



Who Are We?

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



Our Core Values

Love First
Grace-Powered
Foster Belonging
Hope, Help, and Healing

↑ Indicates stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome all – please take this opportunity to register your attendance in the red attendance pads located in the pews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99):

ONE: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Holy is He!

ALL: Mighty God, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

ONE: Extol the LORD our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is God!

ALL: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests; Samuel also was among those who called on God's name. They cried to the LORD, and God answered them.

ONE: God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept God's decrees and the statutes that He gave them.

ALL: O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them--Extol the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy. Amen.

↑OPENING HYMN

UMH 399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

↑OPENING PRAYER:

O God, our guide and our redeemer, You have led us apart from the busy world into this quiet of Your Sanctuary. Today, we praise You in the unity of Your love. Grant us grace to worship You in Spirit and in truth, to give our hearts to You, to the comfort of our souls. Enable us to do more perfectly the service to which You have called each one of us. Provide us such piety of soul and strength of purpose, that no distracting desire prevents us from knowing Your will and no fear from doing it. May we, as a church continue to

grow in faith and to pass on the faith to others. Open our hearts to receive Your Word and Your blessings. May our worship give glory to Your name. Fill this sanctuary with Your Holy Spirit. Renew our faith, restore our hope, and our image in You. In Your light may we see life clearly and, in Your service, may we find perfect freedom in Your love. Help us to worship You not with our lips at this worship, but in word and actions all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ancient Words"

Grace Notes Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23 (CEB)

Moses said to the Lord, "Look, you've been telling me, 'Lead these people forward.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. Yet you've assured me, 'I know you by name and think highly of you.' Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people." The Lord replied, "I'll go myself, and I'll help you." Moses replied, "If you won't go yourself, don't make us leave here. Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth".

The Lord said to Moses, "I'll do exactly what you've asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glorious presence." The Lord said, "I'll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I'll proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord.' I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. But," the Lord said, "you can't see my face because no one can see me and live." The Lord said, "Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible."

*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 2086

"Open Our Eyes")

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked. “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

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↑HYMN **UMH 369** **“Blessed Assurance”**

SERMON **“Give God Your Heart”** Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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.

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

Gracious God, we worship You with our hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for giving us Jesus and one another. Thank You for creating us in Your Image and breathing life into each of us. Generous God, You choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines with Your love. We thank You for the gift of belonging into Your Kingdom—for the call to live our faith in ways that overflow outward into the lives of others. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to Your grace, and our commitment to Your work of healing and hope. Use us and these offerings to encourage the weary, to welcome the seeking, and to strengthen Your church as a living example of love and hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us to heal the world. Amen. (based on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

↑CLOSING HYMN

UMH 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

BENEDICTION:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. May you continue to be rooted in Jesus. Go in peace, Love and Serve God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship / Service Leaders:

Pastor -- Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania
Music / Pianist – Joe Kelley & Chris Miller
Scripture Reader – Pastor Bea
Streaming / Sound / Slides – Roger Vick

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.



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Oct. 18 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
Oct. 25 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

November 1 – Leah Fritze
December 6 – Julie Caulfield
January 3 – Cathy Huntoon

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Byron United Methodist Church

**“Give to Caesar what is
Caesar’s,
and give to God what is
God’s.”**

Matthew 22:21

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE: Our 2026 Church Conference is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, October 25** as a Cluster Conference at Christ UMC in Rochester at 400 5th Ave. SW, Rochester from **3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** It is requested that at least three people or more attend with the pastor. Please email or call the church if you would like to attend. Thank you to those who will be attending.

NEW STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY: Watch for upcoming news of a stewardship drive focusing on God, Giving, and Gratitude (3G). Starting November 1st, we will begin the series on God's generosity and our response for faithful giving to support God's ministries at Byron UMC. Please pray for this ministry. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, contact Pastor Bea.

NEED A RIDE TO VOTE?: If anyone needs a ride to the polls on Nov. 3 or for early voting, Cathy Huntoon is available. You can contact Cathy at 507-635-3229 or 507-206-1482.

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. The group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Speak with Kelly VanDeWalker for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. We have classes for pre-K to 1st grade, 2nd to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade, and youth. All are welcome! **No Sunday School today, October 18.** If you have any questions or would be interested in helping with Sunday school, please speak with Kelly VanDeWalker.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation class, 8th grade through 12th grade, continues Sundays from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

BEARPACK PROGRAM: Byron UMC continues its partnership with Byron Schools by donating to the Bearpack Program. 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 need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

WOMENS SHELTER AND SUPPORT CENTER: You can 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; 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: James Stucky (father of Dee Dee Hart); Carol Ramthun; Marlene Sovereign (mother of Sue Vick); Julie McCoy; Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); 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.