



Who Are We?



Our Core Values

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

Love First
Grace-Powered

Foster Belonging
Hope, Help, and Healing

↑ Indicates stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 149):

ONE: Sing praise in the congregation.

**ALL: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the
assembly of the faithful.**

ONE: Let people be glad in their creator; let the children of Zion rejoice in their
King.

**ALL: Let people praise God's name with dancing, making melody to Him
with tambourine and lyre.**

ONE: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people.

**ALL: God adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let
them sing for joy on their words. Amen.**

↑ OPENING HYMN **UMH 526** **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

OPENING PRAYER:

**Dear God, we gather before You with grateful hearts. As Jesus fed His
disciples with the Bread and the Cup of salvation, we gather around the
Communion Table to fellowship and share in Christ. At Christ's Table, we are
one Body in Christ, united by the same faith, the same baptism, and the same
calling. We praise You for the many ways Your faithfulness sustains us. May
Your presence and Your Word feed our souls with the Bread of Life and the
Cup of salvation. Receive our praises and our prayers. Where we face
discouragement, fill us with hope. Where there is worry, fill us with peace.
Where there is disagreement, teach us to listen. Where we doubt, increase
our faith. Take our worship and our lives and use them for Your glory. May
we build together a love that works, a sense of belonging, a healing
community, and a redeeming hope in God. Through Jesus' name, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another
has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall
not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does
no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake
from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the
night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and
put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and
drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and
jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh,
to gratify its desires.

*This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. AMEN.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

(As Children Gather **TFWS 2056** **"God Is So Good"**)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two
of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are
not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be
confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen
to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,
let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything
you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are
gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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↑ HYMN

UMH 351

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

SERMON

"Love that Works"

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY **UMH 95** ***“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Restoring God, thank You for seeing us as we are and meeting us in the movement of our days. Help us to owe love to one another as Jesus taught us. Bless us and shape our lives to reflect Your faithful love and for one another. Mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy. Gather us into people shaped by Your grace. As You delivered people at Passover, as You taught Your church to seek peace with one another, teach us to live in Love that heals every day—clothed in patience, truth, grace, and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in Your saving power and our commitment to Your work of healing and restoration. Use our offerings to mend what is broken, to welcome those who feel outside, and to build a community where hope has the final word. In Christ’s name, Amen.

(based on Ex.12, and Matt.18)

↑ SONG **TFWS 2223** ***“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”***
(vs. 1-3)

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Song as Elements are served **TFWS 2226** ***“Bind Us Together”***)

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

↑ CLOSING HYMN **TFWS 2130** ***“The Summons”***

BENEDICTION:

Go forth in peace, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace, Love and Serve God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship / Service Leaders:

Pastor -- Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

Music / Pianist – Tiffany Betcher

Scripture Reader – Pastor Bea

Communion Steward – Cathy Huntoon

Streaming / Sound / Slides -- Paul Riggs

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

COMMUNITY MEAL – ‘COME, BE FED’: A new BUMC free monthly meal ministry, “Come, Be Fed”, will begin **Thursday, Sept. 17** and continuing the third Thursday of each month. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and serving is from 5-6 p.m. We are so grateful for the support of our vision to build community, to show God’s love around our tables as we offer a meal. Help us spread the word to the community as **Sept. 17** draws near. -- Chris Miller, “Come, Be Fed” Team Leader

READY, SET, WORSHIP: Ready, Set, Worship! will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will start the following Sunday, Sept. 20th from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENT: Confirmation class, 8th grade through 12th grade, starting September 20th at 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

GRIEF GROUP: The Grief Group will **resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 10-11 a.m.** and continue the second Wednesday of every month. 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 Marlene Abel or Pastor Bea.

COVENANT GROUP: The Thursday evening Covenant Group invites you to consider trying out discipleship in the Methodist way by joining them for a trial session. Participate in a couple of meetings to see what it's like and then decide if you are ready to make this covenant commitment. The group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Speak with Kelly VanDeWalker for details.

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 and personal items for their use. **NEW** items only please. Check out the list on the box in the narthex of needed items. You can contact Janet Sinning with questions at jksinning@outlook.com. Thank you for your donations.

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: Mike Hudson (brother-in-law of JudyLaine Luttmers); Mike Nerlien; Claire Field; Jaxson Clark; Rev. Beth Perez; Jeff Schmidt (son-in-law of Anita Carlson); Ruth Wescott (cousin of Janet Sinning); Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Donna Walters; 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 and for those who mourn:

Eternal God, by your steadfast love, open your arms of mercy to those who have died, that they may find their place with you, and look with compassion on those who grieve, that they may be comforted by your sure presence and filled with hope in your goodness, especially now: Carol Ramthun; Marlene Sovereign (mother of Sue Vick); Julie McCoy; 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).

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, 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 the church office at byronumchurch@gmail.com or 507-775-6610.

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.

Go to <https://www.byronunitedmethodist.org> or scan the QR code to be directed to the giving page.



Byron United Methodist Church

*The Body of Christ
given for you.*



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Sept. 6 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs
Sept. 13 – Al Miller, Nancy White
Sept. 20 – Marty Nelson, Roger Vick
Sept. 27 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

September 6 – Cathy Huntoon
October 4 -- need **volunteer**

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*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday*

September 6, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.