

**PORT BYRON FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

PRELUDE

\*LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in the House of the Lord

**Seeking His Holy Spirit**

We have gathered as sisters and brothers

**Made one by His Holy Spirit**

We have gathered for this hour

**That His Holy Spirit may guide us for a lifetime**

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" UMH #64

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalms 30:1-5, 11-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please sing "This Little Light of Mine" UMH #585 as the children come forward.

JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH#526

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 1:1-12

MESSAGE: Spiritual Sledgehammers

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, Lord of Heaven and Earth, You have loved us since before we were born. You have guided our every footstep and never led us astray. We know You guide us in love and for our welfare and not our detriment. Yet we rebel against Your love. We seek the idol promises of this world and reject Your Holy Word. Show us the way of grace. Show us the way of love. Show us the way back home. The we may see You face to face.**

Hear the Good News, Christ lived and died that we may know the depth of His love. That we may receive His grace as a free gift given that the world may know His love through us.

A-men

\*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*COMMUNION HYMN: "I Come with Joy" UMH#617

## 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

6-29-25 Attendance: Worship – 49

Wired Word: ; Spiritual Formation:

Loose Plate: \$49.00

Tithes & Offerings: \$3464.00

TOTAL: \$3513.00

**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 kid-friendly summer food items: cereal and single-serve meals. ***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!

Pastor Krey Leesman will begin his ministry with us on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will preach and preside over communion on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER BASH AT WHISPERING HILLS!**

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM. Walking tacos and hot dogs (for the kids) will be served. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall for items needed and to sign up to serve that night. Contact Sabra, Chad, Nancy, Rick or Deb Baker with questions.

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** -Pulse with Pastor Becky 1-3 pm-A youth and young adult event (however you want to define “young adult). Pastor Becky will have an open tab for the purchase of one item at Pulse. After you get your item, come to the gazebo across Route 84 near the river to say “HI!” and chat!

**Sunday, July 20-Friday July 25**-Pastor Becky Chaplain at East Bay Camp!

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**-United Women in Faith will meet at the church at 1:30pm and carpool to the Summit in Bettendorf to visit Char Williams.

**Sunday, July 27-Sunday, August 3**- Pastor Krey Chaplain at East Bay Camp!

## Update: Driveway & Parking Lot Fund Drive

In late February, the Trustees announced a fund drive to resurface our entire parking lot and both driveways. Based on current funding, the Trustees have explored alternative quotes for a lesser amount while having potential for the work to be completed this summer.

The Trustees asked several local contractors what they could do with \$50,000 starting with our key areas of concern. What we get with the new quotes is a new layer of asphalt on the half circle driveway, the entry from 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and a generous portion of the parking lot. We also get the rear portion of the parking lot sealed and the entire parking lot striped. This addresses the high traffic portion of our driveway, the garbage pickup area, the low spot in the circle drive near the playground, and the most frequently used portion of the parking lot. This round of work would not include the entry from Hillsdale Road.

If we can achieve our new \$50,000 goal by mid-July, we can get these key areas addressed this summer.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any of your church Trustees and know we appreciate any generosity.