

Three Things Before Sunday

July 23, 2026

1. Bishop Keenetha Bigham-Tsai will be preaching at Port Byron First UMC and presiding over communion. It's a pretty big deal for a Bishop to come preach in a local congregation. Let's make it a big deal to be in worship together on Sunday!
2. It's such a big deal that our siblings at Fairfield UMC are canceling their Sunday worship service to join us at 10:30am at Port Byron First!! Who could you invite to join us?
3. Don't worry about lunch plans on Sunday! We have you covered!! The United Women in Faith are making Chicken Salad, there will be desserts and many of you have offered to bring sides!

Sunday will be a great day of worship! See you then!!!

Sunday Morning Connection

Sunday, July 26, 2026 The Nineth Sunday of Pentecost

Centering Prayer This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! As we prepare to gather with your Body today, help us to quiet our busy thoughts, lay aside our worries so that this morning our only focus is on giving you thanks for the goodness and grace of this week.

Scripture Passages: John 11: 17-21, 38-44; Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Sermon Title: Can Dry Bones Live?

Preacher: Bishop Bigham-Tsai

Hymns: O, For a Thousand Tongues We Sing; Surely The Presence; Let There Be Peace on Earth

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

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Announcements:

Bishop Bigham-Tsai is preaching today and presiding over communion. Fairfield UMC will be joining us in worship today too. Plan to stay for lunch following worship.

Book Club with Pastor Becky: 10am. Read Chapters 11, 12, and appendix of Love is the Way before coming.

Finance Team Meeting-7pm Tuesday, July 28th

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:

August 3-Pulse with Pastor Becky at the Gazebo. A tab will be open from 1-3pm. Youth, young adults, or anyone looking for a break in their day are invited to grab an item of their choice from Pulse and visit at the Gazebo across the

Looking Ahead:

August 9-End of Summer Youth Bash! Pizza and Mini Golf at Happy Joes in Coal Valley then Ice Cream next door at Country Style. Pizza and pop is covered. Bring money for mini golf and ice cream. Meet us in Coal Valley at 5pm. We will be done at 8pm .

August 16-Back to School Sunday!!! 1030 am! Service Project, Celebration of Summer, Prayer for the upcoming school year, root beer floats!

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.