



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
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Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 10:30 am

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June 20, 2021 – Pentecost 4 – Father’s Day

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

(* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

– Gathering in Faith –

God, you are the perfect Father of all, the model of unconditional love.

Help fathers — and all people — feel your warm embrace today.

Gathering Music

Greeting

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: One thing we must be honest about – Christian faith does not guarantee a storm-free life. Trouble comes in a lot of ways, and we can’t always avoid it. But what we can do is trust in the one who brings us through and who strengthens us in the storm. Our God is stronger than the storm.

Song: “How Firm a Foundation” (W&K) #529, vs 1

Leader: From Psalm 9: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**ALL: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion,
Declare his deeds among the peoples.**

Song: “I Will Call Upon the Lord” (W) #2002
“How Firm a Foundation” (K) #529, vs 2 & 3

Leader: The wind blew this week. It knocked me off balance,
disrupted my deep days and commandeered my nights.
The wind blew this week.
It stole my finances, battled my peace, and infected my health.
Did you hear how it howled? Did you see the waste it left behind?
Speak to the wind. Rebuke the storm, Lord. Calm our souls.

Song (W): “10,000 Reasons”

CHORUS: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I’ll worship Your holy name.

Verse: The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning; It’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

CHORUS

Song (K): “How Firm a Foundation” #529, vs 4 & 5

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NRSV)

Hymn “Through It All” (W&K) #507

* *Gospel Lesson* * Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Why Are You Still Afraid" Mr. Timothy (TJ) Lewis

Message Response "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (W&K) #521

- Stewards of Faith -

Offering our Gifts of Faith

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

God of the heavens, the land and the water that covers it, we know what it is like to be tossed about in a storm. We know that the faith we profess when days are calm and sunny is challenged and shaky when the storm is furious and water is swamping our boat. As we offer our gifts to you this day, they are given with the hope that we will be better able to let go of what the world tells us will guarantee our security and find our hope and assurance in your redeeming love. Dedicate these gifts in the knowledge that there are other boats besides ours in the same storm. We pray this prayer in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction:* Put obstacles in no one's way, but rejoice in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God. Go in peace.

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Stand By Me" (W&K) #512, vs 1, 3, 5

* *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 having a day off today. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, TJ.

Keep in your prayers this week: Minnesota United Methodists at Annual Conference this week. The families of Charlie Johnson, whose funeral was last Wednesday, Joel Thisius, and Karen Kimberline. Grace Niebuhr, Pat Druckenmiller, Sue McKeehan, & Glenn Johanson recuperating from surgeries. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell. Our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

Announcements

Today is last Sunday to collect Conference Love Offering – The Conference Love offering this year is for feeding the hungry and ministering to migrants. 50% goes to the Methodist Border Friendship Commission, 20% to the three MN Ruby's Pantry Host Churches, 20% to Matthew 25 Food Distribution in Isanti, and 10% for Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. You can give a couple ways: by cash or check (checks written out to Open Doors UMC), or online at www.opendoorsumc.org/giving and select the fund "Conference Love Offering." Please use the special "Love Offering" envelope, which can be mailed in, dropped in the mail slot of the NW door, or placed in the offering on Sunday morning. Thank you!

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Annual Conference is this week, Tuesday through Thursday! 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/annual conference for schedule and more information.

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Joel Thisius, 87, passed away on Sunday, June 6, while on their annual family vacation at Sunset Bay. His funeral will be Thursday, June 24, at 11:00 am at the church with a luncheon afterwards. Visitation is an hour before the service.

Karen Kimberline, 56, passed away on Tuesday, June 15. Her memorial service will Saturday, June 26 at 10:00 am at Open Doors UMC, with a luncheon afterwards. Visitation is Friday, June 25, from 5-7pm at Bayview Freeborn Funeral Home (1415 Hwy 13 N, Albert Lea) and 1 hour before the service at the church. Karen's service will be live streamed. This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOuGnT4Fgg> (also found in her obituary on bayviewfuneral.com and the Open Doors UMC Facebook page on that day.)

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Jesus Food packing event – There will be a Jesus Food packing event at the USC school on Monday, June 28, at 5:00 p.m. and going until approximately 8:00. We want to get 100 people to pack! Just think of how many starving children we can save! If you are interested, please sign up with Sandy, or call the office and let Sarah know, and we will keep you informed of what time it will start!! Thank you so much!!

Donations for the cost of the Jesus Food ingredients (\$84 will feed a child for a whole year), will be accepted until June 28. Checks can be made out to Open Doors UMC.

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The summer mission team of 7th-12th graders & chaperones is looking for work projects in and around Wells for Tuesday & Wednesday, June 29-30, from 9am-4pm. If you would like some help, or know of someone who could use some help with outdoor yard projects, window washing, painting, etc., contact Sandy Youngblom at 507-525-2401.

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We are running low on food for the Tiny Red Food Pantry! It's getting used! If you are able to donate some food to help keep it stocked, you can put it inside the red pantry, drop it off in the collection tub marked Food Shelf, or give to Sandy Youngblom. Thanks!

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Collection for UMCOR Supplies The Midwest Mission Distribution Center, a depot of UMCOR, is in short supply of much needed Tornado Kits, Cleaning Kits, Hygiene Kits, and other items. See the full list on the reverse side. There will be a truck parked at Hope UMC in Blue Earth to pick up donations on Saturday, July 10. Any donations we have will be brought there. The diapers that our Diaper Mission group has been working on will be delivered there, too.

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New Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm
Wednesdays and other times by appointment.
Cell: 920-765-3665 Email: pastorumc@bevcomm.net

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Found: A pair of red rimmed reading glasses with multi-colored bows in the Wells sanctuary. You can claim at the church office.

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Upper Room Devotional booklets for July & August are available for you to pick up.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 20 – Father's Day

W 9:00am Worship w/ TJ Lewis
K 10:30am Worship w/ TJ Lewis

Tues.-Thurs., June 22-24 Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 22

8:15 am Youth Breakfast at Thompson Park

Thursday, June 24

W 10:00am Visitation
11:00am Joel Thisius Funeral
W 6:30pm Admin Team meetings
7:15pm Ad Council

Friday, June 25

5-7pm Karen Gimberline visitation at Bayview Funeral Home

Saturday, June 26

W 9:00am Visitation
10:00am Karen Gimberline memorial service

Sunday, June 27

W 9:00am Worship
K 10:30am Worship
Summer Mission Trip begins at Prairie River Camp and goes til 4:00 pm Wednesday, June 30

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist..... Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader..... Doug Hankerson
Projection Brett Hankerson
AV Sabrina Hankerson & Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

June 20 Jason Petersen, Lea Lamphier
June 22 Lorraine (Christianson) Thisius
June 23 Irene Bathke
June 25 Ben Musser, Jr.
June 26 Samantha Remington
June 27 Grace Niebuhr, Gene Roesler,
Brian Bullerman

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

