



Who Are We?

We are a welcoming church that
wants everyone to know God's love.



Our Core Values

Love First Foster Belonging
Grace-Powered Hope, Help, and Healing

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome visitors – please take this opportunity to register your attendance
in the red attendance pads located in the pews.*

*CALL to WORSHIP:

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness.
Enter his presence with joyful songs.

**All: The Lord is God; it is he who made us; and we are his, his people, the
flock in his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, enter his courtyards with praise; give
thanks to him, and bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good, his grace continues forever, and his faithfulness
lasts through all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

*OPENING HYMN **TFWS 2031** *(sing twice)* **“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”**

OPENING PRAYER:

**Our God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted,
let your prophets' urgent voices pierce our hardened hearts
and proclaim the promise of your kingdom.**

**By the good news of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit,
let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to emancipation,
and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ.**

**We ask this through the One whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(see insert)*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

PSALM 50:1-8, 22-23 *(see insert)*

**Indicates stand as you are able.*

EPISTLE READING *(see insert)*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

GOSPEL READING *(see insert)*

Luke 12:32-40

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Matching Outfits”

Pastor Andy Petter

Good News: God delights to give the kingdom to the faithful.

*Discipleship: Be dressed for kingdom action – the actions of doing good, seeking justice,
rescuing those in need, and defending the helpless.*

My Response:

*HYMN of INVITATION

UMH 332

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER *(UMH 895)*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

**All things come from you, O God,
and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
that we might have abundant and eternal life.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all that you have done,
we offer ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to share in this grace with us,
whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all.*

*CLOSING HYMN

TFWS 2140

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Chris Miller

Do good, be rich in the good things you do, be generous, and share with others. When you do these things, you will save a treasure for yourselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way you can take hold of what is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Offerings may be placed in plates or given online through our website. Offerings can be made using electronic fund transfers from your bank account or by credit/debit card, with the option to be set as a recurring gift. Please go to <https://byronmn.umcchurches.org/giving>, or scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to the giving page.



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#### COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Aug. 10 – Roger Vick, Nancy White  
Aug. 17 – Al Miller, Marty Nelson  
Aug. 24 – Paul Riggs, Roger Vick  
Aug. 31 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

#### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Aug. 10 – Pastor Andy, Aubree/Gauge Hart  
Aug. 17 – Nancy White  
Aug. 24 – Chris Miller  
Aug. 31 – Pastor Andy

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# Byron United Methodist Church

*Be dressed  
for action  
and have your  
lamps lit*

LUKE 12:35



*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 10, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*

## TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### ***For those who need healing:***

God of compassion, source of life and health, strengthen, restore, and relieve those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially now: Ruth Wescott (cousin of Janet Sinning); Julie McCoy; Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); Suzy Anderson; Karin Byers; Loren Walters; Donna Walters; Claire Field; Nancy Kelly; Doris Frey; Treaver Bleichner (grandson of Julene Bleichner); Dick Hart (brother of Judy Luttmers); David Larsen, Calvin Bell, Vicki McIntosh, Paige Reder, Sara (granddaughter of Anita Carlson), Max Smith (family of Barb Smith), Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner), Debbie Webb, so that they may receive healing and help in You.

### ***For those who have died:***

Eternal God, by Your steadfast love, open Your arms of mercy to those who have died, especially now: Jim Miller (brother of Suzy Anderson); Kirsten Hart (mother of Aubree, Gauge and Hunter); Patricia Klingsporn; Debbie Schwartz (sister of Kathy Nerlien); Dan McCollough; Russ Wright; Anita Nelsen; Rev. Deanna Woodward (daughter of the late Kenneth and Lennis Sigrist); Greg Rud; Dawn Bidwell; Jean Franklin (mother of Rev. Sharon Nelson); Loyola Shappell, Dirk Dehn, Ron Fogelson (husband of Kay Fogelson); that they may find their place with You.

### ***For those who mourn:***

Gracious God, whose Son knew our sorrows, our tears, and our death, look with compassion on those who grieve, especially now: the family of Jim Miller; the family of Kirsten Hart; the family of Patricia Klingsporn; the family of Debbie Schwartz; the family of Dan McCollough; the family of Russ Wright; the family of Anita Nelsen; the family of Rev. Deanna Woodward; the family of Greg Rud; the family of Dawn Bidwell; the family of Jean Franklin; the family of Loyola Shappell; the family of Dirk Dehn; the family of Ron Fogelson; and all their friends who mourn with them, so that they may be comforted by Your sure presence and filled with hope in Your goodness.

### ***For the homebound, those in care facilities, and their caregivers:***

God of all seasons of life, bring comfort to those who are vulnerable, tired, or weak, especially now: Suzy Anderson, David Larsen, Nancy Kelly, Bette Josephson, Calvin Bell, Loren Walters, Donna Walters, Alan Bourquin, Debbie Byers, John Lloyd, Carol Ramthun, Barb Smith; so that they may be blessed and at peace each day. Inspire and encourage those who care for them, so that their work may be filled with grace and their love may be multiplied.

### ***For those who celebrate:***

God of blessing, we praise You for the joy we have received and the gift we have in one another. We lift up special thanks for those who celebrate milestones in life – birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, the birth of a child, graduations, promotions, and new jobs – and we ask Your continued blessing upon them, now and always.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in these prayers, please contact Pastor Andy directly at 210-288-9477 or [Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

**B.U.M.C. VBS '25 CAMP FIRELIGHT:** A summer camp adventure with God will be **August 10-14, 6-8 pm.** NOTE: On Sun., Aug. 10, come at 5:45 to meet other kids in your age group with fun activities. All children - preschool through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade - are invited to attend this fun-filled week. Invite a friend and get a DQ treat coupon! There is no cost to participate! To register, go to <https://www.myvbs.org/byronumc/>; scan the QR code, or contact Jessica Falk at 507-261-7966.



All are invited to attend the closing program for Vacation Bible School on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us to encourage and support the children as they grow in faith and love of God!

***Everyone is invited to help the Firelight Campers with their VBS Mission by donating school supplies from the supply list to complete 'Student Kits' for Midwest Mission.*** The supply list and collection baskets are in the narthex through VBS week. Take advantage of back-to-school sales as the summer progresses! Thank You!

**GRIEF GROUP:** Our next ***grief group meeting*** at Byron UMC is **Wed., Aug. 13, from 10-11 a.m.** The group offers opportunities to talk about things that cannot be discussed in other settings and to find others who can relate to their situation. For more information, please contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you all for your generous responses to our recent financial needs. Your support is deeply appreciated and helps sustain the ministries of our church. We are now keeping up with our ongoing bills and hope to return to paying on our yearly apportionments. – Finance Team

**WOMENS SHELTER AND SUPPORT CENTER:** Please support the ***Women's Shelter and Support Center*** in its mission of assisting victims of domestic abuse by donating household items for their use. Please check out the list of needed items located on the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, you can contact Janet Sinning at [jsinning@charter.net](mailto:jsinning@charter.net). Thank you for your donations.

**BEARPACK PROGRAM:** Byron UMC has pledged to give \$200 monthly (Sept. – May) toward the BearPack Program with Byron Schools. This program helps those families with children in need in our schools. ***Continuing for the summer months, all donations at coffee fellowship will help to build up this fund for fall.*** Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

**TRUSTEES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** The Trustees are always seeking volunteers for any variety of jobs from mowing the lawn, maintaining the flower bed, or any special inside cleaning or upkeep that either you see needing to be done and are willing to do. Use your time and talent to help keep your church in good shape. Contact Roger Vick with any questions or ideas.