



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 9, 2023 – Pentecost 6

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

God, thank you that by your power, small things like seeds — and faith — can grow big and strong. Nurture my growth in you always. Amen.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* Song	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"	#2088
	"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"	#176

Leader: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for all you have given us.

Leader: You reign over all creation, and yet you care for each tiny speck, giving us your full attention.

People: You shower us with your love and care, that we might live to honor and praise you.

Leader: Lead us in our worship and in our prayers to you, that we might be living proof of your great power and love.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for your great love and mercy given to all. Amen.

* Song	"To God Be the Glory"	#98, vs. 1 & 3
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* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Romans 7:15-25a (NRSV)

<i>Response</i>	"In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful"	#2195
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* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 9:15-17 (NRSV)

<i>Sermon</i>	"Of Cloth and Wine"	Rev. Christopher Leistra
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<i>Message Response</i>	"Change My Heart, O God "	#2152
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– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* *Doxology*

* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

<i>Communion Song</i>	"Come, Share the Lord"	#2269, vs. 1, 2, repeat 1
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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

- Sending Forth -

* Benediction

* Hymn of Going Forth "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#2158

* Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

Welcome to worship this midsummer day! May faith and hope grow in you, as crops and flowers and fruits ripen all around us these days. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus.

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.

Announcements

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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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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Bible Journaling Class in August – Pastor Chris will be leading a Bible Journaling class each Sunday in August following worship. While studying specific Bible passages, be free to take notes, highlight, decorate, draw, color, use stickers, all to help record what is meaningful to you. A journaling Bible with wide margins will be helpful – you can get them online at Christian bookstores or Amazon – or a separate journal to record your thoughts.

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The WAY meets this Thursday, July 13. During July, The WAY will be meeting in their small groups each week. Normally, it's every Wednesday. THIS week, everyone meets on THURSDAY, July 13. 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 Josh & Megan Edwards' home. It'll run from 6:30-8:30pm.

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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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Pastor Chris will be participating in the Practical Church Leadership Training course over the next 12 months. The first session is this week, July 11-13 in Mitchell, SD. Practical Church Leadership is a graduate-level certificate program at Dakota Wesleyan University that equips pastors (and other church leaders) with competencies needed to lead today's church that they perhaps did not obtain during their undergraduate, graduate, or seminary education— stewardship of financial resources, human resources, vision, strategy, community, and communications. The Minnesota Annual Conference is paying most of his tuition, while Open Doors and Pastor Chris are each paying a portion.

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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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The July/August Upper Room devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 or \$1.50 large print.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

W 1:00pm Staff meeting

Tuesday-Thursday, July 11-13

Pastor Chris at Practical Church Leadership Training, Mitchell, SD

Tuesday, July 11

9-11am Coffee at The Bean

W 1:00pm Painting class
 5:45pm Praise Team

Wednesday, July 12

W 9:00am Community prayer
 10:00am Community Bible study
 7:00pm Festag Parade – line-up at 6:30

Thursday, July 13

W 10:00am Caregiver Support Group
 6:30pm The WAY Middle School group at Stenzel's
 6:30pm The WAY High School group at Edwards's

Sunday, July 16

W 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
 Organist.....Jan Johanson
 Scripture Reader.....Doug Hankerson
 Communion Servers.....Carol Draheim, Pat Coy
 Offering.....2 volunteers, please
 A/V.....Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
 Projection.....Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

July 10.....Joyce Frederick
 July 11.....Jay Christianson, Becky Gerambia
 July 12.....Kevin Huper
 July 13.....Cole Ramsley, Katherine Huper
 July 15.....Nancy Christianson, Tom Elmer, Isaac Meyer

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

