

**PORT BYRON FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Aug 24th 2025

PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live

bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ as I come into Your presence this morning. I am seeking You. Your Grace. Your Wisdom. Your Patience. But I must confess while I truly seek these things. I find my mind is not my own. I focus on the concerns of this world. On its temptations. On my neighbor's shortcomings. On how my brother has wronged me. Free me from these unholy thoughts. Not just for this hour but in all my life. Let my focus be on You and Your grace and Your providence all that You have done for me. That I may live out Your love.

Don't not fear my brothers and sisters for this freedom is real and not something to be earned. It is something offered freely by our Lord to all who truly love and serve Him. A-men.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 18:9-14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please sing "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 as the children come forward.

JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN: "Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH #395

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Issiah 58

MESSAGE: The Pleasing Fast

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH
OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: “Where Charity and Love Prevail”
UMH #549

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Please remain seated until the postlude has concluded to enjoy the music and center yourself for the week ahead.

*Please stand as you are able in mind, body and spirit.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Krey Leesman, Lead Pastor

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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:00am - Noon

Thursday 8:00-10:00am

Musicians: Melissa Battern & Glenda Belouski

IT Team: Chad Butterfield, Colin Larson, Sam Butterfield, Colton Heim, Kam Mahraun, & Nolan Peirce

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Port Byron First UMC Website: www.firstumcpb.org

Attendance at Worship

8-17-2025 Attendance: Worship – 73

Wired Word: ; Spiritual Formation:

Loose Plate: \$47.00

Tithes & Offerings: \$3260.00

TOTAL: \$3307.00

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

Port Byron 1st 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. 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!

LISTENING TOURS WITH PASTOR KREY & KATHY MAHRAUN:

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 these meetings on: 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 27th - Youth Leader Training 6-8pm

Thursday, Aug 28th – UWF Meeting 1:30pm at the Church. Program will be about the local food pantry.

Friday, August 29th - 5th Quarter after the home football game until 11:30 pm in the Pavilion. Ice Cream Floats and Sundaes!

Sunday, Aug. 31st – UWF 5th Sunday. Meal will be after worship

Sunday, Aug. 31st - P3 (our confirmation program) Info meeting will be held at 12:45 pm (after our 5th Sunday meal) in the youth room. This informational meeting is for parents and students in at least 7th grade and above who are interested in learning more about our Confirmation Program. P3 will be held an average of 2 Sundays a month with additional dates for retreats and events. If you are unable to attend the August 31st meeting but are still interested, contact Pastor Becky, and she will save an info packet for you.

Wednesday, September 3rd GROW Kick off! Doors open at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00, Discipleship/Activities 7:30-8:30. Open to ALL students in 6th-12th grade. All students are encouraged to invite friends!

Thursday, Sept. 4th - 6-8pm Kid Min Leader Training

Sunday, Sept 7th Children/Youth Discipleship Groups Kick off at 9:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 14th – Consecration Sunday. More information coming.