

**PORT BYRON FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

August 10, 2025

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost/Back to School Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP-

Keira Gibbons

**Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.**

Let us worship together, the young and the old.

**The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.**

Let us worship together, every generation.

**We come together with different abilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.**

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

**All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"**

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

OPENING HYMN: *"This Little Light of Mine"* UMH#585

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: *"O How I Love Jesus"* (verse 1 & refrain)

UMH #170

CELEBRATION OF VBS: Kathy Mahraun and Bree Heim

CELEBRATION OF CAMP: Sam Butterfield, Keira Gibbons, Ruthie Leesman, Kameron Mahraun, Evelyn Mattison, & the Leesman Family

HYMN: *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"*

UMH #601

CELEBRATION OF BIBLE RECIPIENTS: Mollie Arnold, Raylan Johnson, Brody Weber, Lindsey Weber

DOXOLOGY #95 & OFFERTORY PRAYER –

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Please sing the first verse of *"Jesus Loves Me"* #191 UMH as the children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Evelyn Mattison Ephesians 4:32

MESSAGE:

*Be Kind*

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Keira Gibbons & Evelyn Mattison

*Congregation response: "Yes Lord, bless them" at the end of each line*

HYMN

*"Surely The Presence"*

UMH#328

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND PRAYER**

*All students (preK-college) will come forward and find a place to kneel in front of our railing. Siblings, please be together. Families, you will be invited to stand behind your child and lay hands on them. Congregation, if there is someone who does not have an adult with them today, please be that adult for them during this time.*

\*CLOSING HYMN      “*God of All Learning*” (Insert)  
                              \*to the tune of “*Morning Has Broken*”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this time center to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** this week\*

*After worship, please join us in the fellowship hall for Root Beer Floats and Fellowship.*

*If your child hasn't had a chance to make a back-to-school gift for their teacher, find Ms. Kathy after worship!*

#### CHURCH STAFF

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Thursday 8:00-10:00am

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#### **Attendance at Worship**

*Attendance:* Worship – 47

*Wired Word:* ; *Spiritual Formation:*

*Loose Plate:* \$ .00

*Tithes & Offerings:* \$2371.00

**TOTAL:** \$2371.00

***United Methodist Church Mission:*** *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

***Port Byron 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Mission:*** *The mission of the Port Byron First United Methodist Church is to center the congregation with God and Jesus Christ, to develop authentic relationships in a faithful community and communion of grace, and to honor God and all of His creation.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If you would like to schedule an event at the church**, contact Steph at 309-848-4050 or [portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com). She will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

**MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Immediate Food Pantry Needs*** - The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church has immediate needs for paper products: Paper towels, kleenex, toilet paper & laundry detergent. Also, salad dressing, boxed meals, spaghetti, ravioli, pancake mix and syrup. *Be sure that your donations are within the "best by/best use" expiration date and that the item has not been opened. The food pantry cannot accept items that are expired.* Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

**MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Wish List for the Mission Welcome Kits***: The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

Now that we are getting back into the full swing of things we would like to invite everyone to join Kathy and myself in a series of listening tours. This is a chance for me to get to know all of you a little better and for us to talk about our vision for our shared ministry here in Port Byron. We are currently scheduling four of these meetings: Monday, Aug. 18th at 10am, Friday, Aug. 22nd at 1 pm, Sunday, Aug. 24th at 2pm and Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 7pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the back and if these prove popular enough we will add more dates.

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Riverdale 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School