



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

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July 2, 2023 – Pentecost 5

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*King of the nations, thank you for the freedoms we enjoy.
Empower us to work for basic freedoms for all people worldwide. Amen.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* *Song* "Gather Us In" #2236, vs. 1 & 4

Leader: God has called each of us to come and worship him. Let us be welcoming of all, as we have been welcomed in this space and time. Let us pray.

ALL: Lord, just as you have welcomed us when we were strangers with no home, just as you have taken us in when others said, "No," we ourselves seek to welcome those who have come to worship and praise your holy name. We welcome you this morning in this place to sit down and be present with us. Let us worship God!

* *Song* "Welcome" on screen (#3152)

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 9:1-4 / I Corinthians 4:10-18 (NRSV)

Response "Let It Be Said of Us" #53

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

Sermon "Freedom, the American Way" Mr. Tim Lewis

Message Response "God of Our Fathers" #698

– Stewards of Faith –

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* *Doxology* #95

* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

– Sending Forth –

* *Raising the Flag*

* *Hymn* "America the Beautiful" #696

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "This is My Song" #437

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

As our nation prepares to celebrate its independence, we praise God for the freedom to gather for worship. Welcome to all. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus.

Welcome! Our speaker today is Mr. Timothy Lewis. Tim is a Certified Lay Speaker. He and his wife, Julie are from Owatonna. Tim is filling in this morning for Pastor Chris who is on vacation. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, Tim.

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: Marge Mutschler; Jaunice Gerber; 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.

* Could three people stay after worship to help fold the flag, please?

Announcements

Today, July 2, the first Sunday of the month, is the day for collecting food and/or money for the Little Red Food Pantry. Each week the pantry gets regular use. Popular items in short supply are peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, and canned meat products. Also, beverages are good in the summer. Donations can be dropped off any time of the month, either in the collection tub or directly in the food pantry.

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Carpentry Help Needed – The Little Red Food Pantry is a great ministry. Over the years, the Minnesota weather has been hard on it and now it needs some work. Would anyone with some woodworking knowledge want to work on it? It could use a new roof, tighter latch & weatherproofing to keep the food dry, or even be rebuilt altogether. Thanks!

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The Festag Parade is coming up Wednesday, July 12! We're looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. We need lots of friendly faces – young and old! It would be nice to have enough people to fill a trailer! Line-up is 6:30 with the parade beginning at 7:00. Please sign up on the clipboard if you want to be part of the fun of the Festag parade or let the office know. Volunteers are also welcome to come in that week to get the candy buckets ready.

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Pastor Chris is away on vacation through Thursday, July 6. While he is away, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office. We have a pastor on-call.

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We're going to start up a Wednesday "Sunday School." We know we can build Wednesdays into a vibrant, active, Spirit and fun-filled night for families of all ages! But we need your help! We will need around 6 adults or older youth to volunteer as teachers & helpers. Whether it is held right after school or after supper will depend on what time works best for the teachers. Having it right after school may be more convenient for getting the children to church, but an evening program will make it possible for working adults to help out. Right now, we need teachers, so we will design the program around the time slot where we have the most leaders available. Included in the Wednesday line-up would be supper and a short time for worship & song that everyone can participate in.

Teaching is a commitment of a few hours a week, but it can make a big impact on a kid's life to have you share God's story and some of yourself with them. **We need you!** Please consider being a teacher this fall/winter/spring! Call Pastor Chris or the office and let us know what time works best for you: **3:30-5:00pm Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday, or 10:00-11:00am Sunday** (we would like to continue with a 1-room multi-age class after church on Sundays so no one gets left out if Wednesdays don't work for them). Snack servers will also be needed if we have an after-school program.

Please pray for the success of our children's ministry and that teachers will come forward.

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Servant Wednesday – The next Servant Wednesday is July 26. Contact John Kruse at 507-995-1224 or the church office at 507-553-5453 if you have projects you would like to have done **or if you would like to be on a Serve Team.**

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During July, The WAY will be meeting in their small groups each week. This Wednesday, July 5, all youth – boys & girls – going into grades 6-8 are invited out to Don & Karen Stenzel's home. Youth in grades 9 thru recent graduates, are invited to Mike & Amy Chandler's home. It'll run from 6:30-8:30pm.



Looking for someone with a van or pick-up who could bring a treadle sewing machine to Hope UMC in Blue Earth. Would need help loading at Frank & Sue McKeehan's home in Wells and possibly unloading at Hope UMC. Anytime this summer would be fine. Thank you to Sue and Frank for donating this machine!



The July/August Upper Room devotionals are available to pick up.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 2

W 9:00am Worship w/ Tim Lewis
(Communion will be July 9)
10:00am Coffee

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed for Holiday and no AA/Alanon

Wednesday, July 5

W 9:00am Community prayer
10:00am Community Bible study
6:30pm The WAY Middle School group
at Stenzel's
6:30pm The WAY High School group at
Chandler's

Sunday, July 9

W 9:00am Worship w/ Communion
10:00am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher Mr. Tim Lewis
Organist Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader Alice Oleson
Offering 2 volunteers, please
A/V Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson
Projection Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

July 2 Harlow Bathke
July 3 Lexi Johnson, Jimmie Oleson
July 6 Don Nickel

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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