



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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February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday **Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

According to John's Gospel, Jesus prayed to God, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you ..." (John 17:1, NRSV). Let us glorify God also by worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Welcome in the name of Christ!

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-2, 11, 17, 22

Leader: Praise the Lord, I tell myself; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, I tell myself, and never forget the good things he does for me.

* Song "Let All Things Now Living" (K/W) #2208

Leader: For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

People: The love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him.

* Song "Praise You" (W) #2003

Leader: Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everywhere in his kingdom.

People: As for me—I, too, will praise the Lord.

* Song "Honor and Praise" (W) #2018

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:20-24; Romans 3:23-26 (NRSV)

* Hymn "Jesus, Name above All Names" #2071

* Gospel Lesson John 17:1-11 (NRSV)

Sermon "Substitution" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "To God Be the Glory" #98, 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

– Sending Forth –

* Benediction

* Hymn of Going Forth "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" #371, vs. 1, 4, 5

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

We extend a friendly welcome to each worshiper! It is a genuine joy to gather in the Lord's house and share in the worship of the living and loving God. 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: Wanda Kothlow—she underwent heart transplant surgery last Wednesday/Thursday! All went well! She will have a 3-month recovery time in Rochester. Pray for JoEtta, as well, as she must also stay in Rochester and will be her chief caregiver once Wanda moves into the Transplant House.

The youth and counselors at the Middle School Retreat tonight and tomorrow; Dave & Shari Petersen during their Walks to Emmaus this weekend and next; the people of Turkey and Syria who experienced devastating earthquakes; 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

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday – Join us for a soup supper from 5:00-6:15, followed by Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary of the Wells Campus at 6:30. This year we will have a joint service with Open Doors–Wells & Kiester, Wells Assembly of God church, and the youth from The WAY. Pastor Hilary Korynta of Wells Assembly will take part in the service and Josh Edwards will add his musical talent.

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Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday – We will potentially have a large crowd this Wednesday, so the more soups the better. If you could bring a crock pot of soup, please sign up on the clipboard on the back table and what kind of soup you would be bringing. **Also looking for a couple of volunteers to come a bit early and butter bread.**

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Lent is a good time to do daily devotions if you haven't been in the habit before. There are **Upper Room** booklets available for you to take and use. They have short, 1-page reflections, a thought for the day, scripture, and a prayer.

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Lenten Study The study books, *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* have come in. If you would like a book, you may take one off the back table, or sign the clipboard if you would like a book ordered. Suggested donation is \$12.50. The first class will be this **Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00 at the Wells Campus**. It will be at The Bean on the following Tuesdays. Pastor Chris will also be doing a sermon series based on this book during Lent.

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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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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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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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A survey will be mailed out to all church members and regular attenders this week. Its intent is mainly to learn what your thoughts are regarding worship, Wednesday opportunities, church activities, and your thoughts in general. When you receive it, please don't wait to fill it out - return it to the church office by the due date. After results are tabulated, we will schedule some Focus Group meetings to discuss.



Congratulations to Pat Coy on the birth of her 12th great-grandchild – a little girl! Andi was born February 16 at 6 lb 7 oz. and is the granddaughter of Pat's daughter, Diana.



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!



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.



Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2023, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars expire. Through the Thrivent Choice[®] program, eligible members have the power to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable grant funds annually. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of enrolled nonprofit organizations and congregations, including Open Doors United Methodist Church. Act soon, before Choice Dollars expire! Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice today.



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.



Jumpin' Jehosafats will be putting on a concert tonight, 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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7 PM
Friday
March 31st

45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031

Fairmont Opera House

Tickets: \$5 **thrivent**

With guests Josh Edwards and Tom Eggum.
Call 507-238-4900 to reserve tickets.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, February 20

President's Day – Office closed

Tuesday, February 21

- W** 9:00-10am Lenten study at church
10:00am Coffee with Pastor at church
W 1:00pm Painting Class
4:00pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

- W** 9:00am Community prayer
10:00am Community Bible study
9:00am Staff meeting
10:00am Worship at Parkview
10:30am Worship at The Shepherd's Inn
5:00-6:15 Soup Supper
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 23

- W** 6:30pm Ministry Council

Thursday - Sunday, February 23-26

Women's Walk to Emmaus in Fairmont

Sunday, February 26

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist Jan Johanson
Acolyte tbd
Scripture Reader Claire Kruse
A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

February 19 Larry Kruse
February 20 Don Stenzel, Kaydra Haugh
February 21 Amanda Frederick
February 24 Jeff Pettis
February 25 Bob Ostrowski, Chris Druckenmiller
February 26 Don Kimberline, Maci Hueper, Sharon Honstad

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.