



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Coffee: 10:00 am | Worship: 11:00 am

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January 22, 2023 – Epiphany 3

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: ...to seek him in his temple" (Psalm 27:4, NIV).

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

* Song "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103, vs. 1 & 4

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People: to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

* Song "Better Is One Day" on screen

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

* Song "Here I Am to Worship" on screen (3177)

Leader: O God, you pour out your spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds, we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12:33-42 (NRSV)

*** Hymn**

"Through It All"

#507

*** Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Letting Go" – *Third in a series on Exodus* Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#521

– Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant –

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Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

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Thanksgiving over the Water

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Reaffirmation of Faith

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Thanksgiving

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– 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*

"The Summons"

#2130, vs. 1, 2, 5

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

We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. Everyone is invited for coffee and a roll, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells 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: Sally Musser, for healing following knee replacement surgery; Betty Culbertson healing after removal of some skin cancer; Bev Niebuhr starting chemo; Alan Yokieli; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

You are invited to the Annual Meeting – TODAY, 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 today in Hospitality Room. Grab a chair and a cup of coffee and roll. We'll begin close to 10:15. 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.

Wednesday Night Supper this week - January 25! 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: Hot ham & cheese sliders and nachos.** 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!

Painting Class is 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 24 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.

February 12 will be Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. We'll be collecting monetary and food donations for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Bring a can or a dollar to help feed the hungry in our community!

Meet our new bishop–Bishop Lanette Plambeck. Bishop Lanette will be having a series of gatherings across Minnesota so she can "be where our people are, hear their hopes and dreams

for our conference, and see the places they live, love, and worship.” All Minnesota United Methodists are invited to come meet Bishop Lanette, hear some of her story, worship together, enjoy warm hospitality and good conversation and leave with a renewed sense of hope for the future. The gathering in our area will be February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm at Hilltop UMC in Mankato.



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.



Shop and earn free donations for Open Doors! Throughout the year, Open Doors receives checks from iGive when a certain level of donations have been reached. We just received a check for \$33.48 just because people did their online shopping through the shopping portal iGive.com! Learn more about it, explore all the thousands of websites, and sign up for iGiving. It’s all free! And get the iGive button to generate a \$.10 donation **each** day when you simply open up a new browser window! www.iGive.com/OpenDoorsUnitedMethodistChurch



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

- 2-4pm Pastor: Anti-Racism Training

Sunday, January 29

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Staci Thompson
- Acolyte Kaydra Haugh
- Scripture Reader Britney Haugh
- A/V..... Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- Jan. 23 Paul Parriott, Makayla Knutson
- Jan. 25 Kent Christian, Chayce Luettke
- Jan. 27 Arbutus Miller (99)
- Jan. 28 Lucas Mortenson
- Jan. 29 Ben Musser, Sr.

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.