



New Glimpses

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A Word from Pastor Jamieson

We made it. 250 years old. How do you feel? Do you feel 250 years old? I sure hope not, because, as a nation, the best years are ahead of us. We are celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and I hope you get to see the best fireworks ever. As a kid, I loved the Fourth of July fireworks. One memorable firework show happened when I think I was in middle school. It was in high school parking lot and the explosions in the night sky were right over our heads. With fireworks, parades, and We honor John Adams's words that American Independence will be celebrated "with Pomp and Parade... from this Time forward forever more." Adams is marking the moment when the United States moved from being just an idea to something more. This is when the United States of America moved away from just being an idea into a reality that we all live today. That is the inherent challenge of faith: to move from just an idea into belief grounded in conviction. But what does it mean for Christians? It is one thing to know there was someone named Jesus who is in the Bible, it is entirely different to know in the core of who you are Jesus is savior of our soul. If we take the latter, then we, as Christians, can live and act free from the old ways of doing things, and that is what many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence did.

Varying scholars will debate about the inherent motivation, convictions, and values of the first signers of the Declaration of Independence. Were they Christian and how deep was their faith that motivated them to declare independence? Many clergy and churchgoers stayed out of the ensuing debates and later war. Rebellion was not Christian many believed. Even though the representatives to the Continental Congress who gathered in Independence Hall in Philadelphia all held varying motivations and convictions, understanding these beliefs through the lens of Scripture was essential. John Witherspoon was one leader who helped the founders focus their vision through Scripture.

John Witherspoon was a Presbyterian minister and Scottish immigrant and the only serving clergy who signed the Declaration of Independence. He was a delegate from New Jersey and stridently advocated for independence. His ferocious voice added to the feeling by King George III that this Revolution was a "Presbyterian Rebellion." He showed us that faith and freedom are linked. Getting to July 4th with a document that the delegates could support was challenging. Perhaps a sign of Divine favor, the weather

in Philadelphia on that first 4th of July was a comfortable 76 with low humidity. (Thomas Jefferson, ever the quintessential man of science, kept meticulous daily weather records.) This comfortable summer day would lend itself to history as one to commemorate and celebrate in civic conviction and hope as the Continental Congress would approve and adopt the future path of the nation.

Of course, the perfect nation and civic government did not come into existence out of nothing 250 years ago this month, let us continue in our hearts the same Gospel that so many Americans throughout these 250 years did in service to Christ. We are still animated by the living water that flows keeping us new and renewed in the Gospel. Let us continue praying for each other that we feel the new life and spirit that comes with living in Christ all of our days. Proverbs 3 teaches us let our hearts “keep the commandments for length of days and years of life and peace will be added.” Let us pray for the peace of our nation and all its people.

See you out there,

E.J.

From the Desk of Pastor Carol

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future. ~ Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

On a lovely summer day Martin and I are ready to travel to our NACCC Annual Meeting in Springfield Mass. We’re going with Laura Erickson, who is graduating from the Lay Ministry Training Program! It is the updated version of the program from which I graduated 20 years ago. At that time, I wondered what on earth I was doing starting a new career! Fortunately, God had a plan for me and for our church. God has given us hope and a future together. The above scripture is the theme for this year’s Annual Meeting. The featured speakers will address topics like church revitalization, and how to help inspire younger generations to faith. Many churches face these challenges, and we look forward to hearing ideas and plans to help bring a hopeful future to us all. And we may be able to help others as we share our stories. Thank you for this chance to again represent UCB in our National Association.

*Shalom,
Pastor Carol Taylor*

"Halfway There: How to Refresh Your Life and Finish 2026 Strong"

Min. Michelle Bullock



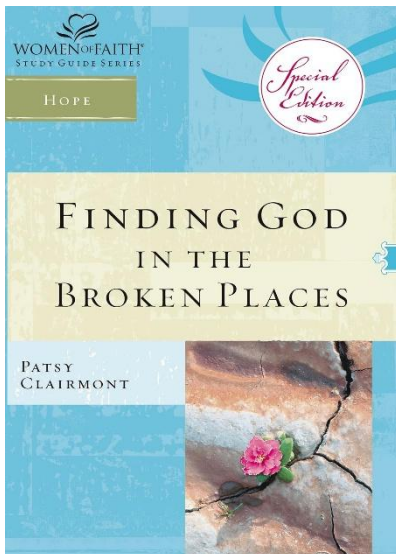
The year is half over — but that doesn't mean your story is. July is like a quiet breath between chapters, a moment to step back, look at the path you've walked, and decide where you want the next steps to lead. Maybe the first half of 2026 didn't go exactly as planned, or maybe it surprised you in the best ways. Either way, this is your chance to realign your goals, refresh your energy, and step into the rest of the year with clarity,

confidence, and a little spark of excitement."

***"You don't need a new year to create a new beginning,
you just need a decision."***

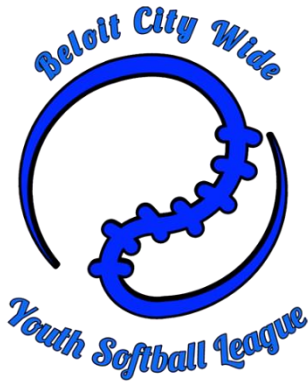
You just need a decision. Every small step you take now is an investment in the version of yourself you want to meet in December. So breathe deeply, trust your journey, and move forward with purpose. The rest of 2026 is waiting for you, and it's full of possibility."

Fresh goals. Renewed energy. The rest of 2026 is yours to shape.



Adapted from Patsy's book, ***All Cracked Up!, Finding God in the Broken Places***, helps women see that even in the midst of pain, a fractured life can be a happy life. Using her characteristic humor, she shares how we can move from broken to bedazzled by embracing our fragments and resting in the assurance that we have a Savior who knows how to piece them back together again.

Mission of the Month



For 54 years Patricia Majeed has dedicated her career to two things: being a successful Barber and Business Owner and dedicating her time to the community of Beloit. BCWYS is a **FREE** summer softball program for all Beloit kids grades 3rd-12th. Games are held on Wednesday's and Saturdays at Telfer Park or Lessen Park.

The goal of Beloit City Wide Youth Softball is to provide the kids of Beloit and the surrounding areas with the highest quality youth softball experience. The league focuses on not only teaching the fundamentals of the game and increasing the skill level of all participants, but also creating a positive, supportive and enjoyable environment for the kids and their parents. The league strives to give the kids the necessary tools and guidance to improve as softball players and youth.

The Beloit City Wide Youth Softball League is committed to providing an inclusive and equitable environment for all youth to participate in athletic programs, regardless of ability or disability. All children should have the opportunity to benefit from the physical, social, and emotional advantages of playing sports.

NEW GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

Thank you for supporting and contributing to the purchase of 40 new hymnals and online resources. Because of your generosity we can now be singing from the same book. It is important to have the online hymnal resource because most people attending worship service use the screen. In fact, more churches primarily use the screen to project hymn lyrics and use hymnal less. Therefore, it was decided to purchase only 40 new hymnals. We do not have enough to place in all the pews. The hymnals are located, for those who wish to use one, on the right side of a table located at the back of the sanctuary. After the service, please return it to the table, so it is available for use the following week. Also, those who contributed to purchasing hymnals have bookplates inside the front cover. They are reserved for use by those who donated and are easily identified by a number affixed to the bottom of the spine. If you wish to contribute to the hymnal, or the music ministry in general, please let us know. Thank you again for supporting the new hymnals so that we can all sing gloriously in worship.



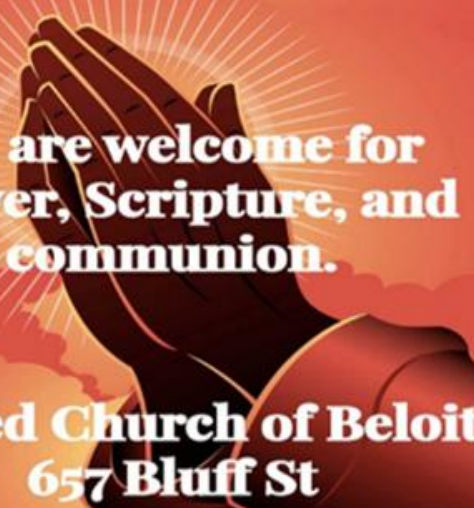
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Upcoming Events

First Tuesday of Every Month
@1130AM

Lunch Time Chapel



All are welcome for
prayer, Scripture, and
communion.

United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff St



Learning Together in Faith

United Church of Beloit

Second Thursday of the Month @ 8AM

Men's Bible Study Group & Breakfast

Join us for Vacation Bible School
In conjunction with our Sister Church
Sun Valley Presbyterian
Pastor Dave Ewing
Monday-Friday
August 3-7th, 2026
5:30-8:00PM
The Cost is: FREE
Ages 4-16



Combined Worship Service
Sunday, August 9th, 2026
United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff Street
Beloit, WI. 53511
Rev. E.J. Prevornak
Pastor

**COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE**
United Church of Beloit

@
*Sun Valley
Presbyterian Church*

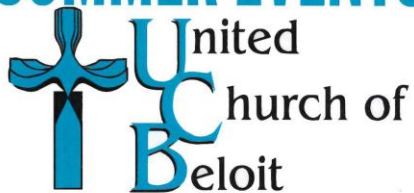
Sunday July 5th
Service Begins at 10:30AM

**SUN VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
1650 SUN VALLEY DRIVE
BELOIT, WISCONSIN 53511



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER EVENTS



Sun Jun 28 @ 10AM

Rev. Carol Wickersham Preaching

Sun July 5 @ 1030AM

Joint Service @ Sun Valley Presbyterian

Sun July 12 @ 10AM

Rev. Carol Wickersham Preaching

Sun July 19 @ 10AM

Pastor Carol Taylor Preaching

Sat July 25 @ 6:30PM

Church Outing at Beloit Sky Carp

Sun July 27 @ 10AM

Rev. Steve Howland Preaching



Meet at Beloit Sky Carp

Main Gate @ 6:00PM

Sat July 25th

Game Time 6:30 PM



We have a new website!
Check us out online @
Unitedchurchbeloit.org

Can't make it to church Sunday?

Follow us on Facebook



Watch us on YouTube.
Link on our website.



***As a proud and grateful nation,
we honor our 250 years with deep
gratitude and great pride.***

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of Christ's Church**

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Pastor Carol Taylor

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Church Secretary
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Tasos Mourtzis

