



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

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October 23, 2022 – Pentecost 20

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Creative God, thank you for filling the world with color — bright fall leaves and people of all shades of skin, eyes and hair who gather to praise you!*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Jesus Food*

Tim Stromer

\* *Call to Worship*

*Song*

“We Sing to You, O God”

#2001, vs. 1

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

**ALL: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.**

*Song*

“Praise Ye the Lord” (W)

#2010, vs. 3 & 4

“We Sing to You, O God” (K)

#2001, vs. 4

*Passing the Peace*

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson*

Exodus 3: 1-13; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn*

“Shout to the North” (W)

on screen (#3042)

“Through It All” (K)

#507

\* *Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

*Sermon*

“The Bible”

Rev. Christopher Leistra

*Message Response*

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

#601

### – 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*

\* *Response*

“My Gratitude Now Accept, O Lord” (W)

#2044, vs. 1 & 2

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (K)

#95

### – Sending Forth –

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*

“Wonderful Words of Life”

#600

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**How good to gather as friends in faith!** Welcome to this time of praise and prayer, word and worship. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus and before the 11:00 am service at the Kiester 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:** The family of LaVon Wegner; Farmers for a safe harvest; Wanda Kothlow in Rochester; Sherry Asmus recovering from foot surgery; Dave Loveless recovering at home from pneumonia; Alan Stensrud and Joan Christian in their fight with cancer; Alan Yokiel; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

### **Announcements**

**LaVon Wegner** passed away October 18 at Parkview Care Center. Her visitation will be this afternoon, Oct. 23, from 1:00-3:00pm at Nasinec Funeral Home. Her funeral will be Monday, Oct. 24 at 10:30am at Open Doors UMC, Wells, with visitation an hour before. Burial will be at Rice Lake Cemetery and lunch will follow at Marlene Wegner’s farm.

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**Welcome to** Tim Stromer of Jesus Food! He will be speaking this morning about the mission of Jesus Food and the upcoming food pack that will be at USC on November 3. **Stay for coffee and cinnamon rolls today and help support the Jesus Food packing event!** During coffee hour, there will be a free-will cinnamon roll fundraiser for Jesus Food. The funds raised will go to purchase the ingredients for the huge Jesus Food packing event that will be held at USC on Thursday, November 3 from 6-8pm. It takes \$109.50 to keep a child from starving for a year. When we did this last June, we made over \$500! Let’s make \$1,000 this year!!! The more money that is donated means more meals that can be packed!

**Form a team for the Jesus Food packing event on November 3!** Each assembly line consists of 10 people, so we’re looking for teams of 10. Sign up on the Team sign-up sheet and we can form an Open Doors team – or two or three!!! Or form your own team and write it down. To save time when you arrive at the food pack, please register before. The registration form is on the clip board on the bulletin table.

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**Believe** – Today we are on chapter 4 of the book and sermon series “Believe.” The discussion group meetings this Tuesday at 9:00am at The Bean. You are invited to attend and dig a little deeper into the material.

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**Kitchen Celebration Meal Planning Meeting next Sunday, Oct. 30** – The meal is being switched from a harvest meal to an Advent meal, set for Sunday, December 11 after the Christmas program. A planning meeting will be held after the 9:00 service on Sunday, October 30 for all who are interested in helping with this all-church event.

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**Trunk or Treat** will be on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). Spread the word! Bring your little ghouls & goblins! Please consider hosting a trunk! We’re looking for lots of trunks, the more the better! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Barbara Roberts (553-3341) or the church office if you would like to reserve a spot to host a trunk . . . car trunk, SUV, pick-up. Have fun with it – you can decorate, have a theme, come in costume, bring candy or trinkets for handing out to all the kids. This is a safe and fun alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating.

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**UMCOR Cleaning Kit Collection** – Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets) are urgently needed for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts in Florida and the southeast. Sheets with supply lists and instructions are at the collection tub in the entryway. Complete kits, or just some supplies, are needed. Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck in Blue Earth on Nov. 15 to pick up whatever local churches have collected. Besides the Cleaning Kits, MMDC is also in need of 12” rulers with metric and 12-pack colored pencils. Full list is in the October OneWay or at [www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org). If you’d like to donate, please have your items here by Sunday, November 13.

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**Kitchen Update:** Continued work this week included working on the cabinet's smaller details and installing baseboard. Countertops are anticipated to be started this week.

**Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen** – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are now over 80% of our goal of \$25,000. As of October 16, the total is \$20,595! We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give that will help bring us closer to a fully financed new kitchen. Pledge cards and gifts can be dropped in the green offering chest (make sure they are clearly marked for Kitchen) and you can find extra pledge cards there, too.

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**Painting Class** – Open Doors will be hosting a free acrylic painting class on Mondays starting November 7 at the Wells Campus. Jim Dalton will be teaching the class. It will be for two hours in the morning, from 9-11. If you want to take the class, sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office and let us know. The class will have a limit of eight people, and is open to acrylic or watercolor painters.

If you have your own paints and brushes, bring them, otherwise, supplies for acrylic painting will be furnished at no charge, so that beginners can find out if they like it before investing in expensive paints and brushes. This is a good time to try something new! All skill levels are welcome.

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**All Saints Sunday is November 6.** If you have a loved one who passed away within the last year and whom you would like us to pay tribute to during the naming of the saints, please inform the office of their name and obituary information. A funeral program and photo would also be helpful.

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**Operation Christmas Child** – OCC is our October & November Mission-of-the-month. Now is the time to be collecting shoebox gifts for that special child. The deadline will be November 20.

- We have a supply of pre-printed Operation Christmas Child boxes you can use – they're in the cardboard carton beside the bulletin table – and self-stick box labels. Pick up a brochure or label sticker, gift suggestion lists, and a shoe box. (Don't forget to mail or pay online the shipping/processing fee of \$10.)
- For help with your shopping, the Operation Christmas Child's website ([www.operationchristmaschild.com](http://www.operationchristmaschild.com)) has a link to OCC's Amazon page ([www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild](http://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild)) where they have assembled shopping lists of great items for shoeboxes. You can shop online and have the items shipped to you.
- At [operationchristmaschild.com](http://operationchristmaschild.com) you can build a shoebox totally online for a set fee of \$25, or \$31 with "The Greatest Journey" discipleship program. To find Open Door's online goal page, scroll to the bottom of the Build a Shoebox Online page and click "Search for a Goal Page," enter 56097 and you'll find our page.
- Check out the website for tons of tips and stories.

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**The Chosen, Episodes 5 & 6 will continue this Wednesday – October 26!** If you have missed any of the first episodes at the Flame, you can still join in for this free viewing. If you'd like to catch up, you can watch earlier episodes by getting The Chosen app or find them on You Tube.

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**All-District Charge/Church Conference** – In-person Saturday, November 12, from 10:00am-2:00pm, at First UMC Redwood Falls, 601 Veda Drive, Red Wood Falls.

**Be inspired** by keynote speaker ELCA Bishop Jon Anderson, acting Director of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary, rural ministry success stories featuring Pastor Kali Christensen, who is doing great rural ministry at Communities of Faith UMC, in Clotho, Clarissa, and Eagle Bend, great worship, music, message from Fred Vanderwerf and communion. Lunch will be provided. The actual ratification of our church's forms will take place very briefly in the context of worship. The forms (budget, clergy compensation, leadership, inactive/unresponsive member list) will be presented at the Church Board meeting for approval on October 27. The church body is welcome to attend.

For complete information on the charge conference and registration, go to [www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/17023675](http://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/17023675). Each church is asked to have at least 5 people attend. Registrations should be done by Nov. 4. Contact Pastor Chris or Office Manager Sarah if you'd like to go and we'll arrange car pooling.

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**Pie Auction** Mark your calendars for the annual pie auction on November 20 and start looking for that top bid-getting recipe!



**Jason Gray Concert** – The Five Sisters Project is proud to host and welcome back Jason Gray for his Christmas concert on December 3, 6:00 pm, at USC Auditorium right here in Wells! Jason Gray (international Christian artist), invites us to take in the Christmas story from a whole new perspective. The concert will feature original songs from his album, "Christmas Stories: Repeat the Sounding Joy," as well as, beautiful worship, sweet treats, fun prizes and SO MUCH MORE.

Purchase your tickets on Five Sisters' website: [www.fivesistersproject.com](http://www.fivesistersproject.com)



**Festival of Trees** – Bring your decorative skills and a few friends and decorate a tree for a chance to win a prize! The Festival of Trees will be November 18 starting at 4pm at the Wells Golf Clubhouse. Food trucks, Christmas carols, vote for your favorite tree, boost your Christmas spirit. Free will offering - all proceeds will support the work of Five Sisters Project. Register your tree at [www.fivesistersproject.com](http://www.fivesistersproject.com).



**Interfaith Caregivers Fall Fundraiser Drive Thru** – Friday, October 28, 4:30-6:00pm or until gone at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Blue Earth. No need to get out of your vehicle! Come pick up a beef brisket dinner with red potatoes, baked beans, French bread and brownies. \$15.



**Upper Room** daily devotionals for November/December are available to pick up. \$1.25 regular print/\$1.50 large print.



**Sunday, October 23**

- W** 9:00am Worship w/ Tim Stromer
- 10:00am Coffee & Cinnamon Roll  
Fundraiser for Jesus Food
- 10:00am Sunday School
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship

**Monday, October 24**

- W** 6:30pm Budget meeting

**Tuesday, October 25**

- 9-11am *Believe* study (9-10) & Coffee  
(10-11) with Pastor at The Bean
- 4:30pm Community Chimes

**Wednesday, October 26**

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:30am Worship at The Shepherd's Inn
- W** 1:30pm United Women of Faith (UMW)
- 5:45pm Praise Team
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY at USC

**Thursday, October 27**

- W** 6:30pm Church Board meeting

**Sunday, October 30**

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Kitchen Dedication Meal  
meeting
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship
- W** 3:00-4:00pm Trunk or Treat

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organists..Jan Johanson (W), Staci Thompson (K)
- Acolyte .....
- Cross Bearer..... tbd
- Scripture Reader..... Pat Coy
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
- Projection..... Brett Hankerson

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**Birthdays This Week:**

- October 23 ..... Quinn Rasmussen
- October 26 ..... Claire Christianson, Basil Kruse, Anita  
Thiner
- October 27 ..... Sawyer Bird
- October 29 ..... Anne Feist, William Petersen
- October 30 ..... Sharon Parriott

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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 9:00am on Facebook