

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 **"Seek Ye First"** Grace Notes Choir

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 (Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto):

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who
made God's stories come alive for us.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians
who sang and played your praises.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the
years.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who
showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We
remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew
our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here
today.

**All: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with
us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!**

*OPENING HYMN **UMH 712** **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

*OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect

in one communion and fellowship,

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace

so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living,

that we may come to those unspeakable joys,

which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you;

through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (see insert)

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

PSALM 149

*HYMN

UMH 139

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Ephesians 1:11-23

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

Grace Notes Choir

GOSPEL READING (see insert)

Luke 6:20-31

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Saints and Beasts"

Pastor Andy Petter

*Good News: Jesus blesses the holy ones with a glorious inheritance and warns the
beasts of the judgment that awaits them.*

*Discipleship: Receive Jesus' blessing and use it to bless the world through love and
good works.*

My Response:

*HYMN of INVITATION

TFWS 2219

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

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 and REMEMBRANCE of THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

*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.*

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*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 61

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Joe Kelley

**Indicates stand as you are able.*

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:**

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

Nov. 2 – Cathy Huntoon  
Nov. 9 – NO Communion  
Nov. 16 – Aubree / Gauge Hart  
Nov. 23 – Chris Miller  
Nov. 30 – Pastor Andy

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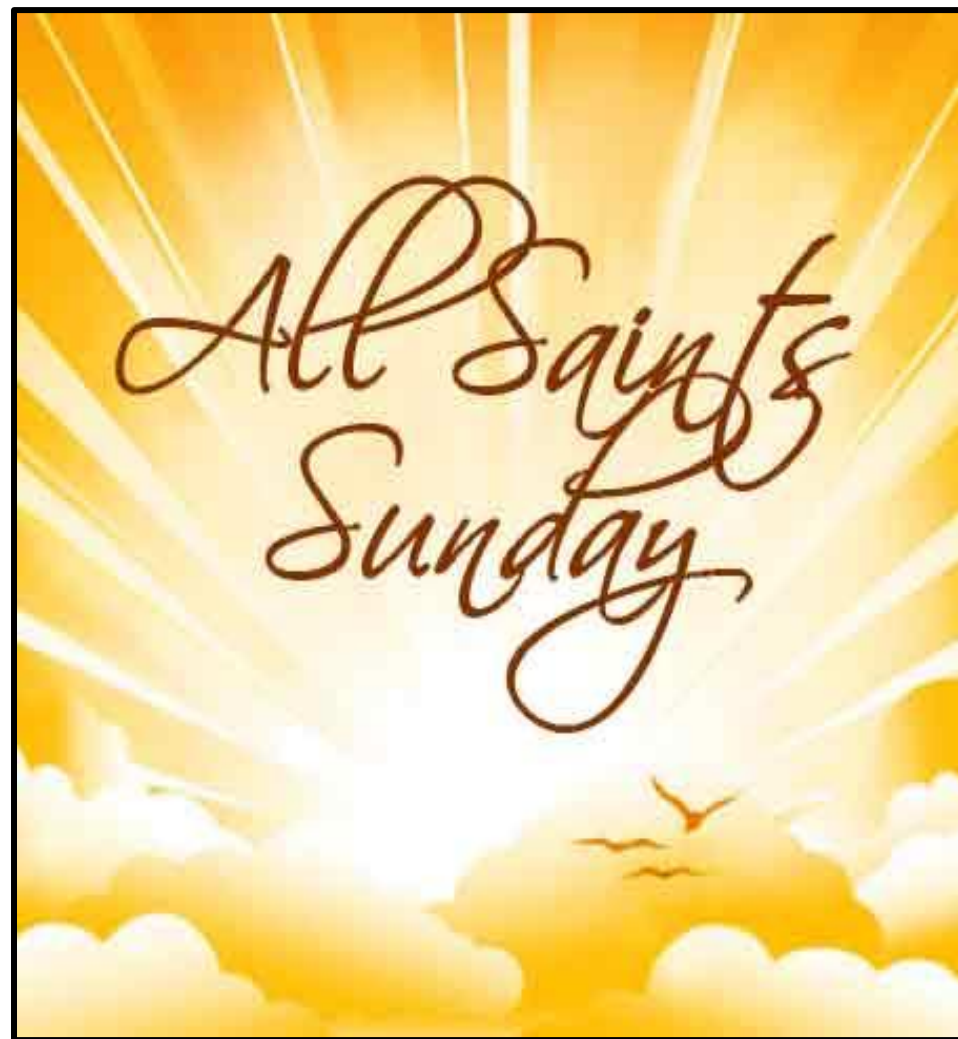
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# Byron United Methodist Church



*November 2, 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; Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; 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), 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: Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner); Loren Walters; Jared White; Jim Miller (brother of Suze 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 Sandy Fitzpatrick; the family of Wayne Petersen; the family of Loren Walters; the family of Jared White; 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: Suze Anderson, David Larsen, Nancy Kelly, Bette Josephson, Calvin Bell, 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.Petters@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Petters@gmail.com).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

**APPORTIONMENTS UPDATE:** This year, our church's apportionment goal is \$15,407, and as of October 1, 2025 we have contributed \$7,703, (half of the full year amount). To meet our commitment, we are asking every member to prayerfully consider giving an additional gift toward apportionments before December 31, 2025, so we can successfully fulfill this commitment. Every contribution—large or small—makes a real difference. Together, we can meet this goal and demonstrate our shared commitment to God's mission through our wider church. Thank you for your continued generosity, faithfulness, and love. Your giving helps us be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

**READY, SET, WORSHIP! and LIFT:** Our next *Ready, Set, Worship!* and *LIFT* service is **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our new program to follow *RSW!* is called *LIFT (Living in Faith Together)* that replaces the regular Sunday school and coffee fellowship. As with *RSW!*, *LIFT* is for people of all ages. Lunch is included as part of *LIFT* as we play together, pray together, study God's word together, and eat together as a church family.



**GRIEF GROUP:** Our next grief group meeting at Byron UMC is **Wed., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

**BYRON UMC ANNUAL REPORTS:** If anyone would like a copy of reports given at the Charge Conference, there are some packets available in the narthex.

**CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Grace Notes Choir have weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. If you would like to sing with us, feel free to show up for rehearsal. Please contact Pastor Andy with any questions.

**COMMIT TO A COVENANT GROUP:** New covenant small groups will be starting before the end of the year. Make a commitment to join by turning in the commitment card you received at the Covenant Sunday service or by speaking with Pastor Andy.

**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!

**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.