

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

by Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:4-6)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in
hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk
hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

To Our Guests...

Welcome to Wells Church. Please know that you are truly welcome and that you can be at ease here. Wells is a United Methodist congregation, but we consider ourselves one vine of Christ seeking to love God and love one another as we seek and serve our Lord Jesus. If you want to know more about Wells, please visit our website, wellschurch.org, or feel free to talk with one of our pastors, staff or ushers. We respect your privacy and will not ask you to fill out forms, but you may fill out a pew card to request information or be added to our mailing lists if you wish.

Your infants, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome in our warm, nurturing and well-supervised nursery. A "cry room" also is available at the back of the sanctuary, where you may listen to the service while you care for your children's needs.

Restrooms are available down the stairs in the main entry foyer. Restrooms are also available through the right door at the front of the sanctuary.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Although all gifts are always welcomed to support God's work through the church, you are our guest and we seek to give to you today.

We hope you will join in all aspects of worship. The communion table is open to all. **Holy Communion** is served at the altar by intinction at the early service. There is no ushering. If you wish to receive, please come to the altar, take the bread and dip the cup and return to your seat.

Again, you are very welcome at Wells Church and we hope you will come again and consider making Wells your church home.



Wells Memorial United Methodist Church

Rev. Heather Hensarling, Senior Pastor
Rev. John Brashier, Associate Pastor

By **This**
SHALL ALL MEN KNOW
If ye have **Love**
One to Another
Ye are My disciples



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Live your life with love... — Ephesians 5:2 (CEB)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. — Ephesians 4:32 (NRSV)

The Prelude.....Church Musicians
Greeting.....Glenda Ferguson, Lay Minister
The Call to Worship.....“We Are Called”
Wells Church Choir

The Opening Sentences:

Leader: We gather as people loved and forgiven.

People: Help us to love and forgive others, O God, as you have loved and forgiven us.

Prayer: Gracious God, we gather to pray and sing and hear your word. Write on our hearts today the message you would have us take away. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise.....“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
All Verses, Hymnal 158

A Shared Affirmation of Faith.....Hymnal 883

The Passing of the Peace and the Life of Our Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The Hymn of Consecration.....“They’ll Know We Are Christians”
Verses 1, 2

The Shared Scripture: Psalm 130:1-8.....Hymnal 848

The Gloria Patri.....Hymnal 70

Giving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

“Here Comes the Sun”.....*David Hampton, Margaret Pigott,
Jamie Ward*

The Doxology.....Hymnal 95

The Anthem.....“Without Love It Will All Pass Away”
The Wells Church Choir

The Word of God Read.....Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

The Word of God Preached

“Nuthin’ Fancy”.....*Rev. John Brashier (8:30 a.m.)*

“The Call for a Tender Heart”.....*Rev. Heather Hensarling (11 a.m.)*

Service of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Hymn of Invitation.....“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Verse 1, Hymnal 431

Shared Benediction.....“May the Lord Bless You”

*Communion is available in the alcove at the close of
the 11 a.m. worship service.*

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Welcome to Wells Church. Each Sunday at Wells brings new opportunities to be surprised by joy. May this service of worship bring joy, and may we go forth to share joy with the world. We are very glad that you are here today.

The Finance Committee will meet today immediately following the mid-morning worship service.

WellsFest is 48 days away. The WellsFest Committee is hard at work and we will continue to ramp up with activity as the festival gets closer. Please plan to volunteer for the festival activities, but volunteers also are needed in the coming weeks to prepare. This is the church’s biggest community ministry of the year. Everyone is needed to make it successful.

It’s August, but the Wells Choir is thinking about Christmas. If you sing and would like to participate in the Christmas music ministry, now is the time to consider joining the choir. Please see Nancy Moore if you are interested. What’s better than singing Christmas songs in August?

Dana Larkin, executive director of Growing Up Knowing, our Wellsfest beneficiary, will be the speaker at Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Breakfast is served at 7:15. All are welcome.

The Wells Church Directory is now linked to our webpage, wellschurch.org, and available by app (search the Apple or Android app store for **Instant Church Directory**). Please contact the office for details on submitting info if you have not done so.

Altar flowers are given by Jim and Sha Pollard in celebration of their anniversary.

WELLS WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| TODAY | Early Worship Service | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | 10 a.m. |
| | Mid-Morning Service | 11 a.m. |
| | Finance Committee | 12:15 p.m. |
| MONDAY | Wells Yoga | 5:30 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | Neighborhood Ministries | 8 – 10 a.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | Choir Rehearsal | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Prayer Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | Wells Yoga | 5:30 p.m. |

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (CEB)

²⁵ Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, *Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor* because we are parts of each other in the same body. ²⁶ *Be angry without sinning.* Don’t let the sun set on your anger. ²⁷ Don’t provide an opportunity for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

²⁹ Don’t let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. ³⁰ Don’t make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy — you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. ³² Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

¹Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. ²Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

