



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

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Worship: 9:00 am

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Worship: 10:30 am

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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 –

Welcome! This morning may Christ “dwell in your hearts through faith,” and may you “grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ” (Ephesians 3:17-18, NIV).

Gathering Music

Greeting

* *Call to Worship and Praise*

Song: “To God be the Glory” (W&K) #98

Leader: Let us pray.

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;

People: we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.

Leader: God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;

People: we are bound in ways we don’t always understand or recognize.

Leader: God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

People: help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

Leader: God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole;

People: we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing.

Leader: God who had laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community;

People: we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

Song: “Spirit Song” (W&K) #347

Leader: Our prayer continues—

God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

People: And so we praise you for the growth, We rejoice in being set free,

We dance along the path that leads us home,

We give thanks for the healing we have received,

We relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven

And we live as people of Grace. Amen.

Song: “Grace Alone” (W&K) #2162

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3: 14-21 (NRSV)

Hymn

“Lord, Be Glorified”

#2150

* *Gospel Lesson*

* John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

“Miracles and No Rest”

Mrs. Jenny Lewis

- 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

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction*

Leader: Since you are being rooted and grounded in love, we pray Christ will live in your hearts through faith.

People: **We pray you will have strength by the power of Christ's Spirit according to his glorious riches.**

Leader: We pray that you will have power to know and understand with all the saints of God, just how wide, how long, how high, and how deep the love of God really is.

People: **We pray the fullness of God will fill you through and through.**

ALL: **Now to God, our Creator; Jesus Christ our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our sustainer, who is able to do far more than we could ever dream of according to the power that works in us; be glory in the church from now to the end of the age. Amen.**

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "O Spirit of the Living God" #539

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

Keep in your prayers this week: Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), 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.

Welcome! Our speaker today is Mrs. Jenny Lewis. Jenny is a Certified Lay Speaker from Hope UMC in Blue Earth. Jenny is filling in this morning for Pastor Chris while he is on vacation. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, Jenny.

Announcements

Hands-on mission opportunity: Help us keep the **Tiny Red Food Pantry** full and stocked for those in our community who need it! 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. This is an on-going mission. Thanks!

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Garden Produce Table Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the narthex. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

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Youth Fun Night at Bill & Linda Kalis's - 5:30 pm, Monday, July 26! Be prepared for a lot of fun! Games (You *will* get wet! Bring a dry set of clothes.), food, campfire. Meet at church at 5:00 for rides.

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Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for a couple Sundays or more this summer. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

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Save the date! Ice Cream sundaes on front lawn of Open Doors UMC Sunday, August 15 from 5:30-7:00! Invite friends and neighbors!

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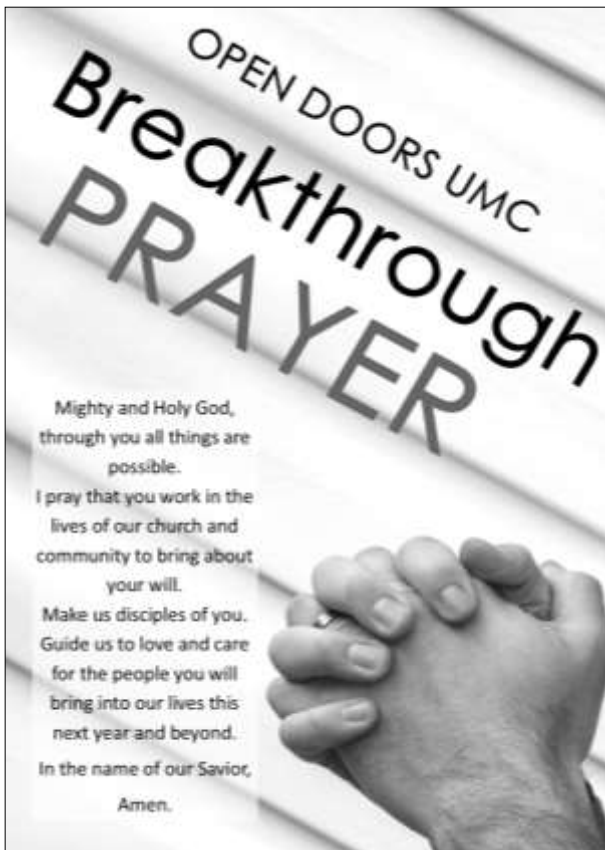
Sunday School and Pioneer Club teachers needed! Will you teach Sunday School or Pioneer Club this year? We're looking for teachers for all ages of Sunday School and a 1st & 2nd grade teacher for Pioneer Club and either a 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th grade Pioneer Club teacher and

helpers. Please be praying for people to step up, and listen if God is nudging YOU! Contact Sarah in the church office if you'd like to volunteer or have questions.

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Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator – Open Doors UMC is seeking an energetic, innovative, devoted Christian who is passionate about young people and guiding them into a loving relationship with God. The person in this position will develop and oversee all aspects of youth and children's programs, as well as ministry to their parents/families. The hours are negotiable and flexible and training is available. Responsibilities would include weekly programs (i.e. youth group) and monthly to quarterly ministry events and mission projects. If you have a love for Jesus, kids, and a passion to grow young people in their faith, please send resume to: Open Doors UMC, 595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097.

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The Kernel Days Parade is coming up Saturday, August 21 We're looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. Line-up at 4:00 with the parade beginning at 5:00. Please let Pastor Chris or the office know if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade.

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Reminder – Pray the Breakthrough Prayer for our church and community.
And pray about who God would like you to invite to church
and go ahead and "plant the seed." Invite! Invite! Invite!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 25

- W** 9:00am Worship
- WK** 10:00am Coffee
- K** 10:30am Worship

Monday, July 26

- 5:30pm Youth party at Bill Kalis's

Wednesday, July 28

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting

Sunday, August 1

- W** 9:00am Worship
- WK** 10:00am Coffee
- K** 10:30am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Guest Speaker..... Jenny Lewis
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader..... Doug Hankerson
- AV Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- July 25 Joan Christian
- July 27 Mark Wedin, Rich Goggin
- July 31 Dave Kluender, Jaiden Gossen

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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