

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:

Roger Vick

Leader: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

All: And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

Leader: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

All: By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

Leader: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

All: For this, we give You thanks and praise.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 558

"We Are the Church"

OPENING PRAYER:

Ann Riggs

O God, the Holy Spirit,

come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us;

come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh;

Convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives

to our great good and to thy greater glory;

And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

PSALM 121

UMH 844

Ann Riggs and Sara Weis

HYMN

UMH 331

"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Ephesians 3:14-21

Ann Riggs

GOSPEL READING (see insert)

John 14:15-31

SERMON "Together By Grace: Be Strong in the Spirit"

Pastor Andy Petter,
Kelly VanDeWalker,
Chris Miller

*Good News: God's grace empowers us to do more as the Church than we can possibly
imagine by the love of Christ that is greater than we can possibly know.*

*Discipleship: Keep Jesus' commandments to love God and to love all and be attentive to
the power of the Holy Spirit within to lead us as the Church in living out our faith in action.*

My Response:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN of INVITATION

UMH 347

"Spirit Song"

PRAYER TIME and the LORD'S PRAYER

Holly Rolandson

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 2162

"Grace Alone"

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Chris Miller

Greeters: Marlene Abel and Dawn Bowe

**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:

Oct. 26 – Roger Vick, Nancy White

#### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Oct. 26 – Cathy Huntoon  
Nov. 2 – *need volunteer*  
Nov. 9 – No Communion  
Nov. 16 – Aubree / Gauge Hart  
Nov. 23 – *need volunteer*  
Nov. 30 – Pastor Andy

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# Byron United Methodist Church

LAITY  
SUNDAY  
2025

Together  
*by Grace*

Be STRONG in the Spirit

EPH  
3:16  
(NRSV)



<sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

October 26, 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; Suzy 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 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 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: Suzy 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.Petter@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Byron UMC will be joining with other area UMC churches in a Cluster Charge Conference to be held **today, October 26, 2025 at 2 p.m.** at Christ UMC in Rochester. All are invited to attend.

**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* is **Sunday, November 9**. 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.



**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-2026:** We have classes for pre-K to 1st grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.