



New Glimpses

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A Word From: Pastor Jamieson

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November 2025 Sermon Line Up:

- We have many great sermons and community events ahead this month and we hope you can come.
- November 2 – All Saints’ / Souls’ Day
Luke 19:1-10
Life Lessons from the Tree Tops
- November 9 – Stewardship Sunday
Job 19:23-27
Life Lessons from the Valley Floor
- November 16 – Veteran’s Blessing
Luke 21:5-19
Ultra-Marathon Faith
- November 23 – Pastor Carol Preaching
- November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent
Romans 13:8-14
Restless Hearts No Longer Sleep Alone

Several years ago, I read an excellent book called “*The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession, and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke*”, written by Andrew Lawler. It chronicles of one of the earliest English settlements in North America. Lawler’s research brings to life the arduous tasks a group of English settlers endured to establish a colony in the Outer Banks area of North Carolina in 1587, a decade before Jamestown in Virginia. After years of struggle, the colony’s governor sailed back to England for supplies promising to return as soon as possible. Several delays of all kinds prevented his return for two years. When he finally did, the colony was completely gone: There was no trace of it or its people anywhere. Everything they worked so hard for simply disappeared.

The fate of one of this first British colony remains a mystery. Untold numbers of cities, buildings, and other man-made structures have fallen to time. Ruins of forgotten people are dug up every day. But one thing that still stands strong is the church, no matter the tides or time. Therefore, we give thanks that God, through the Holy Spirit, has blessed us to carry the Gospel forward headlong into the headwinds of this world. And it is through the church embodied in the United Church of Beloit that the saints and believers have carried the Gospel forward since 1839. For 186 years, the building that stands on the corner St. Lawrence Ave. and Bluff St. has been the means that God’s good news of grace, love, and forgiveness has poured out into the community. But it isn’t the building that did this work, it is the people that stewarded its resources towards God’s purpose.

All of us are stewards of the gifts that God blesses us with so that others may be blessed, too. A steward ensures that God’s gift will be used for the advancement of God’s kingdom. Prayerful discernment told us we want to continue God’s work in this building for another generation. That means we need to continue the good and proper stewardship of it through maintenance, ensuring the missions the church supports are fully resourced, and setting a vision for the future so the next generation are empowered to continue this work.

The Bible tells us that, “*Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.*” – 1 Peter 4:10. Let us not surrender to the tide and time of history but keep faith that God has called the people of the United Church of Beloit to a special place in the church that transcends time. It is no coincidence that November is both stewardship month and Thanksgiving. Both are rooted in giving by truly bringing our soul into gratitude. Our faith and church have spanned thousands of years, United Church of Beloit being a part of it for 186 years. This only happens through love and stewardship by those who care. Christ has not abandoned us so that we may fend for ourselves, so let us not abandon our faith and our church. Let us be stewards of every brick, physical and spiritual, so we can pass down to the next generation of faithful Christians.

Faithfully Yours,

E.J.



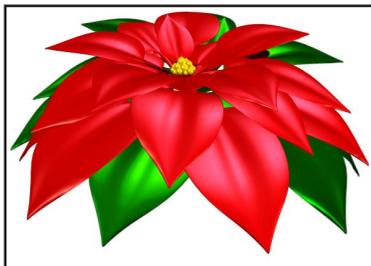
Thank you Pastor Jamieson and UCB for the lovely Pastor Appreciation gift! You all are a blessing to me daily.

Pastor Carol



Now is the time to decorate our church building for Christmas. First, we will need strong bodies to put up the large tree in the sanctuary, and add some ornaments to the tree. Additionally, we will hang greenery and other decorations everywhere. This will take place on Saturday, November 29th, 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. and pizza will be served.

On Sunday, November 30th churchgoers will have the opportunity to hang ornaments on the lower branches of the tree during the worship service and we'll turn the lights on as we enter the Advent season!



Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

This year Poinsettia plants will be available for \$13. They come in red, white, and pink marble. If you wish to have a plant to take home after worship service Christmas Day please fill out the order form and return it to the church office. The deadline for the orders is Sunday, November 24, 2025



From: Pastor Carol

Do you keep a diary or journal? If so, do you note things for which you are grateful? To do so can be a powerful tool to promote one's well-being. Remembering with gratitude helps each of us to be more hopeful. Studies have found that giving thanks and counting blessings can help lower the effects of stress and improve interpersonal relationships. Don't you love when science bears out what the Bible teaches?!

If you do not currently formally make a gratitude list or note daily, why not give it a try this month? It doesn't have to be in a fancy notebook or journal, even a scratch pad, or phone memo works! And as you make your notes, perhaps say a "thank you" to God for each reminder. I will do this too 😊 Let me know how it goes for you!

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.~~ Philippians 1:3-5 NLT



Remembrance Sunday

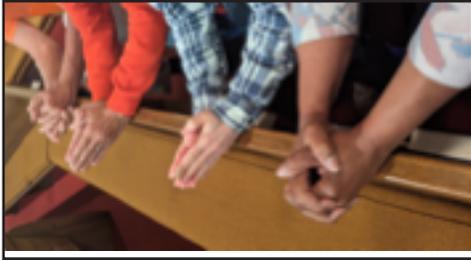
On Sunday, November 2nd, during the worship service we will honor the memory of our church members who have died in the past year. We will read their names and present a rose to a family member if present. We can light candles for people beyond our church members as well. If you have a loved one to honor that morning, please let Pastor Jamieson or Pastor Carol know.

**“On Thanksgiving”
By E.J. Prevoznak**

The Harvest Moon floating in the black blanketed sky
 shooting memories of what I once was reflecting on my mind's eye.
 Faithfully falling into fading shadows forever more conceives,
 Where gratitude is made perfect; never descending like autumn leaves
 Into our thoughts ablaze with food, friends, and family in multitude.
 Still the silhouette of my soul is filled with solitude,
 Knowing my words is not enough to show my true thanks,
 I carry the burden onward upon the outer banks.
 So I pray my faith is found in the one who will not be confined.
 Giving thanks for those out there we will never leave behind.



PRAYER CORNER



Please take a prayer list and pray over it for the month.

Lord,
 Be near to those who hunger, feed their bodies and souls. Be close to the lonely. Wrap them in Your love and peace. Be gentle with the insecure. Remind them they are precious in Your sight.
 Use us, Lord, to share Your comfort and kindness, that all may know they are never forgotten, never alone.
 Amen.



Time to test your knowledge of trivia again by joining the fellowship fun in a friendly evening of team trivia competition on Saturday, November 8, 2025. This event will be held in the UCB lower level Fellowship Hall from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. You can invite other family members and friends to join us, and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the event bulletin board.

Advent 2025
United Church of Beloit
 · Between Memory and Hope ·
 Join us this Advent as we prepare for Christmas together. You are invited to weekly services in December, special fellowship events, and weekly devotionals.

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Stewardship Campaign and Consecration Sunday

It is once again time for the United Church of Beloit stewardship campaign. Stewardship is defined as “the office, duties, and obligations of a steward” and as “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something, especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” Our stewardship theme this year is “Called to Be a Blessing.”

God calls each of us to be stewards of our congregation, supporting the needs of our ministries, our staff, and our building. God calls each of us, and our church, to be stewards of our community, reaching out to our neighbors with the extravagant hospitality demonstrated by our Lord Jesus. God calls each of us, and our church, to be stewards of God’s creation. And God calls each of us, and our church, to be stewards of the Gospel, to live as Jesus taught us and to share the good news, and a piece of our material blessings, with people in our own community and across the world.

We believe that God is calling us to continue to steward United Church of Beloit as we search for our next senior pastor, as we continue to worship on the corner of Bluff and St. Lawrence, and as we answer God’s call to reach out beyond the walls of our church.

As we have done in the past, we are having someone from each of the church boards share a stewardship moment during the morning worship on the three Sundays leading up to Consecration Sunday, which is November 9th. We hope that you will attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary.

Please keep an eye on your mailbox for a letter with your 2025 Estimate of Giving Card, which is being mailed out in advance of Consecration Sunday so that you can prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond. Please fill this card out and bring it with you to the Consecration Sunday worship service. There will be blank cards available at church if needed. Estimate of Giving Cards are incredibly helpful to the Finance & Facilities Board as we prepare the 2025 budget and to the Deacons Outreach Board as they consider what missions our church can support over the coming year.

Following worship on November 9, everyone is invited to a celebration lasagna lunch in the fellowship hall. Our goal is to have every member and regular worship attendee present. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the stairs, or let us know that you will be present by calling the church office anytime Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00pm at 608-362-6857. We urge you to sign up and plan to attend this meaningful and significant event on Sunday, November 9th.

Yours in Christ

The UCB Finance and Facilities Board

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)



Terry Fields	11/2
Lynnsey Ruiz	11.8
Eleni Mourtzis	11/14
Barb Hopper	11/15
Andrew MacNees	11/16
Anne Beasley	11/18
Cheryl Bach	11/19
Teri Lang	11/19
Tim Moore	11/23
Olivia Hooker	11/26
Donna Manning	11/29



Richard and Katharine Hulburt	11/8
Dean and Mary Zimmerman	11/28



November Activities

Sunday, November 2

Communion Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends, Fall Back

Election Day Prayer Service
and Communion
11:30a.m.

Wednesday, November 5

Church Life Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 8

UCB Trivia Night, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 9

Stewardship Sunday

Deacons Outreach Bd. meets
11:30a.m.

Tuesday, November 11

****VETERANS DAY****

Finance & Facilities meet by zoom
6:30p.m.

Thursday, November 13

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19

Governing Council meets, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, November 27-28

****Thanksgiving Holiday****

Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

Hanging of the Greens
4-6:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
REVEREND E.J. PREVOZNAK**

SAT | NOV 15 | 3PM

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We pause to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country — for their courage, their sacrifice, and their love of freedom, we give thanks.

Bless those who continue to serve, protect, and defend us today. Grant them strength, wisdom, and peace.

May we honor their legacy not only in words, but in how we live — with gratitude, unity, and hope.

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