

August 30th 2026

As we enter September and school is in full swing it is starting to feel like fall. Now if we could only convince the weather to feel like fall as well. I am personally praying for at least clear weather the next few days as we start again our Wednesday night youth group and have our second chance at a 5th quarter this Friday. We are also preparing for Sunday the 13th which will be both the kick off for our children's Sunday school but also our Consecration Sunday. So come and at least join us for lunch that Sunday.

As we are coming up on Consecrating Sunday this Sunday we are going to be looking at 2nd Corinthians where God calls us to be joyful givers. We are called to give with joy not out of obligation, guilt or social pressure. True giving an offering that is pleasing to God is one that comes from our heart that comes from truly wanting to do all we can to show others the love we have received So what does a joyful giver look like? How do I become one? Well join us this Sunday and hopefully I'll be able to answer those questions.

Sunday Morning Connection

Sunday, September 6th, 2026 The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SCRIPTURE: 2nd Corinthians 9:5-10

SERMON: A Joyful Giver

Hymns: Joyful Joyful #89

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service #581

I Come with Joy #617

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

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Announcements:

Sunday September 6th

Communion Sunday

THIS WEEK

Tuesday September 8th Nominations Committee meeting 6 pm

Church Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday September 9th GROW 6:30 pm

Thursday September 10th Listening Tour 10 am

COMING UP

Sunday September 13th Consecration Sunday

Sunday School Kickoff

Tuesday September 15th Budget Meeting 7-9:30 pm

Wednesday September 16th GROW 6:30 pm

Thursday September 17th Pie Sale ending at 5:30

Friday September 18th Baking Traditions Cookies 8:30 am

5th Quarter 9 pm

Saturday September 19th Listening Tour 11 am

Sunday September 20th Listening Tour 9:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD:

Consecration Sunday is coming up on Sunday the 13th of September we will be getting rsvp cards out to you all please respond so we know how many to plan for at lunch after the service. But, please even more be in prayer in the coming weeks to see what God is putting on your hearts where is God calling you to bless others with your time, talent and treasure

YOU'RE INVITED to be part of our GROW team this year! We are looking for people like YOU to partner with us by preparing/providing, serving, and sharing a meal with our mid-week program. This is a great way for you to connect, serve, and get to know our GROW community. Team up with your family, your friends, your bible study/small group, or ministry team! Check out the sign sheet located at the communication table in the Fellowship Hall.

GROW is a mid-week faith community for 6-12th graders. Each week students will Gather to build Relationships with God, adult leaders, and their peers to work together to reach Out in love to our community and to Worship and Wonder God together. Doors open at 6:30pm; Dinner is served at 7pm, Discipleship Activities and Small Groups 7:30-8:30pm. All youth in grades 6-12th are invited, welcome, and encouraged to bring a friend!

With our children and youth ministries beginning, we will be in need of donations of juice pouches and water bottles.

Youth and Children Discipleship Groups kicking off Sunday September 13th at 9:30am!!! Keep watching for more details!

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!

Church related questions, concerns or pastoral care needs? Contact:

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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.