

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

*CALL to WORSHIP:

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 408

"The Gift of Love"

OPENING PRAYER:

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.**

**Let inward love guide every deed;
by this may we worship and be freed. Amen.**

(adapted from Hal Hopson, 1972)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(see insert)*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Indicates stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dee Dee Hart

GOSPEL READING *(see insert)*

Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

"Our Guy Jesus"

Pastor Andy

*HYMN of INVITATION

TFWS 2213

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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

UMH 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

Byron United Methodist Church

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:

- Feb. 2 – Paul Riggs, Roger Vick
- Feb. 9 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson
- Feb. 16 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
- Feb. 23 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

- Feb. 2 – Cathy Huntoon
- Feb. 9 – Pastor Andy, Gauge Hart, Nathan & Bob Kramer - (servers for Scout Sunday)
- Feb. 16 – need volunteer
- Feb. 23 -- need volunteer

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 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: Roger Sinning; Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Loren Walters; Donna Walters; Jim Miller (brother of Suze Anderson); 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: 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, George Beech; 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 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 George Beech; 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: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

CHURCH VISIONING DISCUSSION: Please join us today following worship for a Town Hall Visioning Discussion. The topic will be our church building, its condition, and possible ways that we can use it more effectively to serve our community and our ministries. All are invited to participate.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Next Sunday, Feb. 9, everyone is invited to celebrate Karin Byers 90th birthday during fellowship time with cake being served. Please stop in and wish Karin a happy birthday!

GRIEF GROUP: Our next ***grief group meeting*** at Byron UMC is **Wed., Feb. 12th 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.

NEW WAYS to PARTICIPATE in 2025: *Covenant Small Groups* - A Covenant Accountability small group is an hour-long, weekly gathering of five to eight people who develop a covenant together and meet with the expressed purpose of holding one another accountable – WITH MUTUAL LOVE AND SUPPORT – to a commitment to discipleship.

New Ministry Teams - Would you be willing to serve with the Worship Team or the Foster Belonging Team? By joining a ministry team, you are not obligated to serve for a certain term – you can come and go as you see fit.

Please connect with Pastor Andy with questions, comments, or an intention to participate.

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 items needed located on the box in the narthex. **Some special Wish List items:** for adults – bathrobes, pajamas, manicure sets, gift cards, bath sets, slippers, perfume, journals, adult coloring books and colored pencils. For children – infant/toddler toys; science kits; sporting goods; play food sets; Barbie dolls; multi-cultural dolls; headphones; coloring books; games/puzzles; educational toys; electronic games; craft paints; wood building kits; activity gift cards; Mega blocks; remote control vehicles; fidgets. if you have any questions, you can contact Janet Sinning at jsinning@charter.net. Thank you for your donations.

BEARPACK PROGRAM: Byron UMC continues its commitment to giving \$200 monthly toward the BearPack Program with Byron Schools. This program helps those families with children in need in our schools. *All donations at coffee fellowship will help fund this pledge.* Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

FELLOWSHIP TIME: There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the dining room to volunteer to prep coffee, cookies, donuts, etc. for coffee time on Sundays. Please sign up in advance as it's very helpful for us to know the upcoming Sundays are covered. Please contact the coordinator, Sue Vick, with any questions. Thank you to all who serve in Fellowship time.