

address is: 1201 Garfield Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007; Sue McKeehan and Tammy Bullerman for recovery from surgeries they had on Monday, July 25; Janice Parriott at Good Samaritan's Center until August 5; 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; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Next Sunday . . . Rev. Frank McKeehan will be our guest preacher. Pastor McKeehan and his wife Sue "retired" and moved to Wells 2½ years ago.

. . . We will observe Holy Communion as we did before the pandemic. We will be walking up front to receive an individual cup and bread cube and if you like, you may kneel at the railing for personal prayer.

. . . We will have the monthly offering of food for the Little Red Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

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Older Adults Get-Together- August 9 – A special afternoon of music is planned for August 9 at Open Doors UMC! Come and listen to Steve Burns, John Miller, and Katie Hueper as they play old-time country and folk favorites and even a little rock 'n roll. Invite your friends! Join them in the sanctuary followed by coffee and treats in the Hospitality Room.

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Need some specialized help in the kitchen – There is a short cement wall that needs to be hammered out and a channel cut through the cement floor in order to re-route plumbing. Plus, workers are needed to carry out the debris. We need this done asap. There is a jackhammer available. Contact Brian Bullerman or Sarah in the office if you can help. Probably will take a couple evenings.

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Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen – Funding for the kitchen renovation will be handled with roughly half from designated funds on-hand and the other half through congregational pledging (\$25,000 goal) and other fundraisers if needed. Be watching your mailbox for more information and pledge forms.

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Kernel Days Parade – Come, join the PARADE! We're looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors and toss out candy & pencils! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. It would be nice to have enough people to fill a trailer! Please let Pastor Chris or the office know if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade. Parade starts at 5:00 with line-up around 4:30. *Sign up on the clip board today!*

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Collecting school supplies thru August 28! We will be collecting school supplies for the August Mission-of-the-Month as we have in the past. Having to purchase school supplies all at once and with today's inflation, some families are put in a difficult financial situation. Let's help them out! A collection tub is in the front entryway and north hallway. *Thank you!*



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| Boxes of Kleenex | 12" rulers | Glue sticks and white glue |
| #2 yellow pencils | Pocket folders | Erasers, large & pencil-top |
| Colored pencils | Clip boards | 24-count crayons |
| Pencil boxes & zippered pouches | | Thin yellow highlighters |
| Pointed end scissors (Fiskars) | | Regular & fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | | Headphones |
| Spiral notebooks, wide-lined | | Index cards, lined |
| Jumbo stretchy book covers | | Trapper Keepers |

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Hymn Sing Sunday – August 14 Music, especially singing, has been a major part of all the churches that came together to become Open Doors. The sound of a congregation raising their voices in song is one of the most beautiful sounds on earth.

On Sunday, August 14, we will celebrate this sound in the annual Hymn Sing Sunday. Pick out your favorite hymns or songs that you would like us to sing and write them on the inserted request form, placing it in the basket on your way out today. Together, let's make this a wonderful day of singing.

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Scavenger Hunt – August 14 The Scavenger Hunt will take you all over town looking for specific things or doing something fun. This promises to be a bit goofy with a whole lot of hilarity. Meet at the church at 4:00 to get your instructions and then go off, returning at 5:30. Families and teams should register by contacting church at 553-5453 or Sandy Youngblom 507-525-2401.

Hot Dogs and Sundaes – August 14 Whether you participate in the Scavenger Hunt or not, come for supper! From 5:30-6:30, grilled hot dogs, chips and ice cream sundaes will be served outside for everyone. Invite your friends.

Canned Goods Offering – When you come for the scavenger hunt or for supper, we’re asking each person to bring a food item for the Little Red Food Pantry or Wells Area Food Shelf.



Pool Party August 17 – The Wells Area Ministerial is offering a Pool Day on Wednesday, August 17, at the Wells Municipal Pool. Admission is free for everyone, all day, 1:30-5:00pm and 6:30-8:30pm. The group is also providing a Family Pool Party from 6:30-8:30pm. Free snacks/treats, yard games, and live Christian music all start at 6:30 on the lawn directly west of the pool (on the kiddie pool side). Bring a lawn chair to sit back and relax, or work on your belly flop. Either way, dive in with us for an evening of family fun as we kick off Kernel Days!



Dementia Friends – Come join us at Open Doors for a one-hour information session at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 29, that will help you understand Dementia and its effect on the person with Dementia, as well as the people around them. The information session is presented by Interfaith Caregivers. RSVP to 553-5453 or opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net. Sessions are ideally 10-12 people. We can schedule another one if there is enough interest.



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



The Clothes Closet receives far more merchandise than the store can handle. Drivers are needed to haul loads, AT THEIR CONVENIENCE, to the Mankato Goodwill store. Clothes Closet volunteers can help you load your vehicle, but you must unload it at Goodwill. Bags and boxes may weigh 30 pounds. If you can help or have questions, contact the store at 553-2040.

Hours:	Clothes Closet:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:30am–5:30pm
	Goodwill:	Monday thru Friday	10:00am–8:00pm
		Saturday	10:00am–8:00pm
		Sunday	11:00am–6:00pm



Pastor Chris and family will be on vacation August 1-10. If you have any pastoral needs while he is away, please call the church office, as we have other clergy on-call.

Revival study WILL meet July 10 at 6:00.

Coffee with the Pastor at The Bean will take a break until August 16.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 31

W 9:30am Joint Worship
10:30am Coffee

Sunday, August 7

W 9:30am Joint Worship and Communion
with Rev. Frank McKeegan
10:30am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Scripture ReaderPat Coy
A/V.....Kaylynn Healey, Don Stenzel
Projection.....Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

July 31Jaiden Gossen, Dave Kluender
August 5Kori Elmer, LeAnn Kluender, Lois Benson
August 6Lois Roberts, Pat Druckenmiller,
Harper Bird
August 7Rita Bebler, Marsha Haakensen, Garrett
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Cable Schedule of Wells’ Sunday Service:

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

Live Stream: Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook,
YouTube and www.opendoorsumc.org