

Wells United Methodist Church

Sunday February 5, 2012

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Today	Early Worship	8:30	AM
	Sunday School	10:00	AM
	Mid-morning Worship	11:00	AM
	Youth & Choir	5:00	PM
	Evening Worship	7:00	PM
Tuesday	Tuesday Study Group	6:00	PM
Wednesday	New Wednesday Evenings	5:30-8	PM

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Welcome to Wells. We are glad that you are with us today as we continue to consider the amazing reality that 'in spite of everything' God is with us and for us. First Sunday Holy Communion is served today, and the table is open to all who will come.

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We will have Evening Worship at 7 PM, and we'd love to have you with us. Our youth will leave the church at 5 PM for a super supper gathering at the home of Bob Kersh and Phillip Morgan, 5255 Parkway Drive.

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Thanks to those of you who participated in yesterday's clean-up, paint-up day. We'll have one more opportunity to work this Saturday, starting around 10 AM. Hundreds of visitors are expected here February 16 for the 2012 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

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Camille Wright placed the altar flowers today to the glory of God in celebration of her 5-year survival of multiple myeloma on February 7, 2012. They are also given in memory of those we have lost to cancer during this time as well as those still in the fight.

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The Entrance Flowers were placed by Ron Permenter in loving memory of Donnie Duerson's mom, Grace Duerson, who would have been 88 on her birthday, January 31.

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The registration deadline for the Youth Retreat is Tuesday. Please let us know if you plan to participate in the weekend of February 17-19 at Camp Wesley Pines. The cost is \$25 and scholarships are readily available.

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We still need and want many Lenten Relections for our journal. The deadline is Wednesday. Please follow the format used in The Upper Room.

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This year's Sweetheart Banquet, the Youth Group's gift to you, will be at 6 PM on February 12--next Sunday. We will be honoring one of our own during this special time.

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Ash Wednesday services will follow a potluck supper with our guests from Aldersgate UMC at 6:30 PM on February 22. Make plans to bring something good to eat and join us for this important time of fellowship and worship.

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The 20th Annual Hearts Against AIDS benefit is Saturday at 6 PM at Hal and Mal's.

Please remember to silence cell phones and pagers on entering the Sanctuary.

"Worship Aid" available at the Entrance has words to elements of the service that may be unfamiliar to visitors.

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Worship Services

"...Neither angels nor principalities...height nor depth or anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord!"

Romans 8: 38—39..."

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Prelude	Church Musicians
Greeting	The Layminister
Call To Worship	The Choir

Opening Sentences

Leader: No power in heaven or on earth can ultimately separate us from God's love.

People: God, help us deal with 'it all,' as we give thanks for your commitment to us.

Prayer: In a world of divisions, we praise you O God, for the unity of faith, hope, and love from your heart toward ours. In Christ, Amen!

Hymn Of Praise:	238 Angels We Have Heard on High	Verses 1 & 2
A Shared Affirmation And Free Worship		Hymnal, 883
Hymn Of Consecration:	407 Close to Thee	Verses 1, 2 & 3
A Shared Psalm:	Psalm 84: 5--12	Hymnal page 805
The Gloria Patria		Hymnal, 70

The Life Of Our Church

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Hymnal, 95

The Word Of God Read: Romans 8: 28, 31-32, 34-3

The Word Of God Preached: In Spite Of Everything:V

Keith Tonkel

The Service of Holy Communion

Hymn Of Invitation: 368 Blessed Assurance

Verse 3

Benediction May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever
Granting peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see God's face, know God's grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Holy Communion is available

Layministers: Early Worship	Mid-morning Worship	Evening Worship
Charles Williams	Linda Pilgrim	A. T. Puckett

Evening Worship

Keith Tonkel preaching

Holy Communion will be served

*+Pastor: Keith Tonkel+Associate Pastor: Todd Watson+Children & Youth Minister: Justin White
+Minister of Music: Lelon Thompson+Minister of Counseling: Jeff Parker+Children's Assistant, Joy Gates+
+Gardens Ministry: Loy Moncrief+Office Helper: Nancy Watson+ Nursery Coordinator: Elaine Collins+
+Care Team: the People of Wells +Pastoral Assistant: Jim Young+
Musicians: Jamie Ward, Mary Lundgren, Annie Reiher, Margaret Pigott, Jan Smith*

*If you must leave the Sanctuary during Worship, please do not use the door near the pulpit.
The Nurseries and Cryroom are available for little ones who become restless during Worship.
Children's bulletins, clipboards and crayons are available for little artists who become restless during Worship.*

In Spite Of Everything: V

“I’m a little tired of ‘in spite of everything,’ but I still need it.” And God’s ‘as is’ love is fine, but I keep thinking I have got to change. We’ve talked of the roadblocks that separate some from faith and trust in God.

“Last week, you forgot ‘angels and demons’ in your sermon.”

A bit true, but then we did remember Earl. Still, angels are God’s messengers, special beings.

They are not God. We know demons. Many say they don’t believe in them, but are tormented by something demonic.

Fear of heights is common for some. Fear of moving toward spiritual heights paralyzes others.

And ‘principalities’ still challenge the spirit. Unjust or evil powers, and those that we can’t understand can get to our souls.

That ‘anything else in all creation’ includes a whole bunch of life experiences. We can be separated and we can be united. God doesn’t want separation, God wants connection, relationship, unity.

The bottom line is that we are loved by One who will not abandon or turn away from us. If the connection and relationship and unity is lost; it will not be God that caused it.

‘In spite of everything’ matters. It matters greatly.

GodStuff, Keith Tonkel, From Romans 8

Today’s Scriptures

Romans 8: 28, 31-32; 35-37-39

And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

What then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?...Who shall separate us from the love of God in Christ? Shall trouble or hardship, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death or nor life, angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.