

Three Things Before Sunday

May 28, 2026

Hello Church! We're going to try something new for our newsletters to try and simplify things a bit for summer.

On Thursday's you'll receive a "Three Things before Sunday" email with just three quick things I want to share with you all. Some information will be pertinent to Sunday, other pieces of information could be random however the Spirit leads.

Then early on Sunday morning you will a "Sunday Morning Connection" email. This will include a Sunday morning centering prayer, our scripture passage, sermon title, and list of the hymns. I hope this will help to put you in a mindset of worship before you step into the sanctuary or click the livestream link.

You'll also find all of the announcements, updates, and reminders you need.

Now, here are the first "Three Things to know before Sunday"

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Becky

- ❖ **Thank you** to everyone who filled out the **feedback form** for Called. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, here's the link again!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdBd5xXQ4JSFOAlMjitDcpt4Q0Ypa65AGFwjE9lw0OwD8jyw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=109909266587615262237>
- ❖ Plan to stay for the **5th Sunday meal** hosted by United Women in Faith! Donations collected will go toward the missions they support!
- ❖ **Summer Book Club with Pastor Becky**-This summer, let's gather for some meaningful conversation on the book, *Love Is the Way* by Michael Curry. Bishop Curry served as the Bishop of the Episcopal Church and became widely known for his inspiring sermon on the power of love at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Known for his joyful and Spirit-filled preaching, Curry invites readers to explore how the love of Jesus can shape our lives, relationships, and communities. Through powerful stories, practical wisdom, and a hopeful message rooted in faith, this study will encourage us to discover how love can guide us through challenging times and help us live more fully as disciples of Christ. Whether you are a longtime reader or simply looking for encouragement and connection this summer, all are welcome to join the conversation. Join me at the church on **Mondays, June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 27 from 10am-11am**. Grab a copy of the book anywhere books can be borrowed or purchased. If you choose to order online, check out www.bookshop.org and choose your favorite local bookshop to receive all purchase proceeds.

Sunday Morning Connection

Sunday, May 31, 2026-Trinity Sunday

Sunday morning centering prayer: Gracious and Loving God, as I greet the day ahead help me to take a moment to reflect on your presence and goodness. Prepare my heart for whatever your Spirit desires to do in me as I prepare to worship you today. Still my thoughts. Center my heart.. Open my ears and eyes to see your grace and mercy today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Passages: Geneses 1-2:4a and Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: God Poured Out: Spirit in Partnership

Hymns: For the Beauty of the Earth, Glory Be To the Father, Thy Word is a Lamp, We've a Story to Tell the Nations

Join us at 10:30am in the sanctuary at Port Byron First UMC or online

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QUICK REMINDERS

- Children and Youth Discipleship Groups will be on break until September
- After worship, stay for the United Women in Faith's 5th Sunday Meal!
- Love Offering Envelopes for the Detroit Team are available where you pick up bulletins
- Pick up a copy of the June calendar and the IGRC June Current
- Sign up to help with Vacation Bible School Snacks at the Communications Table

ANNOUCEMENTS

Register your kids and grandkids for VBS June 8-10th from 9-11:30 am paper copies available at Communications Table or sign up online! [Port Byron First United MC · My Cokesbury VBS](#)

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Support for the Leesman Family: Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Krey and his family during his time of medical leave. If you would like to make a monetary donation to go towards Pastor Krey's for his travel to and from Galesburg for treatments, or other expenses the family may have during this time, please contact Nikki Stuart.

Donate Items for the Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church. Items most needed now include condiments (ketchup, mayo & ranch), toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, dish soap and laundry detergent, green beans, mac & cheese, and pancake mix. If shopping from your pantry, please check expiration/use-by dates.

Items for 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!

COMING UP

June 3-6-Illinois Great Rivers Conference, Peoria, IL-Pastor Becky will be attending with our lay members, Nikki Stuart, Kathy Mahraun, and equalization member, Kameron Mahraun. Kyan Stuart, Nellie Stuart, and Sam Butterfield will be serving as West District At Large Members.

June 7-Worship and Communion

June 8-10-Vacation Bible School 9am-1130am

June 9-SPRC Meeting

June 8-Pulse Coffee Truck will be in the church parking lot from 8 am -9:30 am for VBS parents, and VBS adult and youth volunteers.

June 9-SPRC Meeting 7pm

June 10-FAMILY NIGHT! Cherry Flamingo will be with us, scooping up ice cream! Enjoy an evening in the pavilion. Games, fellowship, ice cream! 6-8 pm

June 11—VBS Youth Leader Event: Baby Pool Kickball and Lunch! 11 am-2 pm

June 14

- Olivia Dodge's Baptism!
- Noisy Offering after Children's Message
- Youth Rally at Western Illinois' Wesley Foundation-More info at the Communication Table-Sign up by noon on June 10th!

If you need anything church-related, please contact Interim Pastor Becky, Nikki Stuart, or Melissa Hogren until further notice.

Interim Pastor Becky: 309-292-2287

Lay Leader: Nikki Stuart: 309-738-8099

Church Council Chair: Melissa Hogren 309-230-8400

If you would like to schedule an event at the church, contact email portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com and someone will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.