



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

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February 5, 2023 – Epiphany 5

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*You promise to guide us continually, Lord, and to meet all our needs. May we be your garden, our thirst quenched by your living water. (See Isaiah 58:11.)*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

\* *Call to Worship*

\* *Song*

"Gather Us In" (W) #2236, vs 1  
"Maker, in Whom We Live" (K) #88, vs. 1 & 4

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**People: We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**People: We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**ALL: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.**

\* *Song* "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57, vs. 1-3

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.**

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson* 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn* "Lord, Speak to Me" #463, vs. 1-3

\* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

*Sermon* "Joyful, Not Salty" Rev. Christopher Leistra

*Message Response* "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" #163, vs. 1 & 2

### – 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*

<i>Communion Song</i>	"Come Share the Lord" (W)	#2269, vs. 1-3
	"Be Present at Our Table, Lord" (K)	#621
<i>The Great Thanksgiving</i>		pg. 9
<i>The Lord's Prayer (unison)</i>		# 895

*Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup*

*You are invited to come forward to receive this gift of God's love in Christ as instructed by the pastor. Everyone is welcome to the Lord's table in the United Methodist Church, as Christ's act of love is offered to all. After you have communed, please return to your seats by the side aisles. If coming forward is difficult for you, signal the communion servers who come to the back of the sanctuary and overflow room – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.*

*Prayer after Receiving*

**– Sending Forth –**

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth* "You Are the Seed" #583, vs. 1 & 2

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

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**Welcome to worship.** May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world. 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:** Bev Niebuhr and Joan Christian; 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**

**The camp brochures have arrived!** Pick yours up today! There are camps for all ages, for families, elementary, middle school, high school, and grandparents. Open Doors has scholarships available. Contact the church office.

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**Listening Sessions** – Pastor Chris will be available from 10:00-10:30am after worship on each Sunday in February, for listening to what your thoughts and ideas are about new things we could do together at Open Doors. He'll be in the back of the sanctuary. Please join him! If it doesn't work out to meet at church, give him a call and set up an appointment to talk.

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**Wednesday Night Supper this week - February 8!** 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: Pizza and salad.** 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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**Asking for a pot of your favorite soup for Ash Wednesday** – For supper on Ash Wednesday, we'd like to have a variety of soups and are asking for volunteers to bring a crockpot of soup. Please sign up on the clipboard on the back table and what kind of soup you would be willing to bring.

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**Ash Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday worship this year will be a joint service with Open Doors–Wells & Kiester, and Wells Assembly of God church and the youth from The WAY. The service will take place at 6:30 p.m. in our Wells Campus sanctuary. Pastor Hillary Korynta and Josh Edwards will also take part in the worship. Come early at 5:00 for the Soup Supper in the basement.

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**Today**, the first Sunday of the month, we are collecting food and/or money for the **Little Red Food Pantry**. During the winter, some good things to donate are: breakfast cereal (small packages), instant oatmeal packets, dried soup mixes, boxed potatoes & pasta, ramen, dried fruits, tuna in oil, breakfast/snack bars, fruit squeeze pouches, and during this very cold spell – frozen entrees & vegetables (for frozen food, please put directly outside or in the basement freezer and let Sarah know). Donations are welcome all month long.

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**Next Sunday, 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!

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**Meet our new bishop, Bishop Lanette Plambeck, on Feb. 12.** 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. Contact the office if you'd like to go and car pool.

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**Join the Painting Class! Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** – There was a nice sized group last week! More people = more fun! Come join us! 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 31 at 1:00. Hope to see you there!

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**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.

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**Pastor Chris will be away** on a short vacation from this afternoon thru Wednesday morning. So, he will not be at coffee on Tuesday this week.

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**Annual Meeting packets** are on the table in the entryway by the Upper Rooms if you would like a copy. Look for the green cover.

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**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.

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**Jumpin' Jehosafats** will be putting on a concert on Sunday, February 19, at Hope United Methodist Church in Blue Earth. The Jumpin' Jehosafats have been blending traditional jazz and Gospel for more than 35 years, raising money for charity and lifting spirits. The Mission Team at Hope UMC will be hosting a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the concert at 7:00. A free-will offering will go towards missions.

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**Soul Sisters**, a once-a-month time to get together with other women to reflect, reimagine, and reset. Invite your friends to meet new people, enjoy tasty snacks, listen to great speakers, and participate in thoughtful discussion. The first gathering will be Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 pm at Wilderness Prayer Center, 11393 560th Ave, Wells. Relax and enjoy watching a video of comedienne Chonda Pierce. Make it a fun night out and invite a friend. All women are invited. Hosted by Five Sisters Project.

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**Walk to Emmaus** – a 3-day experience of Christian renewal and formation. It's an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The next walks are: Men's Walk–Feb. 16-19. Women's Walk–Feb. 23-26. Both are being held at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, February 5**

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Listening Session w/ Pr Chris

- K** 11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, February 7**

- W** 1:00pm Painting Class
- 4:00pm Community Chimes

**Wednesday, February 8**

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

**Tuesday, February 9**

- W** 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

**Sunday, February 12**

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Listening Session w/ Pr Chris
- K** 11:00am Worship
- 2-4pm Meet the Bishop Gathering at Hilltop UMC, Mankato

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Acolyte ..... Kaydra Haugh
- Scripture Reader ..... Pat Coy
- Communion Servers ..... Pat Coy, Shari Petersen
- A/V..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection..... Brett Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- February 5 ..... Nate Roberts
- February 7 ..... Dezeray Lackey
- February 10 .... Lydia Niebuhr
- February 12 .... Wyatt Haugh

**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](http://www.opendoorsumc.org).