

Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Summer Celebration and Back to School Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—*congregational responses in bold

Come, people of God, and let us celebrate the goodness of this summer season!

We give thanks for the ways God has been present among us—in laughter and learning, in service and fellowship, in friendships formed and memories made.

We celebrate the children, youth, families, volunteers, and leaders who have shared their gifts and opened their hearts.

We give thanks for the many ways God has been at work in and through our summer ministries.

As summer begins to give way to a new school year, we remember that God goes with us wherever we go.

God is with us in classrooms and hallways, on playgrounds and playing fields, in offices and homes.

Today we lift up teachers, administrators, staff, bus drivers, coaches, counselors, students, and families.

May God bless them with wisdom, patience, courage, compassion, and joy.

We come to this new season trusting that we do not walk alone.

For God is with us, God goes before us, and God calls us to be a community of love and grace.

So let us worship the God who has been with us through every season and who leads us faithfully into what comes next.

We give thanks for summer, we pray for the year ahead, and we worship the God who is always with us. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH#140

JOYS/CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CELEBRATION OF CAMP

CELEBRATION OF NEW LAY SERVANTS

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE IN DETROIT

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

PREPATORY HYMN They'll Know we are
Christians by our Love TFWS #2223 (Insert)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Joshua 1:9
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Colossians 3:12-17
- 1 Timothy 4:12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE As the children come forward,
please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only UMH#191

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

VIDEO

BLESSING OF STUDENTS

CLOSING HYMN God of All Learning
(lyrics can be found on the insert and on the screen. Sung to the
tune of “Morning has Broken”)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this
time center you to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead
Courageously** this week*

*After worship, please join us in the fellowship hall for Root Beer
Floats and Fellowship and a back-to-school service project for
teachers.*

Sunday, August 9, 2026

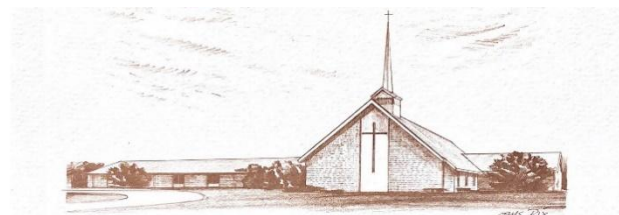
Attendance: 57

Tithes, Offerings, & Loose plate: \$2,196.00

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

United Methodist Church Vision: *The United Methodist
Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by
the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead
courageously in local communities and worldwide
connections.*

Port Byron 1st 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 Their creation.*

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