

Three Things Before Sunday

June 18, 2026

- **HOMEMADE PIE!** Pre-order here. [Order Online | Port Byron First Pies](#)
Or just swing by the church June 25th between 3:30-5:30. No need to get out of your car! We'll bring the pie straight to your car! Whole pie \$20 or \$5 per slice! Choose from Apple, Cherry, Strawberry Rhubarb, or Fudge. Also available: Sugar Cookie Bar for \$5.
- **QC Mission Camp**-A close-to-home, service/learning opportunity for youth in 6th-12th grade! June 29-July 2. Students will stay at the Camp Milan Retreat Center, serve at Agrow's house, and experience some of the best evening activities around the Quad Cities (River Bandits Baseball and Backwater Gamblers). Cost is \$150 per student (scholarships for each participant from PB First UMC). Register by June 22nd [Mission Retreat in the Quad Cities](#)
- I was first introduced to Bishop Michael Curry, (the author of our Book Club book, Love is the Way) when this sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle began to circulate. Take 14 minutes and give it a listen!
[Love is the way | Bishop Michael Curry's captivating sermon - The Royal Wedding - BBC](#)

Sunday Morning Connection

Sunday, June 21, 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Centering Prayer for the day:

*You, O God, love us from the moment of our conception,
You know us and you love us in the womb,
You love us and you call us from before the moment of our first breath,
and you love us when we first see the light of day.
As a parent loves their child before they ever see it,
and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth,
so you love us—and we thank you.*

Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer.

*You love us, O God, from the time of our naming
You love us in our growing and hold us as we take our first steps.
You love us and walk beside us
as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes.
As a parent loves their child as they see it grow and develop,
so you love us—and we thank you.*

Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....

Lord, hear our prayer...

*You love us, O God, as we mature and seek our way,
You love us as we become aware of the world around us,
You love us as we smile and play,
you even love us when we say no and when we begin to stray.
As a parent loves their child as they see it become proud and tall,
so you love us even when we sin and fall.
Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way....*

Lord, hear our prayer...

*We thank you, God, for loving us when we are unloving,
for caring for us when we are uncaring,
and for calling to us when we go far away.*

Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way...

Lord, hear our prayer...

*Lord, hear our prayers of love this day for those around us,
for those we have held before you in our time of sharing,
and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring:
(add your own prayers)*

Lord, hear our prayer....

*We ask all these things
in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Scripture Passages: Psalm 86:1-10;16-17 & Genesis: 21:8-21

Sermon Title: Hearing the Voice

Hymns: O, Lord, Hear My Prayer, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, Open My Eyes, God will Take Care of You

Our Sunday worship will be at 10:30 am in the sanctuary at Port Byron First UMC or online

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Announcements:

Support the Detroit Team. Envelopes for the Detroit Team are available where you pick up bulletins. Drop them in the offering plate or the office. Gas is expensive! Thank you for being so supportive!

Book Club with Pastor Becky: Monday, June 22-Love is the Way Book Study 10 am. Read Chapters 3 & 4 beforehand. DROP IN ANY TIME you're available! Bring your own coffee/tea/juice/water. For those reading on their own, check your inboxes on Monday afternoon for a list of our discussion questions.

Chill Time with Pastor Becky: Monday, June 22nd at Cherry Flamingo from 1-3pm! Find Pastor Becky out back at the picnic tables to get your coupon for a free scoop, then come back to the picnic tables to visit. Open to youth, college students, and anyone else who wants/needs some ice cream!

Pastor Becky Conference Responsibilities: June 23 in Springfield, IL

Homemade Pie & Treat Sale! June 25th! 3:30pm-5:30pm. Whole pie \$20 or \$5 per slice! Choose from Apple, Cherry, Strawberry Rhubarb, or Fudge. Also available: Sugar Cookie Bar for \$5. Drive up to the church kitchen door and we will take your order! Better yet-**PRE ORDER** [Order Online | Port Byron First Pies](#)

No need to get out of your car!

Money raised will go into our Christmas Traditions Fund!

For more information, contact Alair Walkowicz or Amy Anderson.

Pastor Becky Vacation June 24-28

United Women in Faith-Meeting June 25th at 1:30pm

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 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 28-Pastor Ann Preaching

June 29-Love is the Way Book Study 10 am. Read Chapters 5&6 beforehand. Bring your own coffee/tea/juice/water

June 29-July 2- QC Youth Mission, Camp Milan, IL For Youth 6th-12th grade. Registration Deadline is June 22nd [Mission Retreat in the Quad Cities](#)

July 3-Pulse with Pastor Becky. She'll have an open tab for youth, college students, and anyone else who would like an item of their choice from Pulse! After you get your item, come and visit across the street at the Gazebo.

Looking Ahead:

July 6-Love is the Way Book Study 10 am. Read Chapters 7 & 8 beforehand. Bring your own coffee/tea/juice/water

July 7-Trustees meeting 7pm

July 12-Send off lunch after worship for the Detroit Team-make a final donation toward their travel expenses, write some notes/prayer to be given to the team during their week, and enjoy a time of fellowship and lunch as a church family.

July 26

- Bishop Bigham-Tsai Preaching
- Lunch to follow worship

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.