

Thursday, April 16, 2026

You are called!!

Yes, even you!

Last Sunday, we began our preaching series *Called: Answering God's Invitation*

We looked more closely at young Samuel's call into prophetic leadership. He didn't realize that it was God calling and he needed the guidance from his mentor, Eli, who helped him and reminded that we are to practice listening and responding to God ourselves.

Who are the Eli's in your life?

Living into our call is part of our ongoing journey of faith.

Listening to God takes practice and patient.

But every time we say "yes" to the call from God, our lives are shaped more fully into who God created us to be.

As you listen this week, take some time to reflect on the following questions:

- Are you actively listening to God's call for your life?
- Are you making space to pay attention to what God might be saying?

- And how will you respond?

Join us this Sunday as we talk about how we are Called to Trust.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Becky

### **Ways to share LOVE with our Detroit Team**

You can make a direct contribution to our team. Follow this link <https://motownmission.org/support-your-team> and click “Donate to your team” and follow the prompts provided.

### **Ways to share LOVE with the Leesman Family**

*Prayers:* Please continue to PRAY!

*Meals or monetary donations:* If you would like to make a monetary donation during Pastor Krey's medical leave to go towards fuel for his travel to and from Galesburg for treatments, other expenses the family may have during this time, or if you would like to provide a meal for the family, please contact Nikki Stuart.

### **Ways to share LOVE with our neighbors at Whispering Hills**

*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!

### **Ways to share LOVE with those experiencing Food Insecurity**

**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.  
**Support places that support the people with your prayers, presence, or gifts:**

Two Rivers UMC Weekly Meal Sight [Service – Two Rivers Church](#)  
Cafe on Vine [Building Community One Meal At A Time | Café On Vine](#)  
NEST Cafe [NEST](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](mailto:portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com) and someone will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

**Every Wednesday- GROW:** a faith community for youth in grades 6-12. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and Discipleship Activities 7:30-8:30 pm.

**Every Sunday-**Discipleship Groups for PreK-12th Grade 9:30 am-10:15 am

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School June 8-10<sup>th</sup> 9am-11:30 am.  
Snowball Mountain Challenge!

**Our 2026 Summer Youth Service Trip will be to Detroit, Michigan,** to collaborate with **Motown Mission** as we serve and learn more about the city and our neighbors who live there. If you know of a student who is currently in 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested in being part of this team, see Pastor Becky for more information!

**April 18-P3** Work Day at East Bay Camp!

**April 19**

- PB First Leadership Potluck with P3 students and families, 6pm

**April 23-**United Women of Faith meet at 1:30 pm

**April 23-26-**Pastor Becky vacation

**April 26-**Rev. Ann Champion, Preaching

**April 29 & 30-**Pastor Becky meets with Greenhouse Leadership Co-Hort, Moline, IL

Looking Ahead-**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**-Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday!  
Wear red to celebrate Pentecost and stay after worship for cake to celebrate Confirmation!