

Three Things Before Sunday

July 2, 2026

1. Happy approximately one-year anniversary to our parking lot! Since it has been a year, there will be one more sealing and a repainting of the lines happening Friday and Saturday. If you have something to do at the church, try to do so before Friday, and if you see cones in place, please avoid driving in those areas.
2. STAY FOR LUNCH this Sunday after worship! This will be an opportunity to "send off" our Detroit team, make a final contribution toward their traveling expenses, and write out some cards of encouragement/prayer to the team.
3. Check out the clipboard at the communications table and sign up for salads, fruit, and veggies for Sunday, July 26th, when Bishop Bigham-Tsai will be our guest preacher.

Sunday Morning Connection

Sunday, July 12, 2026 The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. **Amen.**

Scripture Passage: Romans 8:1-11

Sermon Title: Set Your Mind

Hymns: Open My Eyes, That I May See, Spirit of the Living God, Spirit Song

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

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Announcements:

It's Noisy Offering for Missions Day! Don't forget to grab your change!!

Lunch TODAY after Worship! Stay for a time of food, fellowship and support for our Detroit Mission Team!

Detroit Team Meeting Tonight at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Team members and a parent will hear all the final things they need to know before we go and fill out important paperwork. Bring insurance cards as we will need to attach a copy to the paperwork.

Book Club with Pastor Becky: Monday, July 13-Love is the Way Book Study, 10 am. Read Chapters 9 & 10 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 at Cherry Flamingo Tuesday July 14th from 1-3pm. Youth, young adults, or anyone who wants/needs some ice cream! Come find Pastor

Church Council Meeting Tuesday, July 14th 7pm

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:

July 19

- Detroit Team Departs
- Pastor Ann Champion Preaches

July 20-NO BOOK CLUB

July 23-United Women in Faith meeting at 1:30 pm

July 25-Detroit Team Returns home

July 26-

- Bishop Biggam-Tsai Preaching
- Lunch to follow worship

Looking Ahead:

July 27-Book Club with Pastor Becky. Read chapters 11, 12, and the appendix beforehand. This is our last session, if you've been reading and are available, JOIN US! Bring your own coffee/tea/juice/water

July 28-Finance Team Meeting 7pm

August 2-Communion Sunday

August 16-Summer Celebrations and Back to School Sunday!

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.