

PURE OF HEART
 PEACEMAKERS
 INHERIT THE EARTH
 MERCY
 MEEK
 CHILDREN OF GOD
 SATISFIED
 THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
 BEATITUDES
 SEE
 HUNGER AND THIRST
 MOURN
 PERSECUTED
 RIGHTEOUSNESS



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 12, 2023 – Epiphany 6

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Welcome.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

Micah 6:6-8

* *Song* "I Will Call Upon the Lord " (W) #2002
 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (K) #101, vs. 1 & 2

Leader: Our call this morning comes from the Old Testament book of Micah.
 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?"

People: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

* *Song* "Lord God, Almighty" (W) #2006, vs. 1 & 3

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you

People: but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

* *Song* "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (W) #101, vs. 1 & 4
 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (K) #101, vs. 3 & 4

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "You Are My All in All" (W) on screen (3040)
 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (K) #189, vs. 1 & 4

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon "Being Blessed" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "You Who Are Thirsty " #2132

– 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* "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart " #2140, vs. 1-3

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

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Family of God, welcome to worship 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 people of Turkey and Syria who experienced two devastating earthquakes this week; Bev Niebuhr and Joan Christian; 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

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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Please sign up to make coffee! Thank you to Doug Hankerson for being the trusty, faithful coffee maker every Sunday! But there are opportunities for others to volunteer. We will for sure need coffee makers for **March 12 and March 19**. Please sign up on the sheet by the coffee counter for those weeks and/or any others you are available for. For questions, Doug is happy to help.

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Lenten Study: *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*. Please sign up on the clip board if you would like a book ordered. Suggested donation is \$12.50. The study will be Tuesdays at 9:00 at The Bean beginning February 21. Pastor Chris will also be doing a sermon series based on this book during Lent.

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Wednesday Night Supper this week - February 15! 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: Lasagna, garlic bread and lettuce 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 supper – 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 the youth from The WAY. The service will take place at 6:30 p.m. in our Wells Campus sanctuary. Josh Edwards will also take part in the worship and provide music. Come early at 5:00 for the Soup Supper in the basement.

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Meet our new bishop, Bishop Lanette Plambeck, on Feb. 12. 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 is February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm at Hilltop UMC in Mankato. Contact Sarah this morning if you'd like to go and car pool.

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TODAY is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. We are assisting The WAY youth group in collecting monetary and food donations for the Wells Area Food Shelf. After worship today, youth from our church will be holding soup pots to collect your dollars and coins. Please give generously.

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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.

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Valentine Cookie Sale – Tuesday, February 14 at City Hall. 10:00-Noon or until gone. Proceeds go to help Communities Fighting Student Hunger USC backpack program.

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In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice:

WELLS AREA FOOD SHELF

To learn more, visit: TackleHunger.org

Powerful Tools for Caregivers – Caregiving can take many forms, from helping a friend or relative with transportation, housekeeping, personal care or emotional support, to providing in-home care for a spouse or parent. Whatever your situation, your role is an important one. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a 6-week workshop, where caregivers 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. This workshop will be every Thursday at 10:00a.m. from March 2 through April 6 in the Hospitality Room at Open Doors–Wells Campus. Trained class leaders come from Interfaith Caregivers. The suggested contribution for “Powerful Tools” is \$25. Participants will receive *The Caregiver Helpbook*. Please call 507-526-4684 to register.

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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 next 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.



Join the Painting Class! Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. – 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, beginners or experienced. Your supplies for the first visit 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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:00-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- W** 1:00pm Painting Class
- 1:00pm Wells Area Ministerial meeting at Open Doors
- 4:00pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday & Friday, February 16-17

- Newsletter Deadline
- W** 7:30-3:00 USC Early Childhood Screening

Thursday - Sunday, February 16-19

- Men's Walk to Emmaus in Fairmont

Sunday, February 19

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Listening Session w/ Pr Chris
- K** 11:00am Worship

Sunday - Monday, February 19-20

- Grades 6-8 Winter Retreat at Wilderness Prayer Center

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Acolyte TBD
- Scripture Reader Alice Oleson
- A/V Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- February 12.... Wyatt Haugh
- February 14.... Scott Johnson, Eileen Hankerson
- February 17.... Lindsay (Johnson) Drager, Julia Roberts, Bonnie Urbain, Garrett Lau
- February 19.... Larry Kruse

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.

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7 PM
Friday
March 31st

45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031

Fairmont Opera House

Tickets: \$5

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