



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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August 20, 2023 – 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.)

Dear Jesus, help me listen for your voice during this time of worship. Amen.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: *John Wesley wrote seven specific directions for singing the songs of the church. We have chosen the three that are the most encouraging.*

1. Sing all. Join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
2. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength.
3. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature.

The other directions are a bit picky, and possibly judgmental, and we don't want to interfere from the joy in singing some of the great songs of faith that we share. Let us begin.

Psalm 100 leads us into our worship this morning:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* *Praise Songs*

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

on screen (#3068)

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Children's Songs

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (NRSV)

Scripture Songs

* *Gospel Lesson*

John 3:11-21 (NRSV)

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* *Doxology*

* *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!

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Closing Songs*

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

Welcome to this opportunity to worship our loving and life-giving God! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" 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: Jaunice Gerber; Marge Mutschler; 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

Treasures & More meeting – After worship today, there will be a planning meeting for our Treasures & More fundraiser sale, which will be October 7 & 8. Everyone is encouraged to come who would like to help put this event on. Please meet in the back of the sanctuary.

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Bible Journaling Class—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, or a separate journal to record your thoughts. Pastor Chris has some sheets you can experiment with, as well.

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Little Red Food Pantry – The need is great, the inventory of food runs short. 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, personal hygiene items. 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.

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Church School this Fall – Elementary classes will be held 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, and older students 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: October 1
- Bible Sunday for 2nd, 7th & 8th graders: October 1
- The WAY Youth Group: Sunday, September 10
- Confirmation class: date tbd.

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 other is what Open Doors is all about.

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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!

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Schedule your photo session TODAY, not tomorrow, for the New Pictorial Directory! – See Shari or Sarah in the entryway to pick your date for photography. We would like 100% participation! Our dates for photography are September 11 & 1, and there are times left from 2:12 to 8:36! There are three ways to schedule: in-person on Sunday mornings, online, or call the church office. In-person: Today and next 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 serve as hosts or hostesses during the two days of photography. You can sign up at the scheduling table for that, too. Thanks!

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One more week to collect school supplies! We will be collecting school supplies up to August 27. Let's help the struggling families 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 | Trapper Keepers | Composition notebooks |
| Jumbo stretchy book covers | | Ziplock storage bags, gallon & quart |

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Kickball & Bonfire – All youth going into grades 6-12, plus graduated seniors, are invited to a fun night of kickball and a bonfire in the backyard of Josh & Megan Edwards this Friday, August 25, from 6:30-9:00pm. Edwards' live at 423 3rd St SW, Wells.

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.



Upper Rooms – The September/October Upper Room Devotionals are available for you to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print, \$1.50 for large print.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 20

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Treasures & More meeting
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

Monday, August 21

- Newsletter Deadline
- W** 6:30pm Church Board meeting

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study

Thursday, August 24

- 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

Friday, August 25

- 6:30-9pm The WAY Kickball & Bonfire at Edwards

Sunday, August 27

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Steve Burns
- Offering 2 volunteers, please
- A/V Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- August 20..... Todd Rasmussen
- August 22..... Janice Parriott, Robin Miller, Diane Huper
- August 23..... Michelle Healey, Tyler Lackey, Jacob Bathke
- August 24..... Harrison Chandler, Tucker Haugh
- August 26..... Larry Hummer, Judy Goggin
- August 27..... Ryan Lacher

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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