



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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

KIESTER CAMPUS

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May 15, 2022 – Easter 5

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Quiet my heart and mind, dear Jesus.
Help me sense the peaceful rhythm of your heartbeat against me.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Opening Hymn* "Open Our Eyes, Lord" #2086

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view.

People: We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting.

Leader: We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us.

People: We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is.

Song "Make Us One" #2224

Leader: So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love.

People: May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

Song "Welcome" #3152

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1-8; Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "I Want to Be Ready" #722
(Praise Team sing verses, congregation joins in as indicated.)

* *Gospel Lesson* John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Sermon "Just As I Have" Mr. Timothy (TJ) Lewis

Message Response "Bind Us Together" #2226

– 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* "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #2223

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

Welcome! 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. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, TJ.

Keep in your prayers this week: Good weather for the farmers, for the people of Ukraine and leaders of the world; the people and work of Red Bird Mission; Priscilla & Dean Holst; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, and Michelle Viesselman in their fight against cancer; Alan Yokiel; all others who are dealing with health issues; 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

The flowers in the chancel area are in honor of LaVon Wegner's 90th birthday, which was yesterday, May 14. Happy birthday, LaVon!



Treasures & More Wrap-Up meeting today. Thank you to everyone who worked, donated, and purchased treasures at Open Doors' Treasures & More! The unofficial total was \$2,263.85. There will be a wrap-up meeting TODAY after worship for all those involved and anyone else who has some thoughts on how it went or ideas for improvements in the future. Please get a cup of coffee and meet at the back of the sanctuary right after worship.



Vacation Bible School – All children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to Open Door's Lava Lava Luau VBS that will be held Monday-Thursday mornings, June 6-9. During our fun 4-day week at the Lava Lava Luau, kids will learn Biblical ways to express and deal with their emotions. We'll see what God's Word says about anger, sadness, jealousy, and frustration and learn how we can respond to others who may be feeling these emotions as well. The registration form is available on our website. Please fill out and turn in soon!

Looking for volunteers for VBS! If you know you would like to help in some way that week, please let Sarah in the office know. We need youth and adult helpers and station leaders. Also, please save your empty paper towel tubes.



Pastor Chris is on vacation until Tuesday, May 17. While he is away, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office. We have a pastor on-call. We will skip Coffee With the Pastor this week and resume Tuesday, May 24 at 9am.



Graduates – We will be celebrating our graduates during worship next Sunday, May 22: Amelia & RJ Fordham, Katherine Huper, Lexi Johnson, and Grace Mithun.

Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating from high school, college or other educational institution this year? We would like to recognize them by publishing a list in next month's OneWay. please e-mail or call Sarah in the church office by May 19, and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.



Last day to collect Conference Love Offering is May 22 – Every year we collect an offering for missions that the Minnesota Conference designates and we turn it in at the Annual Conference, which will be May 24-25, 2022. The Love Offering will fight food insecurity within Minnesota and in Appalachia. Recipients are: Red Bird Missionary Conference; Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato; Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis; West African Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center; and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. Please use the Love Offering envelopes in the pew pockets. The last day to collect will be Sunday, May 22.



Annual Conference is next week, Tuesday & Wednesday, May 24-25. Pastor Chris and Sherry Asmus will be our voting delegates. All events will be live streamed and you can watch it at www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch. Check out www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference for the schedule and more information.

There is much at Annual Conference that is not business oriented, but for those interested in the legislative business, a listing of what will be voted on will follow. As a reminder, there will be no voting on changes to the denomination regarding the LGBTQ+ issues at this conference. That can only be taken up at the worldwide General Conference 2024, which is now planned for 2024. The legislative issues that will be discussed and potentially voted on at the 2022 Minnesota Annual Conference are: 1) To conduct an equity audit at the conference level of hiring practices and

staffing in order to begin taking concrete action to increase equity and diversity among the conference staff. 2) To build more diverse Extended and Appointive Cabinets by prioritizing recruitment of candidates of color and LGBTQIA+ for open positions. 3) To make the necessary budgetary adjustments in order to make the current Racial Justice Organizer position a full time conference staff position and retitle the position to Director of Racial Equity and Justice. 4) To create a method which will guide the Conference and local churches on how to work cooperatively and charitably through transfer to a new denomination or disaffiliation using the pertinent provisions of the 2016 Book of Discipline and its 2019 revisions, until the 2024 General Conference alters such procedures. 5) Approval of the 2023 budget, a 2% reduction from 2022, or if the Racial Justice Organizer position is increased to full time, would still be a reduction from 2022. 6) Approval of Consent Calendar and several items recommended for adoption regarding clergy benefits and policy & procedure manual revisions.

For complete explanations of all conference legislation and reports, go to www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference. If you would like to discuss any of these issues with Pastor Chris, either on the phone or in person, you're welcome to give him a call.

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*Everyone Come!
Enjoy good food and good company!*

**5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells
Campus basement**

May 11 Menu: Hot Chicken Sandwich
Served by Jada Lau

Wednesday Suppers will continue to be served throughout May. May 25 will be the last supper until the fall. Come as you are and take advantage of a night out with no cooking!

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Support for Red Bird Mission – As of last Sunday, we have received \$1,100 for Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering. We only have \$105 to go to reach our annual commitment! It was rewarding to know that so many of the congregation felt a connection to Red Bird and chose to vote for them as our Covenant Relationship mission. Please remember to support them in prayer as well as financially.

To give to Red Bird Mission, please mark "Red Bird Mission" clearly on your envelope or on your check memo line.

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To give direct assistance to Ukrainians fleeing from their country and those left behind, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write "Ukraine" in the check memo line. Donations will be forwarded to UMCOR. (This is a separate donation from UMCOR Sunday.) For more info, pick up an F&Q sheet on the back table. So far, we've received \$200 for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

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Wells Community Ambulance Service Appreciation Breakfast – Sunday, May 22, 8am-12pm at the Wells Ambulance garage. Learn about the facility and equipment and enjoy a continental breakfast as a thank you for your donation!

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 15

- W** 9:30am JOINT Worship with TJ Lewis
- 10:30am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:30am Treasures & More Wrap-up mtg

Wednesday, May 18

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 1:30pm Wells Ministerial Assoc. at Wells Assembly of God
- W** 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Choir practice

Sunday, May 22 – Graduate Recognition Day

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee in the basement
- 6-8pm Unite::YTH at The Refuge, Blue Earth

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Guest Speaker..... Timothy "TJ" Lewis
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Clare Kruse
- Cross Bearer Jaiden Gossen
- Acolytes..... Basil Kruse, Makinlee Gossen
- A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- May 15..... Mary Loveless, Allan Stensrud
- May 17..... Max Miller
- May 19..... Amy Chandler
- May 20..... Benjamin Christianson, Rebecca Kruse
- May 21..... Taylor Musser, Kirt Gossen
- May 22..... Alessandra Mersman