



New Glimpses

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From Pastor Carol

This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. ~ Amos 8:1

It is such a joy to be your Interim Minister! This summer has been active and fruitful, with more to come! August is always one of our busiest and best months. Aug. 3rd is Communion Sunday; the Shepherd. Aug. 10th we will enjoy And along with Larisa Chmielewski at the piano.



Aug. 11th -15th is Vacation Bible School at Sun Valley Church. (4-8pm with supper served) The VBS theme: "Magnified: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things". The Scripture verse is "Proclaim the LORD's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together." ~ Psalm 34:3.

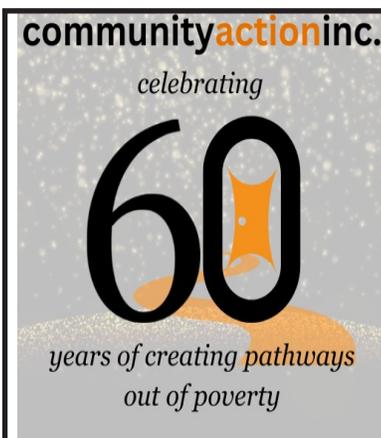
August 17 is our VBS Outdoor worship 10:30am at Sun Valley. We get to hear what the kids have been learning and all the fun music we have that week too! Sunday, August 24th will be Beth Pohl on piano. Theme: Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Aug. 31st is Jesus the Vine.

Everyone is welcome for all these worship services and events!

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If you are not a current active member of United Church of Beloit, we would love to help you join our church family. Just mention it to Pastor Carol or Jim Coutts (Moderator) or Laura Erickson (Church Clerk). As a member you are entitled to vote at congregational meetings and perhaps serve on a board or committee some day. Most importantly, you will be a member of a loving, mission-oriented church community.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

This year UCB and other churches are partnering to support Community Action and the School District of Beloit event to give supplies and many resources to local families. We will have a "Black Kettle Collection" to donate money to help out.

Save the Date! Join us for a fun, free, and family-friendly event designed to support students and families as they gear up for the new school year. This event is hosted in partnership with the [School District of Beloit](#) and many wonderful local

organizations.

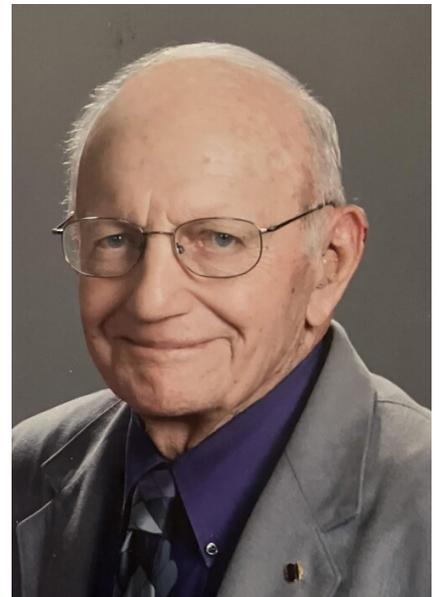
Event Details: Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Beloit Memorial High School
1225 Fourth Street, Beloit, WI 53511

Let's come together to uplift our students and celebrate the new school year with health, happiness, and community spirit!

Benjamin “Bennie” Harder, 97, of South Beloit, passed away on July 16, 2025 at Beloit Senior Living surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 28, 1928 in Reinach, Switzerland to the late Henry and Elsie (Heidger) Harder. Bennie was a proud Army veteran stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict. He married Elizabeth “Betty” Erickson on April 27, 1951 in Neillsville, WI. Together they shared 74 years of marriage. Bennie was a home delivery milkman for over 50 years for Dougan Dairy, and then Wright & Wagner, winning their salesman of the year 7 straight years in a row. He purchased his route in 1972 and was self employed until his retirement.



A memorial service will be held at 12:00PM on Saturday, August 16th at BRIAN MARK FUNERAL HOME, 1000 E Inman Pkwy, Beloit, WI. with Chaplain Mark Maxted officiating. Visitation will take place from 10AM until the time of service. Military honors will take place following the service. The family is being assisted by ROSMAN & BRIAN MARK FUNERAL HOME.

**BENJAMIN "Bennie" HARDER
FEB., 28, 1928-JULY 16, 2025**

{For the full obituary or for online condolences: <https://www.rosmanfuneralhome.com/> or <https://www.brianmarkfh.com/> }

Thank You For Your Service



Congratulations to Gwen Rusmiser on earning a Master's Degree in Education from Viterbo University.



Pictured with Gwen are her husband Savvas Mourtzis and children Eleni, Theo and Alec. (Alec was being shy for the camera.)



Musical Notes

This summer we have been blessed to have a nice variety of music here at United Church. Jodie Forrey formed a bell choir who played “Jesus Loves Me” one Sunday, then we all sang it too. They hope to play again soon, rehearsals are Sundays downstairs at coffee hour.

Anastasia (Ani) Sieren formed a vocal choir. We have had great participation, and a lot of fun. Ani is patient and quite helpful with our varied abilities. She will head back to college (Viterbo University) with good experience towards her future career. Thank you Ani!

Vocal music choir, Directed by Anastasia Sieren (seated in front of her Grandfather Ian Stirrat)



Jodie Forrey directing our handbell choir: Left-Right, Kim, Andy, Nathan, Crystal, Joy.





*Thank you so very much,
Iris Campton,
for planting and caring for the
Petunia flower bed!*

PRAYER CORNER



Please pray for educators, administrators, and support staff as they prepare for a new school year.

Mission Moments

Are you looking for ways to help our community? Volunteering even an hour or two each month can make a difference! Many local organizations are seeking volunteers. Among them are:

Meals on Wheels, Address: 1534 Shore Dr, Beloit, WI
Phone: (608) 362-3683

Caritas Food Pantry & Diaper Bank, 2840 Prairie Ave, Beloit, WI (608) 362-4403

Salvation Army, 628 Broad St. Beloit, WI.
(608) 346-7129

Family Services, 416 College Street, Beloit, WI
(608) 365-1244

SUMMER WIND-DOWN

As summer begins to wind down, college students are preparing to return to their dorm rooms, little boys and girls are excited to go to school for the very first time, and teachers are preparing to get back into lesson planning (Ugh!) Well before we get to all of that, let's focus on the fun stuff we still have coming up here in our city!

Downtown Farmer's market

Will continue every Saturday, through October, from 8 a.m.-1p.m, downtown Beloit. It draws over 4,000 visitors each week on State Street and Grand Avenue. With over 130 vendors participating, it's the second-largest farmers' market in Wisconsin. Rain or shine, this award-winning tradition ensures an exciting experience for all.

Tours at Beckman Mills

The mill, gift shop, and museum are open every Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., May 3rd through October 26th, 2025. Corn Grinding and Blacksmith Demonstrating will be featured on the first Saturday of every month. Beckman Mills is located; 11600 S. County Road H, Beloit, WI., info@beckmanmill.org

Downtown Beloit Street Dance will be held on Saturday, August 1st in downtown Beloit (of course). There will be opening bands from 5:30-7:30pm. At 8:00pm the headliner will hit the stage. Put on your comfortable shoes and dance the night away. There will be food, drinks and lots of music!

Rock on the River

Christian music festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10, 2025 at the Harry C. Moore Pavilion. The two-day event will be filled with praise, prayer and community. Admission is free. All you need to bring is yourself, a blanket, and a folding chair. Free food and drinks will be provided. For more details go to overflowingcup.org.

77th Annual VFW Corn Boil will be held on Sunday, August 10th from 12:00 noon, (until there's no more corn.) Location: 2711 Afton Road.

There's still lots of summer fun, so take a deep breath and let end summer with a bang!



Gloria Mathews	August 2
Laurie Showers	August 7
Sheila Wessels	August 9
Thais Parkinson	August 10
Jean Reichard	August 11
Jeffrey Richards	August 14
Kathy Harman	August 15
Isabella Moore	August 15
Jackson Moore	August 15
Lisa Moore	August 18
Laura Erickson	August 21
Scott Reichard	August 25
Al Bach	August 27



Gary and Marilyn Cook	8/11
Roy and Janet Hahn	8/17
David & Stephanie Dobson	8/24
Steve and Jo Erkel	8/28
Steve and Lynn Ferger	8/31



**Sunday, August 3:
Communion Sunday**

**Wednesday, August 6:
Church Life Board, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 10:
Deacons Outreach Board ,
11:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, August 12:
Finance & Facilities Via Zoom
6:30 p.m.**

**Monday-Friday, August 11-15:
Vacation Bible School at Sun Valley,
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 14:
Men's Breakfast/Bible Study,
8:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, August 17:
Outdoor Worship at Sun Valley,
10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, August 20:
Governing Council, 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August: 27
Women's Circle meets, 5:30 p.m.
(To Be Determined)**

Name: _____ Date: _____



AUGUST Word Search Puzzle



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Find these words related to the month of August

BOAT	KAYAK	SUN	WARM
GARDEN	BARBECUE	SHADE	LAKE
CAMPFIRE	OCEAN	VACATION	TOWEL
BIKING	CANOE	SWIMSUIT	POOL
FLOATIE	PICNIC	SWIMMING	PARK
FISHING	BEACH	POPSICLES	CAMPING
RIVER	ICE (as in ice cream)	READING	SUNSET
AUGUST			



The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.



Wisconsin Congregational
Association Campers
2025

Wisconsin Congregational Association Campers! They spent a week at Mt. Morris (near Wautoma WI), renewing faith and friendships.

L-R, Trey Beasley, Lisa Moore (kitchen help), Kayla Beasley, and Jackson Moore (Counselor)

They appreciate our prayers and support.

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Financial Secretary Valerie Fjalstad

Church Secretary Michelle Bullock

Custodian Savvas Mourtzis

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