Who Are We?

Our Core Values

We are a welcoming church that wants everyone to know God's love. 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: Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses

of the earth, God knows you.

All: Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Leader: Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down

again, God knows you.

All: Whatever we do, God knows our name.

Leader: However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in

between, God knows you.

All: However we live, God knows our name.

Leader: We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

All: We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by

God who knows our name!

(Lisa Hancock)

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 393

"Spirit of the Living God"

OPENING PRAYER:

All-knowing God, we gather with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves-all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us-ahead and behind-gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (see insert) Jeremiah 18:1-11

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (see insert)

*Indicates stand as you are able.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Philemon 1:1-21

HYMN UMH 382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

GOSPEL READING (see insert)

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON "The Kingdom's Cost"

Pastor Andy Petter Good News: Jesus plants a kingdom with his self-giving love.

Discipleship: Build up the kingdom by following the disciples' path, giving all you have

and all you are for Christ.

My Response:

*HYMN of INVITATION

TFWS 2152

"Change Mv Heart. O God"

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 & HEALING and ANOINTING

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 2190

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Cheryl DeLeeuw

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.



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Sept. 7 – Roger Vick, Nancy White Sept. 14 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs

Sept 21 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

Sept. 28 – Al Miller, Marty Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Sept. 7 - Cathy Huntoon

Sept. 14 – need volunteer (RSW)

Sept. 21 – Aubree / Gauge Hart

Sept. 28 – need volunteer

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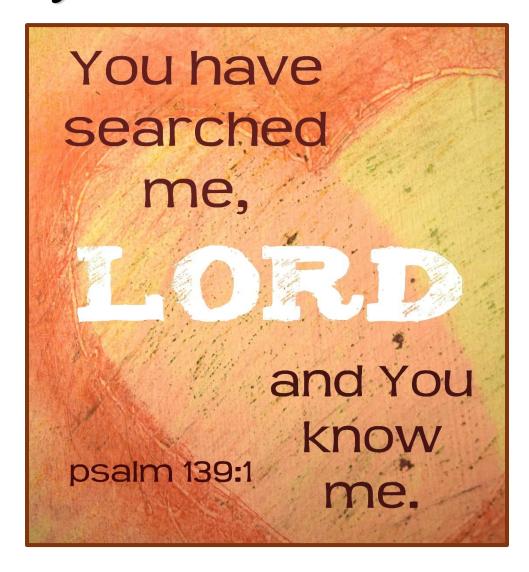
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Byron United Methodist Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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 Bourguin, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-2026: Sunday School start date is Sept. 7. We have classes for pre-K to 1st grade, 2nd to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade, and youth. All are welcome! If you have any questions or would be interested in helping with Sunday school, please speak with Kelly VanDeWalker.

READY, SET, WORSHIP! and LIFT: Ready, Set, Worship! starts again on Sunday, September 14th. Note that we are moving this service to the second Sunday of the month. Also, we are starting a new program to follow RSW! called LIFT (Living in Faith Together) that will replace the Ready, Set regular Sunday school and coffee fellowship. As with RSW!, LIFT will be



for people of all ages. Lunch will be included as part of LIFT as we play together, pray together, study God's word together, and eat together as a church family.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT: The Grace Notes Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm. We are glad to be welcoming Joe Kelley back as the choir director! If you would like to sing with us, feel free to show up for rehearsal. Please contact Pastor Andy with any questions.

GRIEF GROUP: Our next grief group meeting at Byron UMC is Wed., Sept. 10th, 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. The scope of the group is helping others find comfort, healing and relationships through conversations and fellowship with others. For more information, please contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

BEARPACK PROGRAM: Byron UMC continues its pledge 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. All donations at coffee fellowship time go toward this fund. Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Marty Nelson for all his mowing during the hottest months this summer, and also to Adam Falk for filling in for Marty. Thank you to Paul Riggs for his painting project of church side doors, and to both Paul and Ann Riggs for their help in cleaning while the custodian was on vacation.

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. Thank you for your donations.