



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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

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

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May 14, 2023 – 6th Sunday of Easter / Mother’s Day

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

God of strong and tender love, thank you for those who have shown me your love in motherly ways, and for the opportunities I have to care for others.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5

* Song

“Lord God, Almighty”

#2006, vs. 1 & 3

Leader: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

People: Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is.

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

People: Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.”

* Song

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

#62, vs. 1 & 7

Leader: Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he does for his people!

People: Let the whole world bless our God and sing aloud his praises.

* Song

“Everlasting God”

on screen (#3021)

Leader: Let us pray together:

Transforming God, you have taken the world’s darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and hope.

People: Come and hear the good news of God’s love for all creation.

Leader: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

People: Come and hear the good news of God’s awesome powers.

Leader: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

People: Come and hear the good news of God’s blessings on us all. Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22 (NRSV)

Response

“To God Be the Glory”

#98, vs. 1 & 2

* Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

Sermon

“The Spirit of Ministry is Love”

Mr. Timothy “TJ” Lewis

Message Response

“The Power of Your Love”

Praise Team sings verse,

Chorus: **Hold me close, let your love surround me;**

congregation sings chorus

Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with you –
your spirit leads me on in the pow'r of your love.

– Stewards of Faith –

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Mother's Day Token of Appreciation

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry and flowers are being passed out)

* *Doxology*

#95

* *Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)*

Lord, there are no adequate words to thank You for mothers, or those, who, in a godly fashion, gifted us with life, nurture, security, and well-being. We bless your holy name for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, or anyone mother-like who sacrificially parented our lives into an awareness that we matter, are loved, and valued.

We pray for every woman who is a single caregiver and provide for their families. Thank you, God, for mothers oppressed by poverty, unable to give earthly gifts to their children, yet, instilling the priceless heavenly treasure of love and self-worth. Lord, we pray, especially for mothers, grieving endlessly for children they have lost.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being.

As we enjoy your blessings, help us to give from our abundance with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord" on screen (#3005, vs1)

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

Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — thank God for you! Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus.

Our speaker today is Mr. Timothy (TJ) Lewis. TJ is a Certified Lay Speaker from Hope UMC in Blue Earth. TJ is filling in this morning for Pastor Chris who is on vacation until this Wednesday. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, TJ.

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 family of Leota Dahl; the farmers; Alan Yokiell; all others who are dealing with health issues; for the people and work of Red Bird Mission; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; the victims of natural disasters all around the world; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Happy 80th birthday to Glenn Johanson! Glenn and Jan invite you to have a cupcake today after worship to celebrate.

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Leota Ruth Dahl (101) passed away at Parkview Care Center on Monday, May 8. Her memorial service will be held at Nasinec Funeral Home on Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. It will also be live streamed to the Nasinec Facebook page. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 17 from 4-7 pm at Nasinec's and an hour before the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Kiester. Please keep her family in your prayers.

While Hwy 22 is under construction this summer, to access Nasincec Funeral Home, you may go around the "Road Closed" sign and proceed with caution.

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Come to the Potluck this Wednesday! – Come as you are, bring what you are able. Lemonade, water, and utensils will be furnished. This will be the last Wednesday meal this season, so let's make it big!

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Children's Focus Group meeting on May 24 at 6:30. Parents and church family members who have a desire to rejuvenate a children's program, please come to a meeting on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm where we will talk and share ideas about forming a Wednesday kids program and how to make it happen.

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Graduates – Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating from high school, college or other educational institution this spring? To be included in the June graduation issue of the OneWay, please contact the church office by May 18 and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.

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Next Sunday, May 21, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Hunter Bruckhoff, Jadyn Lutteke, Grace Niebuhr, and Kayla Roberts.

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Pentecost is in two weeks. We like to decorate in all red for Pentecost Sunday. If you have any red geraniums or other flowers that you would like to share that day, please bring them into the church by Wednesday evening, May 24.

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Offering Plates – We have resumed passing the offering plates now that we are out of the pandemic and getting back to normal. Many of you give electronically now, so if you feel better about placing something in the plates, there are "I give electronically" cards in the pew pockets that you can drop in the offering plate.

Offering Stewards – Each Sunday, we will be asking for two people to help pass the offering plates. They will take the plates from Pastor Chris, go down the center aisle towards the back, passing the plates to each pew row. A third and fourth volunteer could also get up and assist in passing the plates from the outside aisles. When all have been collected, both people will return to the front of the sanctuary together, where Pastor will be waiting to take the plates from you, then you can return to your seats. It's a small thing, but thank you very much for stepping up and willingly offering your service!

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Thank You USC 4th Graders! They collected over 350 food items for the Little Red Food Pantry! Anne Feist, a 4th grade teacher, delivered it last week.

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Conference Love Offering – Please read the bulletin insert for information about this year's offering. Use the special "Love Offering" envelopes in the pew pockets. Checks should be written out to Open Doors UMC and write "Conference Love Offering" in the memo line. You may also donate online at www.opendoorsumc.org/giving.

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UMCOR & Midwest Mission Distribution Center Collections – There will be an MMDC truck at Annual Conference in St. Cloud to collect local church's donations of kits, cleaning supplies, diapers, and other items. There is a handout on the back table that lists what goes into each kit, as well as other info about how to order these things online. Partial kits are needed as well as complete kits. MMDC also has a list of current needs: shampoo, liquid laundry detergent, liquid dish soap and liquid household cleaner. Deadline for having items here to be brought to Annual Conference is May 28.

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Time to Register for Vacation Bible School – We're going to experiment with a new format for VBS this year. It will be a "Wells Area" VBS including children and leaders from Wells Assembly of God, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Covenant Life, and Open Doors UMC. We're excited about how fun it can be for our kids, the huge outreach this can have in our town and about working together! It will be held 9:30-11:00am on June 5-8 at Thompson Park (rain location is Open Doors). You can download a registration form from our website or pick one up on the back table. Registration due date is May 28.

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Volunteers needed, please!

1. The Church Board is looking for someone to team up with Sally Yokiell to mow the church and parsonage lawns in Wells for this year's mowing season. You would not be asked to mow it every week, but work out a schedule between the two of you to share the mowing. The church does own a Craftsman push mower, which is stored on the premises and is available to use if preferred. The person doing the mowing would need to also trim as needed to keep the lawns looking well-maintained.

If you, or anyone you know, would feel called to volunteer your time and service to our church in any of these ways, please reply or call the church office. Thanks!!



So God Made a Mother is a brand new best-selling book containing a powerfully emotional collection of short essays written by women of all ages and stages. Kirstyn Wegner of Wells has an essay published in the book. A copy has been purchased for the church library and is available to check out. Please abide by the two-week checkout period to allow others to be able to check it out.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 14 / Mother's Day

W 9:00am Worship w/ TJ Lewis
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Coffee

Tuesday, May 16

W 1:00pm Painting class

Wednesday, May 17

W 9:30am Staff meeting
9:00am Community prayer
10:00am Community Bible study
5:00-6:15 Potluck Supper
5:45pm Praise Team
6:30pm Choir-tbd

6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

Thursday, May 18

10:00am Visitation at Nasinec Funeral Home
11:00am Leota Dahl Memorial Service

Sunday, May 21 / Graduate Recognition Day

W 9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee
10:00am Sunday School
6:30pm USC Baccalaureate

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....Mr. Timothy "TJ" Lewis
Organists.....Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader.....Alice Oleson
Acolytes.....tbd
Offering.....2 volunteers, please
A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

May 14.....Glenn Johanson, Priscilla Holst
May 15.....Mary Loveless
May 17.....Logan DiCario
May 19.....Amy Chandler
May 20.....Ben Christianson, Rebecca Kruse
May 21.....Kirt Gossen, Jennifer Jackson,
Taylor Musser

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

Tuesday: 11:00 am & 8:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)
Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)



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