

**PORT BYRON FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

PRELUDE

\*LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the House of the Lord

**That we may stand in Your presence**

We cry out to the Holy One

**That we may receive Your pardon**

We are renewed in Your Spirit

**That we may live out Your love**

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN: "We Gather Together" UMH #131

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, I cannot count the times I have taken Your love for granted. The times that I have let the petty concerns of this world interfere with the eternal. Forgive me Lord. Help me to set my sights upon You. To see the eternal in the everyday. To seek after the love that first found me. To seek after the lost in that same love not as an afterthought but as your greatest commandment and my greatest desire.

**Rejoice for our Lord leaves the ninety nine to seek after the one. You are never an afterthought never abandoned or orphaned. You are a beloved of the most high made free in that love. A-men**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11:32 -12:2

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please sing "Jacob's Ladder" UMH #418 as the children come forward.

JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN: "Nearer My God to Thee"

UMH #528

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:15-22

MESSAGE: Making Bethel

\*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Sanctuary" FWS #2164 (*see insert*)

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

<https://www.facebook.com/PortByronFirstUnitedMethodist>

Port Byron First UMC Website: [www.firstumcpb.org](http://www.firstumcpb.org)

#### Attendance at Worship

8-10-2025 Attendance: Worship – 73

Wired Word: ; Spiritual Formation:

Loose Plate: \$ 141.00

Tithes & Offerings: \$205.00

TOTAL: \$346.00

**United Methodist Church Mission:** *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**Port Byron 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!

**LISTENING TOURS 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 four of these meetings: Monday, Aug. 18th at 10am, Friday, Aug. 22nd at 1 pm, Sunday, Aug. 24th at 2pm and Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 7pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the back and if these prove popular enough we will add more dates.

**Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Leader Training 6-8pm

**Thursday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>** – UWF Meeting 1:30pm at the Church. Program will be about the local food pantry.

**Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** - 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter after the home football game until 11:30 pm in the Pavilion. Ice Cream Floats and Sundaes!

**Sunday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** – UWF 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Meal will be after worship

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** GROW Kick off! Doors open at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00, Discipleship/Activities 7:30-8:30. Open to ALL students in 6th-12th grade. All students are encouraged to invite friends!

**Thursday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** - 6-8pm Kid Min Leader Training

**Sunday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** Children/Youth Discipleship Groups Kick off at 9:30 am

**Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Consecration Sunday. More information coming.