

**PORT BYRON FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sep 14th 2025

PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things;

The Lord has made his salvation known

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and faithfulness

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Chronicles 29:13-14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy One, You have always given me whatever I need. I hunger and You provide, I thirst and You make rivers flow. When we were lost in the darkness of our own sin You did not hesitate to send Your Son to bring the light of salvation. Yet Lord I hesitate. I withhold from You my full devotion. I give worldly things dominion over what is Yours. I trust in them and not in You. Forgive me Lord. Free me from the lies of this world. Transform my heart and make me full thine.

Do not let Your hearts be troubled. For ours is a God of love and forgiveness. His mercy knows no bounds and of His kingdom there is no end. A-men

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:41-44 CEB

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please sing "This Little Light of Mine #585" as the children come forward.

JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

UMH #399

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

MESSAGE: It's a Matter of the Heart, A message on
Stewardship. (Christine Harper)

*CLOSING HYMN: "I am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

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

9-07-2025 Attendance: Worship – 63

Wired Word: ; Spiritual Formation:

Loose Plate: \$122.00

Tithes & Offering1: \$6350.00

TOTAL: \$6472.00

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!

MORE LISTENING TOURS SCHEDULED 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: Sun., Sept 21st at 2pm, Fri., Sept 26th at 10am & Wed., Oct 1st at 7pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the back.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUP: Have you ever been asked a hard question about your faith and struggled to come up with an answer? Or maybe you have some questions yourself? Why are there bad things in the world that seem to affect people indiscriminately? What about the authority of the Bible? Why doesn't God act in big obvious miracles so everyone can believe? I'd like to invite you to an Adult book discussion group with Pastor Krey at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Where theologian Dr. Gregory Boyd will answer these questions and more through a series of actual letters to his unbelieving father in "Letters from a Skeptic" if you are interested please sign up on the sheet in the back or let me know so we know how many books to order.

Sign-up Sheets for GROW meals are on the Communication table in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Thurs. & Fri. – Sept. 11th thru Oct. 17th – Except Oct. 2nd & 3rd. Traditions Cookie Making Committee will be making cookies at 9:00am.

Sunday, Sept. 14th – Consecration Sunday.

Sunday, Sept. 14th -Noisy Offering during worship after Children's Message

Monday, Sept. 15th – Steph will be out of the office.

Tuesday, Sept. 16th - Finance Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 19th - 5th Quarter after the home football game.

Sunday, Sept 21st - P3 Registration Forms due

Sunday, September 21st – River Rats will be meeting at Jan Spier's for a bonfire at 5:00pm.
Rain date will be the 28th.

Tuesday, September 23rd – Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, September 25th-United Women in Faith meeting at 1:30pm at the church. The program will be the Thank Offering led by Debbie Baker.

Sunday, Sept 28th - Charge Conference 1:30pm at Colona UMC-All church council members and leaders of the church strongly encouraged to attend.

Sunday, Sept. 28th - P3 Kick off night! 3:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, Sept 30th - Pastor Becky leaves for Continuing Ed-Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection, Leewood, KS