



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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April 2, 2023 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

We praise you, Jesus Messiah! Keep us faithful as we follow you, even to the cross.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* *Song* "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" #278

– The Palms –

Palm Reading

Luke 18:29-39

Choir Anthem (W) "On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Pastoral Prayer

– The Last Supper –

* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 22:14-20

* *Communion Song* "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618, vs. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 9

The Lord's Prayer (unison) #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 – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

– The Passion –

Tenebrae Readings and Extinguishing Candles

Song (W) "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" Praise Team

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs 1-4) # 289

Please Note: *There will be a Stripping of the Church Sanctuary during the hymn. This activity marks the beginning of Holy Week. Thank you.*

Message "From Joyful Voices to Condemnation" Rev. Christopher Leistra

* *Benediction*

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

Hosanna in the highest! Welcome as we bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! 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.

Offering may be placed in the green chest (W) or plate (K) at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of the ministries of Open Doors UMC!

The nursery is available for parents to use during worship on Sunday mornings. It's located on the south side of the entryway next to the restroom.

Keep in your prayers this week: Jan Carlson and Bev Niebuhr; Wanda Kothlow as she recovers at the Transplant House in Rochester; 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

Lenten Offering: Open Doors is committed to supporting Red Bird Mission, which is where our Lenten offering is going. As of last Sunday, we have \$605 towards our goal. Our covenant amount for Red Bird Mission is \$1,155.00. **To give** to Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering, please use the special Lenten envelopes in the pew pockets, or online at www.opendoorsumc.org/giving. Make checks out to Open Doors UMC.

The Red Bird Mission is located in the Appalachia hills of southeast Kentucky. It is an area populated by some of the poorest people in the country. Red Bird Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals and advocates justice through spiritual, educational, health and community outreach ministries.

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Easter Breakfast Meeting for all those involved in putting on the Easter breakfast next Sunday, please meet in the Meeting Room right after worship this morning.

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Wednesday of Holy Week – This Wednesday, we will be having a Soup Supper from 5:00-6:15pm with a variety of delicious homemade soups. The supper will be followed by a Holy Week worship service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary with handwashing and Communion, symbolic of the Upper Room and the Last Supper. Josh Edwards will be a special guest providing music and youth from The WAY are invited. Please come as we experience and prepare for the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection.

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Good Friday Worship will be at the Wells Campus at 7:00 pm. We will be reflecting on the cross and the tomb.

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Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service – The WAY Youth Group will be doing the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service. Come and celebrate the risen Lord! Following worship, at around 7:45, head to the basement for **Easter Breakfast** served by Confirmation-age youth, families and friends. Then at 9:00 a.m., come back to the sanctuary for **Easter Worship** as the light of Christ is brought into the worship space and we celebrate that Jesus LIVES!

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Easter Flowers: Anyone wishing to give an Easter lily or other flowering spring plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, or just for the joy of Easter, should bring it to church, either in Wells or Kiester, or have it delivered by Friday, April 7. Please notify the church office by Tuesday, April 4, to have it included in the bulletin - 553-5453 or e-mail opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net.

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Little Red Food Pantry, an ongoing ministry of Open Doors, is always in need of food and/or financial donations. Today, on the first Sunday of the month, we take our monthly offering, however donations are welcome anytime. Please place food that is able to handle outside temperatures either in the tubs in the entryways or directly in the little red food pantry. Financial donations can go in the jar on the offering chest. *Thank you!*

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Wednesday Night Supper – Please consider volunteering as a Wednesday night cook! April 19, April 26, and May 3 are open. The sign-up sheet is on the clipboard on the back table or on the bulletin board in the entryway. Thanks!

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Funeral Servers – Thank you to all who filled out and returned the survey! We have some names of people who would be willing to serve on a funeral lunch team. *Thank you!* If there are others who are willing to serve that didn't sign their name, or people who did not turn in a survey and would like to serve, please let Mary Loveless know, or contact the office. Let us know if you are available weekdays, weekends, or both.

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Sunday Worship services will continue through the end of April in Kiester. We'll take a break for the summer and then revisit in the fall. Kiester folks are always welcome and encouraged to attend services in Wells during the time off.

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Community Leadership Event – Tuesday, April 25, 5:00-7:30pm at Nasinec Event Center. Bill Goodwin will be discussing Dr. Tim Elmore's book, *A New Kind of Diversity*, about what might be the biggest, most dramatic, and most disruptive shift the American workforce has ever seen: the vast diversity of several generations living—and working—together. Area businesses and leaders are encouraged to attend to learn how their teams can become stronger from all the strengths each generation brings to the table. Wells Area Ministerial is sponsoring this event. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner.

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Easter Egg Hunt: You're invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 11:00am at the Minnesota Lake Park. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Kremer House on Main Street. Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

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Five Sisters Project SOUL SISTERS: Thursday, April 13 at 7:00pm at the Wilderness Prayer Center. The special speaker will be Paula Shaughnessy from Only Believe.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday

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

Tuesday, April 4

- W** 1:00pm Painting Class
- 1:00pm Wells Area Ministerial at Five Sisters Project
- 4:00pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, April 5

- W** 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:00-6:15 Soup Supper
- 6:30pm Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6

- W** 10:00am Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- 5:45pm Praise Team Practice (tbd)
- 6:30pm Choir Practice (tbd)

Good Friday, April 7

- W** 7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

- W** 7:00am Sunrise Service
- 7:45am Easter Breakfast
- 9:00am Easter Worship
- 10:00am Coffee
- K** 11:00am Easter Worship

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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Readers..... Doug Hankerson,
 Shari Petersen, Sharon Miller, Anne Feist,
 Sally Roesler, Alice Oleson, Amber Cords,
 Pat Coy, Kent Viesselman
- A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- April 2..... Mary Smalley (90), Virginia Clark
- April 4..... Marge Mutchler
- April 6..... John Miller
- April 9..... McKayla Mithun



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April 5	5:00pm-W	Soup Supper
	6:30pm-W	Holy Week Worship with Communion & handwashing, symbolic of the Upper Room
April 7	7:00pm-W	Good Friday Worship
April 9	7:00am-W	Sunrise Worship with the Youth
	7:45am-W	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am-W	Easter Worship
	11:00am-K	Easter Worship