



# New Glimpses

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## *A Word From Pastor Jamieson*

It's February and with it comes the same amount of snow, cold, and rain as previous winter months. And because of that, not many people like February. Many can relate to this sentiment. It's hard to pronounce and spell correctly. It's the runt of the litter being the shortest month, which is strange for many people. The days are too short, and the nights are too long, and it seems Spring will never come. Still in the depth of winter, we just don't think it's fun anymore. We are tired of the bone chattering frigid wind. Fresh fallen snow is no longer magically white but dirty. We just want the cold, the rain, and the snow to be over. All the while we long for Spring, a warmer greener time where we save time by not needing to put so many layers on. We're just done with it.

Yet, February is here and I'm glad for it. I happily admit February is one of my favorite months. In ancient Rome, winter was considered a timeless span that did not exist on their calendar. It wasn't until Julius Caesar added February to the calendar where people felt a time of transition from Winter to Spring. The meaning of February in Latin implies a time of purification and transition. It's like preparing for Spring cleaning, and that is seen in all the many ways to celebrate in fellowship in February. From Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day to Mardi Gras to Chinese New Year, there are many ways to push back against the winter fronts to be in family and fellowship.

The best way, however, to clean out all the cobwebs and winter blues in our spirit is prayer and God's word, which leads us directly to Ash Wednesday and Lent. It is here we can pray and meditate a little deeper and a little longer within the depths of the cold and rain. Many churches in the Beloit community will come together this Lenten season and host Wednesday services. Thus, the challenge is posed to all of us. In this timeless dread of winter, we are called to lift our hearts to the Lord in deep prayer, meditation and lamentation remembering that you are loved, no matter what.

**Your Humble Servant in Christ,**  
*Pastor Jamieson*



**We had a good turnout for our Annual Euchre Tournament on Jan. 17. Savvas Mourtzis organized the event and Jeanne Chernik-Krueger provided tasty food. Congratulations to the winner, Steve Erkel! Thanks to everyone who participated!**

### **Hymnals 2026**

**We have raised more than \$500 toward our new hymnals. Our Goal is \$1500. If you would like to be a new hymnal sponsor, please register on the Info Board.**

**The Messianic Torah:  
Matthew 5-7**

### February Bible Study Schedule

**Week 1**  
 Tuesday Feb 3rd 12:30PM - 1:30PM @ UCB  
 Wednesday Feb 4th 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ UCB

**Week 2**  
 Tuesday Feb 10th 12:30PM - 1:30PM @ UCB  
 Wednesday Feb 11th 11:30AM - 12:30PM @ UCB

**Week 3**  
 Tuesday Feb 17th 12:30PM - 1:30PM @ UCB  
 Thursday Feb 19th 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ UCB

**Week 4**  
 Wed Feb 25th 5:00PM - 6:00PM @ UCB  
 Thurs Feb 26th 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
 Thurs Feb 26th Luncheon 12:00PM - 1:00PM

\*\*\* Welcome to attend any meeting as able. \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* Online Meetings Available Upon Request \*\*\*



As we do every year, UCB will participate in the Adopt-A-Shelf at Caritas in March. We help stock their hair care shelf that month. Faith communities and member organizations are asked to adopt one month during the year to undertake a once-a-year blitz collection of shampoo and conditioner. You can start bringing products any time.

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*"The generous will prosper;  
those who refresh others will  
themselves be refreshed"*  
Proverbs 11:25

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PLEASE SCAN  
TO DONATE



**LENTEN  
DEVOTIONALS**

Lent begins February 18. It is the season of preparation for Easter, and a time to renew our faith.

We have Lenten Daily Devotional booklets available. You can read one short meditation each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.

Pastor Carol helped edit and contributed to this booklet.

## *From the Desk of Pastor Carol*

With my morning coffee, I like to play a game or two of Sudoku and Wordle. I joke that I need to know if I have any brain cells firing! Today it seems like the answer is, “not yet”. Our Midwest winter weather hit early and hard with a lot of snow and then deep cold. The weather can affect our moods! But now the daylight is lasting longer, and today the sun is shining brightly. That helps my mood. We have woodpeckers and other birds at feeders outside. These remind me that Jesus said, “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:26)

Every human being is loved and valued by God. Every. Single. Person is valued by God. Anyone who puts down another in any way is denying God’s loving spirit. God is Love, and those who love know God. To love neighbor means to want the best for them, and to help provide the best in any way that we can. This month of love, as we begin the Lenten journey to the Cross and to Easter, let us seek to better value everyone in our community. Through Jesus’ Name and Spirit, Amen.

### **Love for the Loveless**

Michelle Bullock

*And we know and rely on the love God has for us.  
God is Love...  
1 John 4:16*

How many times has someone close to you, disappointed you or made you angry? Or have you ever beat yourself up about something you did in the past and have never forgiven yourself for? I can tell you for me, they have both happened. In the times we live in, people are going through a lot, and are carrying more mental baggage than ever before. Making for short tempers, over anxieties, and physical illnesses. We’ve been behind the eight-ball so to speak since the devil deceived Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden. Paul notes in Romans 7:18 *“For I know that good itself does not dwell in me”*. No matter how hard we try, no matter how good our intentions, we will fail others and even ourselves. Creating feeling of being unwanted or not loved. It’s easy to spiral out of control with one’s feeling and emotions.

But here’s the GREAT NEWS, No matter the failure, God’s love for us **NEVER** fails! We can come boldly to the throne of grace and talk about any and everything. With the assurance that our conversations are private and that He holds no condemnation toward us, once we have asked for sincere forgiveness. The bible says *“as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Ps. 103:12) His love for us is so great that He gave his ONLY Son that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. That’s LOVE!*

**PRAYER CORNER**



□ "Lord, help us not to live selfishly... Help us not to become easily angered... Help us not to hold grudges, but to choose to forgive... Help us to love your words of truth, may we walk in your freedom and wisdom. Let it be what drives our lives and choices every day. Lord thank you that your love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, thank you that your love never fails. Help us to love as you love".

**Easter Lily/Tulip Order Form**



United Church of Beloit invites members and friends to order Easter lilies this year as a memorial or in celebration of your loved ones for Easter Sunday. Remembrances will appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the Easter lily is \$12.00. Orders must be returned by Sunday, March 8, 2026

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12 each)

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form with your payment.*

First Tuesday of Every Month  
@1130AM

**Lunch Time Chapel**

**All are welcome for prayer, Scripture, and communion.**

**United Church of Beloit**  
657 Bluff St



**Beloit Community Lenten Worship**

Wednesday, February 25th  
7:00 p.m.

United Church of Beloit  
657 Bluff St. Beloit, WI

Preacher  
Rev. Tracey Kenney, Bethel  
AME Church

All are Welcome

**2026 Community Lenten Worship Services**

**Ash Wednesday February 18, 7:00 p.m.**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
212 W. Grand Ave., Beloit. 608-362-4312  
Preacher: Rev. David Ewing, Sun Valley Presbyterian

**Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.**  
United Church of Beloit  
657 Bluff St., Beloit. 608-362-6857  
Preacher: Rev. Tracey Kenney, Bethel AME Church

**Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1151 E. Grand Ave., Beloit. 608-362-0562  
Preacher: Rev. Walt Hoshow, First Baptist Church



Jim Coutts	February 4
Betty Harder	February 7
Martin Taylor	February 12
Michelle Bullock	February 13
Brennan Rankins	February 15
Gwen Rusmisl	February 19
George Hooker	February 23
Brian Kildow	February 23
Pastor E.J. Prevoznak	February 27
Polly Richards	February 27



Learning Together in Faith

**United Church of Beloit**

Second Thursday of the Month @ 8AM

**Men's Bible Study Group & Breakfast**



**February Sermon Schedule**

**Feb 1**

Matthew 5:1-12  
A Blessing Blueprint

**Feb 8**

Pastor Carol Preaching

**Feb 15**

Matthew 17:1-9  
Foggy Mountain Glory

**Feb 22**

Matthew 4:1-11  
Who doesn't like Devil's Food Cake,  
anyway?

**Special Worship Services**

**Wednesday Feb 18 7PM**

**Ash Wednesday**

@ St Paul Episcopal Church

**Wednesday Feb 25 7PM**

**Beloit Community Lent Service**

@ UC Beloit

**HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR**  
新年快樂  
2026  
Gathering and Potluck



Tuesday February 17 6:00PM  
Community Welcome

United Church of Beloit  
657 Bluff St



**Mardi Gras**  
**CELEBRATION**

Gathering and Potluck  
Community Welcome

Tuesday February 17 6PM  
United Church of Beloit  
657 Bluff St

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**

United Church of Beloit Potluck Celebration



United Church of Beloit  
657 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI 53511  
Tel: (608) 362-6857 E-mail: ucbinfchurch@gmail.com  
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.– 1p.m.

Ministers: Each member of Christ's Church	
Lead Pastor	E.J.Prevoznak
Licensed Lay/Interim Minister	Pastor Carol Taylor
Moderator	Jim Coutts
Church Treasurer	Gary Kovanda
Financial Secretary	Valerie Fjalstad
Church Secretary	Michelle Bullock
Custodian	Anastasios Mourtzis

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