chris.

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**United Methodist Student Day:** We're still accepting donations to UM Student Day, providing scholarships and student loans for passionate United Methodist students to make it possible for them to change the world through a life of service for Christ.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, January 16**

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

**Monday, January 17**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

- W** 6:30pm One Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 18**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

**Wednesday, January 19**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00pm Youth game night

**Thursday, January 20**

Newsletter Deadline

**Sunday, January 23**

- W** 9:30am JOINT Worship in Wells
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am ANNUAL MEETING



**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader ..... Kim Meyer
- Cross Bearer ..... Madison Meyer
- Acolytes.....
- A/V ..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection ..... Karen Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

- Jan. 17 ..... Melissa Kruse
- Jan. 18 ..... Darin Johnson, Tyra Johnson
- Jan. 23 ..... Paul Parriott, Makayla Knutson

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

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



**W**hen you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions.

For example, Katrina Lewis says she struggled with her self-worth when her parents divorced. "I saw myself as a mistake and unloved," she recalled. Then her mother introduced the children to First United Methodist Church, St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, which, she said, "completely changed the trajectory of my life."

When she was preparing for college, Katrina's pastor and church family encouraged her to apply for a Gift of Hope Scholarship, funded by the United Methodist Student Day offering. "Their belief in me and what God has in store for my life," she said, "empowered me to apply, knowing I could not fund college alone."

Receiving the scholarship permitted her to follow God's direction for her life. "I know that God is calling me to team with him in restoring his beautiful creation," she said.

Katrina is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in statistics and predictive analytics at Robert Morris University, Moon Township, Pennsylvania. Her classwork and extracurricular experiences have given Katrina a deeper appreciation of natural resources and "our collective obligation to protect and defend those resources," she said.

"The scholarship," she said, "has blessed me beyond comprehension. God has used that money in my life to truly transform my college experience and allow me to pursue opportunities I never thought possible. I will always remember the generosity poured out to me by my church, and the fruits God has grown through that. A scholarship provides true hope and testimony to God's generosity and goodness."

Thank you for your generous gifts that give students a financial boost to help them realize their dreams while giving them a spiritual boost knowing that United Methodist congregations are supporting them and their dreams.

**MISSION-OF-THE-QUARTER**

Safe T Home® is a hurricane-proof grain bin home designed and built by Sukup Manufacturing Co. in partnership with GoServ Global that is saving and transforming lives for people in developing countries around the world.



The Safe T Home can withstand the devastating hurricanes and earthquakes that have plagued Haiti over the last decade. In fact, in 2016 when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with 145 mph winds, all 200 of the grain bin homes that were built there remained strong with only minimal damage, while only 10% of the traditional homes remained.

A suitable dwelling for all phases of a recovery effort – emergency, transitional, or permanent – the Safe T Home is:

- Made of 20-gauge galvanized steel for 75 year life expectancy
- Withstands hurricane winds (145 mph) and is highly earthquake resistant
- 100% termite, fire, and water proof
- Assembles on site with simple hand tools
- Comes with a solar panel and has water collection potential
- Houses up to 10 people in bunk beds in a standard 18' unit that contains a loft
- Can shelter up to 60 people during a natural disaster

The complete cost of one Safe T Home is \$7500 – \$5700 for materials, \$1500 shipping, and \$300 for a cement foundation. This is our goal. Won't you help us complete an entire home for a needy family? If we can do that, Sukup will engrave the home with our church's name and let us know where it is providing a safe shelter for a family in need.

For more information, check out the January OneWay and the websites: [www.goservglobal.org](http://www.goservglobal.org) and [www.sukup.com/safe-t-home](http://www.sukup.com/safe-t-home)

To donate, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write Safe T Home in the memo line.

Please give online at [UMC.org/SSGive](http://UMC.org/SSGive) or mail checks to United Methodist Student Day, GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203. Checks can also be directed to your local church by writing "UMSD" in the memo line.

