



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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October 30, 2022 – Pentecost 21

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

* Call to Worship

* Song "Freely, Freely" #389

Leader: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

Leader: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

Leader: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

* Song "Something Beautiful" #394

Bible Presentation (W) 2nd graders receiving their Bible this morning will be Maci Hueper, daughter of Darrin & Katie Hueper.

Pastor, parents: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Maci: With my hands, my heart, and my mind I receive this Bible. Thank you. I will read and study the Bible at home and at church.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

* Song "The B-I-B-L-E"

* Passing the Peace

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 21:1-7 (NRSV)

* Hymn "Step By Step" (W) on screen (#3004)
"Be Thou My Vision" (K) #451

* Gospel Lesson John 1:12; Luke 19:1-9 (NRSV)

Sermon "Identity in Christ" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "Jesus, the Light of the World" (W) on screen (#3056)
"Living for Jesus" (K) #2149

- 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* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206
- * *Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

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: JoAnn Stensrud and family for the passing of Allan; farmers for a safe harvest; Wanda Kothlow & Dave Loveless recovering at home; Joan Christian in her 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

Allan Stensrud passed away October 25 at Thorne Crest Care Center. His visitation will be this afternoon, Oct. 30, from 4:00-6:00pm at Bonnerup Funeral & Cremation Services in Albert Lea. His funeral will be tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 31 at 10:30am at Open Doors UMC, Wells, with visitation an hour before. Lunch will be served in the basement followed by inurnment in Freeborn Cemetery.

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Kitchen Celebration Meal Planning Meeting TODAY, 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 worship today and next Sunday for all who are interested in helping with this all-church event. Meet at the back of the sanctuary.

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Believe – Today we are on chapter 5 of the book and sermon series "Believe." The discussion group meetings this Tuesday at 9:00am at The Bean and they will meet one more time on Nov. 1. You are invited to attend and dig a little deeper into the material.

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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 registration form on the clipboard. Let's see if we can form three Open Doors teams! **The more donations received, the more children we can keep from starving.** We will pack as many meals as there is money to cover the cost of the ingredients. It is estimated that \$109.50 will feed one child for a whole year on Jesus Food (that's only 30¢ a serving). Donations today can be made out to Open Doors UMC. Thank you!

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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. If you'd like to donate, please have your items here by Sunday, November 13.

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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 23, the total is \$21,165! 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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Red Food Pantry – Today is the monthly offering of food for the Little Red Food Pantry. Food may be placed in the collection tub in the entryways. Monetary donations are also welcomed and can be placed in the jar atop the offering chest. Gifts are welcome all month long, as the little food pantry gets regular use. As the nights are getting colder, please keep in mind to choose food that is tolerant to freezing temperatures. Thank you!

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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) has a link to OCC's Amazon page (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 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 7 & 8 will continue this Wednesday – November 2! These are the last episodes of Season 1. If you want to continue watching Season 2 or have missed any of the first episodes at the Flame, you can watch by getting the free The Chosen app or on <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>. DVD sets are also available to purchase at the website.

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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 church body is welcome to attend.

For complete information on the charge conference and registration, go to 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 carpooling.

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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!

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Estate Planning seminar at Nasinec Funeral Home Thursday, Nov. 3, Noon-2pm, lunch will be served, program starts at 12:30. Callyn Bedker, an Estate & Succession Planner and Elder Law Attorney will be the presenter. RSVP by calling 507-553-3124.

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Nov./Dec. Upper Room devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 reg print/\$1.50 lg print.

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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

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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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 30

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Kitchen Dedication Meal mtg.
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship
- W** 3:00-4:00pm Trunk or Treat
- 4:00-6:00pm Visitation for Allan Stensrud
at Bonnerup Funeral Home, Albert Lea

Monday, October 31

- W** 10:30am Allan Stensrud funeral

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 5:45pm Praise Team
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

Thursday, November 3

- 6:00-8:00pm Jesus Food pack at USC

Sunday, November 6, All Saints Sunday

- W** 9:00am Worship w/Communion
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:00am Kitchen Dedication Meal mtg.
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship w/Communion

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Acolyte.....tbd
- Cross Bearer.....Chloe Bullerman
- Scripture Reader.....Tammy Bullerman
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection.....Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- October 30.....Sharon Parriott
- November 1.....Chad Nappin
- November 2.....Roger Wigern, Haylyn Petersen
- November 5.....Mariah Anderson, Kylie Fordham
- November 6.....Sue Schuster

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



TODAY 3:00-4:00 pm
1st Ave SW (west of the church)