



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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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 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.

Greeting

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: ...I will declare the wonder of your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among all your people. Praise the Lord, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

Song: "Praise Ye the Lord" #2010, vs 2-4

Leader: I will praise you among all the people; I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

People: **The poor will eat and be satisfied. All who seek the Lord will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.**

Song: "Fill Us With Your Love, O Lord" on screen (congregation on chorus)(#3005)

Leader: The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him. People from every nation will bow down before him.

People: **For the Lord is King! He rules all the nations.**

Song: "Shout to the Lord" #2074

Thoughts from Sandy

Sandy Youngblom

Video Presentation

Kolt Bullerman

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (NRSV)

Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #2173

* Gospel Reading Matthew 13:33-35 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "The Leaven in the Loaf" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Make Me a Servant" #2176

– 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!*

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth*

“Together We Serve”

#2175

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

Today, we celebrate Sandy Youngblom on her retirement from her position of Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator. Thank you, Sandy, for your dedication to our youth and families for the last 20+ years! Your love for Jesus and all His people is evident in everything you do. Open Doors has truly been blessed by you! Congratulations and best wishes during your retirement!

Keep in your prayers this week: All those effected by the Tennessee flood and Hurricane Henri; the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. Those fighting Covid, cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Rucker, Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane’s daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell. Our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner as they finish out their final month as missionaries. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

Announcements

Sandy’s Retirement Party at Thompson Park today from 3-5 – 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.

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Sunday, Sept. 12, there will not be a worship service at Open Doors–Kiester. Kiester folks may attend the 7:00 am worship at Farming of Yesteryear, and/or the 9:00 service in Wells.

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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 Pioneer Clubs and helpers for Pioneer Clubs. 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. We are looking at beginning Sunday School classes on October 3.

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A meeting for the new class of Confirmation students and their parents will be after worship on **Sunday, September 12** at 10:15am in the basement. This is for students in grades 7 & 8 or older. We will go over curriculum, schedules, and expectations. It is important for the student and at least one parent or adult family member to attend. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Chris at 920-765-3665 or pastorumc@bevcomm.net.

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Notice! A parent/student meeting for everyone in grades 7-12 will be **Wednesday, September 20** at 6:30pm in the basement. We will be discussing and planning what the future of Youth Group will look like. It is important for the continuation of our youth program for at least one parent/guardian to attend. With the retiring of our youth leader Sandy, and no leads on hiring a replacement yet, we will be discussing and planning what the future of our Youth Group will look like. It is important for the continuation of our youth program that at least one parent/guardian attend this meeting. Anyone else who is interested in getting involved with our youth and assuring that we have a great program for them is invited as well.

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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.

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The September/October Upper Room devotionals are available to pick up. Suggested donation: \$1.25 for regular print, \$1.50 for large print.

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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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Sympathies to the family of Mel Larson (87), former member of Wells UMC, who died August 24 at his home in Upsala, MN. Visitation will be Monday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. and funeral at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Covenant Church in Upsala. You may view his obituary and send Joyce a kind word at www.shelleyfuneralchapels.com.

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New Arrivals! Sandy & Dean Youngblom are happy to announce the birth of their grandson, Arlo Zayne Youngblom, son of Justin & Kristin of Woodbury, on August 23. Shari & Dave Petersen also have a new grandson, Chip Douglas Petersen, born to William & Angie of St. Peter, on August 10. Congratulations!!

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Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for next Sunday or more this fall. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

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UMCOR provides relief – There is so much pain and sorrow and danger in the world right now. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coming alongside those who are suffering from natural or human-caused disasters, most recently, flood victims in Tennessee, earthquake victims in Haiti, and the people in Afghanistan. If you would like to do something to help out financially, you may give online at umcmmission.org or give to Open Doors and designate on your envelope or check if you would prefer Tennessee (US Disaster Response), Haiti (International Disaster Response), or Afghanistan for help in resettlement of displaced families (Advance #3022144). 100% of your donation will go to the project you choose.

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New Worship Schedule Beginning September 26!

Kiester Worship 8:00 a.m.
Wells Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Classes 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 29

W 9:00am JOINT Worship in Wells
W 10:00am Coffee
3:00-5:00pm Retirement Party for Sandy Youngblom at Thompson Park

Monday, August 30

8:15am Youth breakfast in the park

Wednesday, September 1

W 9:30am Staff meeting

Sunday, September 5

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

Birthdays This Week:

August 31 Eric Lackey, Becky Niebuhr
Sept. 3 David Roberts
Sept. 5 Barbara Roberts, Terry Thisius

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Rev. Chris Leistra
Organist Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader Hayden Chandler
Projection Karen Stenzel
AV Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel

