



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

507-553-5453

Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051

507-294-3300

Worship: 10:30 am

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August 15, 2021 – Pentecost 12

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 –

"Praise the Lord! [Let us] give thanks to the Lord with [our] whole heart, in the company ... of the congregation" (Psalm 111:1). Welcome.

Greeting

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: Let us pray. We praise you with joy, loving God,

People: for your grace is better than life itself.

Leader: You have sustained us through the darkness,

People: and you bless us with life in this new day.

Leader: In the shadow of your winds we sing for joy

People: and bless your holy name. Amen.

Song: "Bless His Holy Name" (W) #2015

"Blessed Be the Name" (K) #63

Leader: Blessed is the name of our Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Song: "O Worship the King" (W&K) #73, vs 1, 3, 4

Leader: God is King over all the earth and beyond. He is power and love, watching over us each day. We give you all honor and praise, O God.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (W&K) #64, vs 1 & 4

Leader: Lord God, we join all of your creation to praise you. Please accept our praise offering in our worship of you on this day, and lead us in your way as we seek to do your will. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 3:11-18 (NRSV)

Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" #701, vs 1-3

* Gospel Lesson * Mark 13:28-33 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Tree Lessons" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396, vs 1, 3, 4

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

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*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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

Keep in your prayers this week: All those effected by the wildfires. 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.

Announcements

Get you hymn requests in TODAY for the Hymn Sing, August 22 – Is there a special hymn or song of worship you have been wanting to sing? Here is your chance to include your favorites in worship. Sunday, August 22, we will have a hymn sing, using as many hymns and songs as possible. Please fill out the request form or write your requests on a piece of paper and drop them in the green chest (W) or offering plate (K) at the back of the church. Submissions will be collected today and next Sunday, the 15th. Then, come to sing some old, familiar songs as we worship together. It’ll be a great day of singing.

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Ice Cream Social TODAY! – Plan to come to our Ice Cream Sunday Social this evening, August 15, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Ice cream sundaes with your favorite toppings will be served at the front walk to the church. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the ice cream, fellowship, and music on the front lawn of the church. Come greet church family & friends you may have missed all summer long. What a great way to finish a summer Sunday!

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Turning the dial to Yellow – Bishop David Bard has turned the dial on the Minnesota Conference’s Phased Re-Gathering Plan for Churches from blue to yellow. The reason being, vaccination rates have slowed considerably and a new variant of the coronavirus, the Delta variant, has been spreading rapidly. Test positivity rates are up—now surpassing 5 percent in Minnesota (with some counties substantially higher). Bishop Bard encourages all who are eligible to receive a vaccine and have not yet done so to do it. **Open Doors UMC will not be mandating mask wearing**, although we do recommend it, and we will continue to monitor the positivity rate in the county. Please keep distance between you and other households while sitting in church.

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The Kernel Days Parade is coming up Saturday, August 21 We’re looking for riders and/or 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. Contact Doug Bruckhoff at 507-317-2887 to find out unit number.

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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 either a 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th grade Pioneer Club teacher and helpers and a 1st & 2nd grade teacher and helper for Pioneer Club. 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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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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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 in the entryway marked Food Shelf, or bring to the office. This is an on-going mission. Thanks!

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NEEDED: Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator – Open Doors UMC is seeking to add to its staff, 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.

Sandy's Retirement Celebration, August 29 – Much to everyone's regret, August 31 will be Sandy Youngblom's last day on staff at Open Doors UMC, as she will be leaving to enjoy retirement life. We will thank her and celebrate her ministry with a special service and coffee hour at the Wells Campus on **Sunday, August 29**. This will be a **joint service** so that everyone may attend from both Wells and Kiester at 9:00 a.m. in Wells. Then come back for grilled hotdogs, games and fun at **Thompson Park from 3:00-5:00 pm**. Former Youth Group members are especially invited. All events are open to the community.

Pastor Chris and Sarah will both be on vacation this week. While they are away, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office, we have a pastor on-call. When calling the church phone 553-5453, please leave a message and someone will return your call. Otherwise, call Sandy Youngblom or Jan Johanson: Sandy: 507-525-2401; Jan 507-553-5077. Sarah will be back in the office on Monday, August 23 and Pastor Chris on August 25.

Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for next Sunday and future Sundays. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

The Clothes Closet has completed NINE years in the current location! During that time, **A HALF MILLION DOLLARS** has been given out in outreach emphasizing children, seniors, and those with medical issues. Shopping at the Clothes Closet allows for all this outreach. Thank you!
Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:30 am–5:30 pm and the 2nd Saturday of each month 9:30-2:00.

Collecting school supplies thru August 29! If you would like to make a donation of school supplies for the local schools, please purchase from the recommended list below and place them in the tote boxes in the entryways. Please note, **we have enough notebooks**. With students' electronic tablets and computers, there is not the need for paper like before.



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| #2 yellow pencils | Glue sticks and white school glue | |
| Pencil boxes | 12" rulers | Pocket folders |
| Colored pencils | Erasers | 16- or 24-count crayons |
| School scissors | Yellow highlighters | Fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | Headphones | |

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 15

- W 9:00am Worship
- WK 10:00am Coffee
- K 10:30am Worship
- W 5:30-7pm Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 21

- 5:00pm Kernel Days Parade

Sunday, August 22 (Hymn Sing)

- W 9:00am Worship w/ Rev. Judy Clark
- WK 10:00am Coffee
- K 10:30am Worship w/ Rev. Judy Clark

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Pat Coy
- Projection..... Martin Healey
- AV Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- August 15 Mandy Culbertson, Britney Haugh
- August 17 Julie Roesler
- August 18 Terry Halverson, Amanda Bennett, June Petersen
- August 20 Todd Rasmussen
- August 22 Janice Parriott, Robin Miller, Diane Huper



Sunday, August 15

5:30-7:00 pm

Front lawn of Open Doors UMC,
Wells Campus

Free Ice Cream Sundaes with all
kinds of toppings.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Community is invited!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

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!*

OPEN DOORS UMC
**Breakthrough
PRAYER**

Mighty and Holy God,
through you all things are
possible.
I pray that you work in the
lives of our church and
community to bring about
your will.
Make us disciples of you.
Guide us to love and care
for the people you will
bring into our lives this
next year and beyond.
In the name of our Savior,
Amen.

PLANTING SEEDS
for the
FUTURE

I will be praying:
Lord God, may you work in the life of _____
so they may come to know you better in their life and
may you give me the opportunity to invite them into
the life of **Open Doors UMC**. In the name of the true
vine Jesus Christ, may I sow the seeds of faith for
the future. Amen. 

Name of the person you will be praying for through the
months of July and August: _____

