



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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507-294-3300
Worship: 11:00 am | Coffee: 10:00 am

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August 6, 2023 – Pentecost 10

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

*"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1, NIV). On this summer day,
I can't help but rejoice in God's creation!*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* *Song* "Morning Has Broken" #145

Leader: Let us pray: God of all creation, we come with grateful hearts that you have envisioned a universe that reflects your magnificent glory.

People: **When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, who are we in comparison?**

Leader: Yet you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

People: **And so we gather today not only as your created beings but as your covenant people. We are loved by you and called by you to this house of worship.**

Leader: Thank you for the living presence of Jesus Christ, who transforms our human attempt at prayer and praise into divine worship that pleases you.

People: **Thank you for your Spirit who empowers our worship.**

ALL: **We give you glory for who you are, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and for all that you have done. Amen.**

* *Song* "Shout to the Lord" #2074

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Genesis 1 (NRSV)

Response "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #152

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)

Sermon "Created and Still Working" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "He Who Began a Good Work in You" #2163

– Stewards of Faith –

* *Breakthrough Prayer* (Take a colored print from the back table to pray this at home.)

One: Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams.

Many: **Praise God for hope-filled dreams.**

One: Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!

Many: **Praise God for new dreams for our generation.**

One: Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.
Many: Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.
 One: Almighty God, bless us in our God-sized dreaming. Fill our minds and hearts with the possibilities of tomorrow and help us do the work today that helps us reach those dreams.
Many: We will get involved in the dreaming and the work of ministry for the sake of God's mission and to make the possible real, for your glory, Almighty God.
All: Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

- * *Doxology* pg. 95
- * *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- Communion Song* "Let Us Be Bread" #2260, vs. 1
- The Great Thanksgiving* pg. 9
- The Lord's Prayer (unison)* #895

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* "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #2120, vs. 1, 3 & 4
- * *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Welcome to worship as we gather to praise the God of all creation, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who guides us in love. 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: Irene Bathke; Eileen Hankerson; Jaunice Gerber; Marge Mutschler; Alan Yokiel; 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

Board meeting today – There will be a short Board meeting immediately after worship. Meet at the back of the church.

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Bible Journaling Class begins today – Wondering what this is all about? Stop into The Meeting Room after worship to find out. (Pastor Chris will be a few minutes late today.) Pastor Chris is leading this class each Sunday in August focusing on the scripture used during worship that morning. Feel 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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Confirmation meeting – There will be a quick 20-minute meeting for all eligible Confirmation students (7th & 8th graders) and parents at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 13.

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Church School this Fall – It looks more and more like we will be having elementary classes on Wednesdays after school, followed by a short family-style worship and supper. Confirmation class will be held at 6:30 on Wednesdays. There will also be a Sunday School class for preschool/ kindergarten students and older on Sunday mornings.

The WAY youth group has some exciting news. They will be moving their meetings to Sunday evenings and will have their own space at the former Covenant Life church on hwy 109.

Some starting dates to keep in mind:

Wednesday after-school program for grades 1-5: September 13

Mid-week worship and Wednesday suppers: September 13

Sunday School class for preschool on up: date tbd

The WAY Youth Group: Sunday, September 10

Confirmation class: date tbd. (Parents, students: please come to meeting on Aug. 13.)

We need you! Please consider being a **teacher** this fall/winter/spring for Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings! Call Pastor Chris or the office and let us know that God has been nudging you and you'd like to get involved! **Snack servers** will also be needed to have snack ready every Wednesday at 3:10. And we'll need lots **supper cooks!** All the people working together to create a place where people feel loved by God and by each another is what Open Doors is all about.



Wednesday Suppers will begin September 13. A sign-up sheet for the fall term is on a clipboard on the back table for cooking teams to volunteer. Please consider serving in this way!



Little Red Food Pantry – *Our surplus of food from earlier this summer is gone.* Please help out as you are able for those who have little. These are popular and go fast: canned meat and 1-can meals like pasta with meat & stew, instant potatoes, canned fruit & vegetables, soup, oatmeal packets, juice. Food may be placed in the collection tub in the entryways or put directly in the pantry. Please remember this is for emergency needs and the users are usually not experienced cooks or bakers. Items with little or no preparation needed are best. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Gifts are welcome all month long.



The Kernel Days Parade is coming up next Saturday, August 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! Line-up is 4:30 with the parade beginning at 5:00. Please sign up on the clipboard if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade or let the office know.



Collecting school supplies thru August 21! 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 prices, 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 |
| Clorox Wipes | Clipboards | Erasers, large & pencil-top |
| #2 yellow pencils | Pocket folders | 24-count crayons |
| Colored pencils | Watercolors | Thin yellow highlighters |
| Pencil boxes & zippered pouches | | Dry-erase markers, fine and wide tip |
| Pointed end scissors (Fiskars) | | Regular & fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | | Headphones and Earbuds |
| Spiral notebooks, wide-lined | | Index cards, lined |
| Looseleaf paper | | Composition notebooks |
| Jumbo stretchy book covers | | Ziplock storage bags, gallon & quart |



New Pictorial Directory! – Our dates for photography are September 11 & 12. There will be afternoon and evening appointments. The scheduling process has begun! There are three ways to schedule: in-person on Sunday mornings, online, or call the church office. In-person: Today, next Sunday and the following Sunday, you can schedule your family for their portrait time at the scheduling table. Online: Simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box to the right that says "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login," enter **mn406** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Phone: Call Sarah in the office at 507-553-5453 to schedule an appointment. Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in

the comfort of our own church. Schedule your family soon while you have a good choice of times!

We'll need volunteers to help with the sign-up process and also as host or hostess during the two days of photography. You can sign up at the scheduling table for that, too. Thanks!

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 or the Little Red Food Pantry.

Brunch & Learn: Living in Columbia – August 15, 10:00am, at Hope UMC, Blue Earth. Come enjoy a light brunch while Marcela & Brian Bosma share what life is like living in Columbia. No charge, sug. donation is \$4. RSVP by August 10 to 507-526-4684. This is an Interfaith Caregivers event.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 6

- W** 9:00am Worship w/Communion
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

Tuesday, August 8

- 9-11am Coffee at The Bean
- W** 1:00pm Painting Class

Wednesday, August 9

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study
- 10:00am Worship at Parkview
- 12:00pm Wells Area Ministerial meeting
- 5-9pm Kernel Days Pool Party & Tru Serva concert at Wells pool

Saturday, August 12

- 5:00pm Kernel Days parade

Sunday, August 13

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Confirmation meeting
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- PastorRev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture ReaderPat Coy
- Communion ServersDave & Shari Petersen
- Offering2 volunteers, please
- A/VSabrina & Sarah Hankerson
- ProjectionBrett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- August 6 Lois Roberts, Pat Druckenmiller
- August 7 Rita Bebler, Marsha Haakensen
- August 10..... David Loveless
- August 11..... JoEtta Doolittle, Vern Draheim, William Healey, Rachel Johnson
- August 13..... Sally Yokiell

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

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Kernel Days Pool Party

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| 5 pm Food & Yard Games | 5:30 Community Worship & Prayer Service | 6:30 Open Swim |
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8-9pm
TRU SERVA HIP HOP CONCERT

August 9th

Wells Swimming Pool
798 1st Ave SW
Wells, MN 56097

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