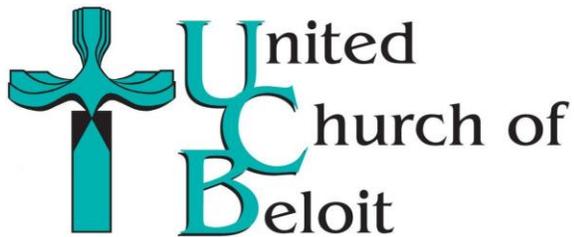




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A Word from Pastor Jamieson

March has arrived and Spring is revving up with fits and starts. March is usually the month we spend most of Lent in as we prayerfully prepare for Easter. It can be disorienting as the cold winter darkness clings to our spirit. Watching snow wistfully blow on the street makes us journey through Lent as the days become longer. Through all of this, we are grateful to have a place to call home; because, as we learn from in the Book of Exodus, wandering the wildernesses for 40 years probably isn't too fun.

As we approach Easter and Passover and without fail every year television will be airing the great movie *The Ten Commandments*. I am of a different generation, so this Charlton Heston classic never fully captured my imagination, but I always try to watch a few minutes of it every year, but I do know how powerful the story of the Exodus is to our faith. My interest in this subject inspired me to read a book called *The Exodus: How it Happened and Why it Matters* by Richard Elliot Friedman. It is an amazing book that discusses the enduring story of Moses and the ancient Israelites through their story of leaving Egypt into the Promised Land through historical research. It provides deep insight to the earliest insights of the Bible and the potential sources of some of the most powerful passages of the Bible.

One of the points that stuck out for me is that the Song of Deborah in Judges 5 and the Song of Miriam in Exodus 15 (both being a song / poem) are thought to be some of the oldest writings in the entire Bible. This is important because songs and poetry are a lot easier to remember and pass down from one generation to the next than prose. The

author makes the point that he could probably sing every Beatles song in their entire collection, but it would be impossible for him to recite and essay from memory. Almost certainly, the earliest Israelites would have been nomadic in one form or the other and it would have been very difficult to pass down their teachings and traditions in written form thus songs and poetry became very important.

All of this made me think that we are the nearly the opposite of not nomadic herders. We are very busy going from one place to the next, surely; but we have no idea what it means to be nomadic. At times it may seem the place we spend the least time at is our home. With terms like drive-in, drive thru, there is an implication of drive-out, all adding to a feeling of meandering. Whenever I ask somebody how they are doing the first and most often response is "busy". Even though we might not be nomadic herders, we are wandering from place to place looking for something to keep us busy. So how are we to teach and learn in our faith in a world of busy wanderers? How are to pass down our traditions and teachings if we are too busy to write and read long passages? Let us take a lesson from the ancient Israelites as they wandered through the Sinai singing songs of their faith. Recite a new psalm that provides you with inspiration. But above all remember that no matter where you go, just like the ancient Israelites, God is always with you.

See you out there,

E.J.



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February Scout Sunday

We honored the scouting community on Sunday February 15th. Thank you, scouts!



Mission of the Month

Stateline Works of Mercy (SWOM) helps adults experiencing homelessness with basic hygiene by providing showers and laundry services. We also provide compassionate listening and information/referrals to partner agencies.

They rent space in the UCB annex, address 655 Bluff Street, SWOM has a case management area, a lending library and computer access.

Information & Encouragement with Accountability is provided for those "caught" in what has brought them to while living on the street. The organization began in summer of 2021. They were open 2 days a week, and the very first day served 3 individuals. They are now open 3 days a week and have served over 1000 unhoused people in our area.

We look forward to the ways Stateline Works of Mercy will grow and expand through the Grace of God! Read more about their journey and achievements in our exclusive interview.

<https://www.statelineworksofmercy.com/>

Birthday and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Gary Cook	March 1
Tim Scholten	March 2
Sarah Hooker	March 16
Connor Rankin	March 22
Claudette Cummings	March 25
Willis Zick	March 25
Doris Polglaze	March 28
Dylan Ferger	March 30
Iris Campton	March 31

March Anniversaries

**Tom & Marline Holmes
March 14**

**Savvas Mourtzis & Gwen Rusmisl
March 17**

From the Desk of Pastor Carol

The Sovereign Lord will show his justice to the nations of the world. Everyone will praise him!

His righteousness will be like a garden in early spring, with plants springing up everywhere. Isaiah 61:11 NLT

This is certainly a busy season for our church family. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with our Community Lenten Service. Pastor Tracey Kenney gave a powerful message, and the Bethel AME Church choir sang. We had great attendance and lovely fellowship time afterwards.

The Lenten worship at various churches reminds us of the beauty and diversity of the Body of Christ. We hear a variety of music and preach and gather offerings to bless community organizations. Please join us for the rest of this series.

We'll also see you at Culver's Share Night March 9th from 4-8, and the other great things we have going on! Let's "Spring Forward" into even more outreach for our city and beyond.

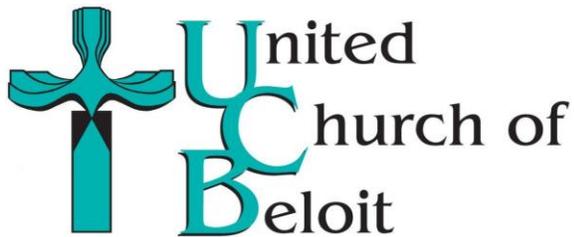
Shalom,
Pastor Carol Taylor



Pastor E.J. Pastor Tracey of Bethel AME, and Pastor Carol



Bethel AME Choir sings
"How Great is our God"



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Marching toward Spiritual Victory

Min. Michelle Bullock

March Madness

There is something thrilling about seeing a group of athletes, dedicated to one cause, using their gifts and talents to ascend to such heights of success. As I think about sports teams and the ingredients it takes to see a group of individuals become a successful team, I can see some parallels for understanding how God works in our lives for transformation.

The Fundamentals

It starts with the fundamental truth of who God is, understanding His character and nature. We must understand who we are and our identity as beloved children of God. We need to study and memorize the playbook, the Bible. And we need to see the vision and plan that God has for us, to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and from that place of divine love to share it with those around us. God wants us to learn to live well in the Kingdom of God now.

GrowThrough Practice and Experience

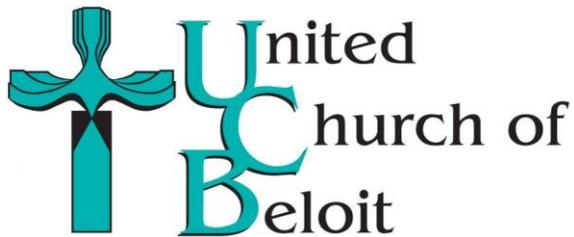
We can have all the head knowledge, but it is when we put our faith into action, through practicing spiritual disciplines and living out our knowledge in the game of life that we begin to really experience who God is and the transformation He wants to make in our lives. It takes time

to really experience and trust that God loves us or it may take time to find freedom from an unhealthy attachment, but as we continue to live in the truth and put it into practice we grow in our faith and conviction because we see that God is true to His word and will never leave us or forsake us.

Trust the Process

You've heard the phrase; "Life is like a marathon and not a sprint". We are undergoing a transformational process. We wrestle with it not happening faster and the enemy does a good job of sowing seeds of doubt trying to discourage us when we don't see the progress we expect. We need to trust God and the process of growth. We need to stick to the fundamentals, practice, and put our practice to work in day-to-day life. As we patiently do this, we will experience growth and experience deepening levels of joy and peace with our heavenly Father.

First Tuesday of Every Month
@1130AM
Lunch Time Chapel
**All are welcome for
prayer, Scripture, and
communion.**
**United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff St**



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Upcoming Events

March Sermon Schedule Updates

March 1
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Dare to Faith

March 8
Pastor Carol Preaching

March 15
John 9:1-11
The Great Optometrist

March 22
Ezekiel 37:1-14
From Boneyard to Heaven Sent

March 29
Matthew 21:1-11
The Donkey that Wins the Race

Upcoming Events

SCOOPERIE NIGHT United Church of Beloit

Come visit us at Culver's!

**Volunteer,
Come for Dinner,
or Do Both!**

**Monday
March 9th
4:00PM - 8:00PM**

BibleProject Classroom

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

Bible Study Schedule

Week 5

Tuesday Mar 3rd 12:30PM - 1:30PM @ UCB
Wednesday Mar 4th 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ UCB

Week 6

Tuesday Mar 10th 12:30PM - 1:30PM @UCB
Wednesday Mar 11th 11:30AM - 12:30PM @UCB

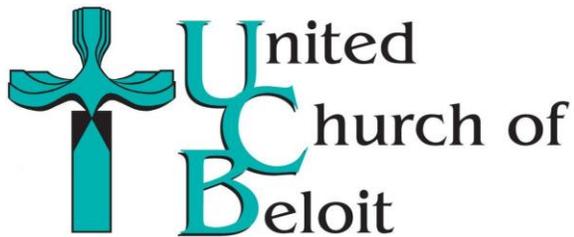
Week 7

Tuesday Mar 17th 12:30PM - 1:30PM @ UCB
Thursday Mar 19th 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ UCB

Week 8

Wed Apr 1st 12:30PM - 1:30PM @UCB
Thurs Apr 2nd 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Thurs Apr 2nd Luncheon 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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



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All are welcome! Come as you are.

Holy Week Schedule

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 Website: <https://unitedchurchbeloit.org/>

Palm Sunday · 29 March
10:00am Sunday Worship

Tuesday of Holy Week · 31 March
11:30am Lunch Time Chapel and Communion Service

Wednesday of Holy Week · 1 April
12:00pm Bible Study

Maundy Thursday · 2 April
11:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Prayer and Lunch
5:30pm Soup Supper and Worship @ Sun Valley Pres

Good Friday · 3 April
12:00pm Good Friday Service
Host Church: Bethel A.M.E. Church
1314 Athletic Ave., Beloit
Preacher: Pastor Carol Taylor, United Church of Beloit

Resurrection Sunday · 05 April
10:00am Sunday Worship

Call us: 608-362-6857 More info: unitedchurchbeloit.org

UNITED CHURCH OF БЕЛОIT'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY Chili, Stew, and Soup Cook Off

First Place for Overall Entry Category Awards

SUNDAY MARCH 15 - 11:00 AM
 Following Sunday Morning Service Fellowship Hall
 RSVP: church@unitedchurchbeloit.org

2026 Beloit Community Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
 United Church of Beloit
 Preacher: Rev. Tracey Kenney, Bethel AME Church

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.
 Emmanuel Baptist Church
 Preacher: Rev. Walt Hoshow, First Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
 Host Church: First Congregational Church
 Preacher: Pastor Kenda Roman, New Covenant Life Center

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.
 Host Church: Our Lady of Assumption
 Preacher: Rev. Normalee Gallimore, Wesley CME Church

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
 Host Church: New Zion Baptist Church
 Preacher: Rev. Dan Herman, First Congregational Church

Good Friday, April 3, 12:00 NOON
 Host Church: Bethel A.M.E. Church
 Preacher: Pastor Carol Taylor, United Church of Beloit

United Church of Beloit

Run & Ruck Club

Club

Wednesdays at 12 Noon

Weekly group runs or walks along Beloit community trails.

Meet at United Church of Beloit parking lot.

Scan QR code to join WhatsApp group for updates.





Stewardship and Finance



We raised about \$900 of \$1500 towards a new hymnal. We will be having another bake sale at the chili cook off.

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Please give online to support UCB.

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**United Church of Beloit
Online**

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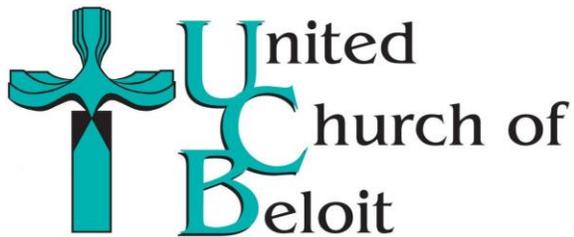
Unitedchurchbeloit.org



Can't make it to church Sunday?
Watch the live stream on YouTube.



Follow us on Facebook for the latest info about the events at United Church of Beloit.



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Tuesday – Friday
9:00 a.m.– 1p.m.

Member Organizations

**National Association of
Congregational Christian Churches**

**Wisconsin Congregational
Association**

Presbytery of Milwaukee (PCUSA)

In need of pastoral care?

**Pastor E.J. Prevoznak Cell: (707) 714-
7039**

**Pastor Carol Taylor Cell:
(608) 201-1114**

**Pastor Carol Taylor Home:
(608) 365-4131**

Ministers

**Each member
of Christ's Church**

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E.J. Prevoznak

Licensed Lay Pastor

Pastor Carol Taylor

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Jim Coutts

Church Treasurer

Gary Kovanda

Financial Secretary

Valerie Fjalstad

Church Secretary

Michelle Bullock

Custodian

Tasos Mourtzis