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A Word from Pastor Jamieson

It is Summertime and that means summer reading lists. Either for pleasure or for school, many avid readers redouble their efforts to read the best and newest books of the year or dust off some of those old books sitting around the house. I imagine not many agree, but there is no better time to sit outside under a tree and read a good ole fashion book. My local library, like many across the country, sponsored summer reading challenges and would give out prizes for books read. I remember scooping up all the required books on the list crushing the stack within just a few days. Of course there were some incentives: Free pizza coupons and ice cream were especially motivating. This time of my life was foundational to my reading habits today, as I always have a stack of books from the library on my desk. But I must admit it has become increasingly challenging to stay focused on the book after picking it up. There are just too many distractions these days. And all these distractions add up and affect our literacy rate, most certainly our Bible literacy.

Bible scholars and pastors lament the rapid decline in Bible literacy. Despite our current generation having the highest level of accessibility to the Bible because of technology, most people don't read it, let alone understand it. Since the printing press made the Bible available to nearly everyone, reading of Scripture was the beginning of literacy. If your home and family had only one book, it would have been a Bible. Families would pass down through the generations the family Bible. As George Jones sings:

There's a family Bible on the table
Each page is torn and hard to read
But the family Bible on the table
Will ever be my key to memory
At the end of day when work was over
And when the evening meal was done
Dad would read to us from the family
Bible, And we'd count our many
blessings one by one

I can see us sittin' 'round the table.
When from the family Bible dad would
read And I can hear my mother softly
singing Rock of ages, rock of ages, cleft
for me. This old world of ours is full of
trouble. But this world would also better
be If we'd find more Bibles on the table

Pastor Jamieson Cont.)

Lifeway Research says only 11% of people have read the entire Bible and only 30% have read a few chapters. This means there is an opportunity to discover and be transformed by the written word. The blessing of reading is that the simplicity of the written word on paper has the power to change you. It might be gradual and unnoticeable at first, but Holy Spirit will change you with ever new verse. No matter the medium, either on your phone or the large family Bible on the table, the point is to engage your Bible so that you can know God's story. When you plan your summer trip, **consider** taking your Bible along and sitting in the shade opened to a new passage. I promise it will change you, and the ice cream will taste that much better.

From the Desk of Pastor Carol



“Life happens while you are making other plans.” As you may know, I am a list-maker. Every day there is a to-do list. Some days all items on that list get checked off as complete. Some days, not as many. Recently the list said, “relaxing day”. That did not get checked off. In the middle of that day, the neighbor’s tree split and a huge branch crashed down, covering part of our driveway, and breaking the electrical lines to both houses! But it could have been much worse.

Workers that came to do repairs were prompt, helpful, and quite courteous. No one got hurt, and there was no other damage. The tree branches on the ground will be cleaned up. The prophet Jeremiah quoted God as saying, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans

for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” The plans we make may be interrupted and changed, (sometimes suddenly!) but God’s loving presence never changes. God is always with us, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

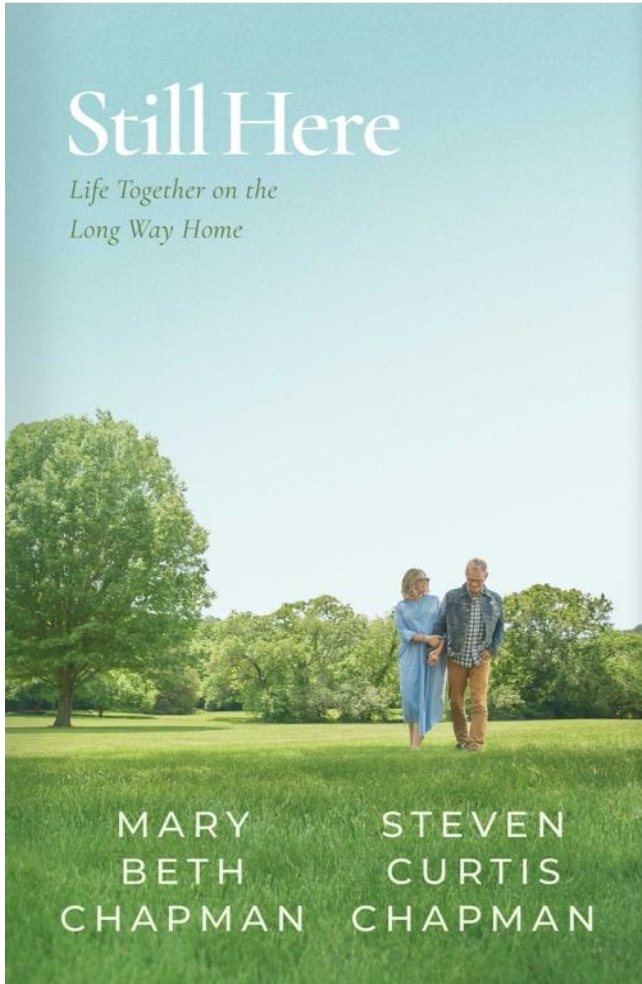
Shalom,

Pastor Carol Taylor

**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. Prevoznak
Pastor**



Book Recommendation

E.J. Prevoznak - 19 May 2026

I picked up this book, as most books I read, off the new book section from the library. I am somewhat familiar with the music and ministry of Steven Curtis Chapman, which led me to check it out as a quick read. Steve Curtis Chapman is a pillar of the contemporary Christian music (CCM) world. He is an accomplished singer / songwriter, and a member of the Grand Ole Opry. This book is a memoir written with his wife Mary Beth Chapman on their life and marriage together.

One might be tempted to think that someone like Steven Curtis Chapman would have a perfect marriage and a wonderful life singing Gospel music in the great cathedrals of music in Nashville. They are the first to pray

and give thanks for a beautifully blessed life together, but they also endured heartbreaking hardships. Instead of allowing the pain they endured to tear them apart, Steven and Mary rested their hearts in God.

This is not a how-to book on the ways to get to a perfect marriage. They are looking back on a life together and bearing witness to how God was with them throughout it all. There is no better way to bear witness to how God's love is shining in our own lives than to see it brightly reflected in someone else. That is true with Mary Beth and Steven Chapman. The chapters are filled with personal stories highlighted by lyrics from Steven's own songs, showing how art and experience are linked for Chapmans, as well as for us. I hope you find this book in your local library or book store and inspires you to find hope within its pages.



**“As a Father Has Compassion”:
A Reflection on Psalm 103:13**

Min. Michelle Bullock

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.” — Psalm 103:13

Fatherhood is one of the most tender images Scripture gives us to understand the heart of God. In Psalm 103:13, David paints a picture of a father whose compassion is not distant or conditional, but warm, steady, and deeply personal. It is a compassion that sees, understands, and responds with love.

This verse reminds us that the best qualities we see in fathers today—patience, guidance, protection, encouragement—are reflections of God’s own character. When a father kneels to tie a child’s shoe, listens to a teenager’s worries, or works long hours to provide for his family, he is mirroring the compassion of the One who cares for us with perfect love.

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In our church family, we are blessed with men who live out this calling in many forms: biological fathers, adoptive fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and spiritual fathers who pour into the next generation with faith and devotion. Their compassion shows up in everyday moments—quiet prayers, wise words, acts of service, and the steady presence that anchors a home or a community.

Yet Psalm 103:13 also offers comfort to those for whom Father’s Day brings mixed emotions. Some carry grief, distance, or complicated memories.

(Father's Cont.)

This verse gently reminds us that God's compassion is not limited by human experience. Where earthly fathers fall short, our Heavenly Father remains faithful, present, and overflowing with mercy.

As we honor fathers this month, may we celebrate the men who reflect God's compassion in our lives. May we pray for those who are weary, encourage those who feel unseen, and support those who are learning and growing in their calling. And may every father in our congregation be reminded that their strength comes not from perfection, but from the God who loves them, guides them, and equips them daily.

To all our fathers and father-figures: **Thank you for showing us the compassion of God in the way you love.**



Father's Day Poem

Prayer for Dad's Guidance"

He walks a path with God in mind,
A faithful soul so warm and kind.
Lord, let him feel Your hand each day,
And guide his steps in work and play.
Through trials, laughter, tears, and more,
May he feel Your love to the core.
Strengthen him, Father, bless his way,
And keep him close to You each day.



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Mission of the Month



Genia Stevens
**Founder and
Chief Executive
Officer of
Jumpstart South
Central
Wisconsin.**

Our work is structured around three core pillars: entrepreneurship development, technology integration through the Tech Tank initiative, and nonprofit capacity building. We are dedicated to expanding opportunity for business owners who have historically had the lowest levels of employer firm participation. Founded in 2019 as Rock County Jumpstart, a fiscally sponsored project, the organization quickly became a driving force in empowering underrepresented business owners. Now operating as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Jumpstart South Central Wisconsin is expanding its impact beyond Rock County. Our mission remains rooted in advancing equity through innovation, education, and collaboration. By bridging gaps in access to funding, technical skills, and networks, we help transform ideas into thriving enterprises that fuel regional economic growth.

COMMUNITY ALERT

Adult Mission Trip Opportunity

JUNE 14-18: Mission Trip with Hosanna Industries in Johnstown, PA. Groups from Ozaukee Congregational Church (OCC) and FCC Wauwatosa are going together and anyone from any other church is welcome to participate. Attached is the information put out by OCC. Please feel to contact Jeff Larson) at OCC or Tonia Wallner (tonia@firstchurchtosa.org) at FCC to learn more or to sign up.

COMMUNITY ALERT

**227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HEALING NOT HARM:
A WALK TO END GUN VIOLENCE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
9:30-11:30 START AT PERE MARQUETTE PARK

Gun violence remains a public health crisis in the United States and is the leading cause of death among children and teens. In 2025 alone there were 408 mass shootings, 233 of which were at schools, and gun deaths by suicide account for over 58% of total gun deaths annually. According to a report by the Commonwealth Fund, U.S. states have a higher firearm mortality rate than most other countries and those rates are on par with countries experiencing active conflict.

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

Working together we can enact lasting change. The GA Action event, **Healing Not Harm: A Walk to End Gun Violence** takes us one step farther on the path to change.

More than a march. The Walk to End Gun Violence includes 3 stops and multiple opportunities to learn and engage. Join us to:

- witness to PC(USA) efforts toward policy change,
- listen to stories from those impacted by gun violence,
- learn from churches working to make a change in their community,
- see a live demonstration from a Guns to Gardens blacksmith and
- hear more on this initiative from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship,
- gather around Milwaukee City Hall (a seat of power) to pray for systemic change,
- pick up resources and ideas you can take back to your congregations and communities.

If we envision a future centered on the promises of God where the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations, then Healing Not Harm: A Walk to End Gun Violence helps us take faithful steps toward that future.

**First Tuesday of Every Month
@1130AM**

Lunch Time Chapel

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

**United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff St**

Upcoming Events

**United Church of Beloit
FATHER'S DAY BBQ
FUNDRAISER
Sunday June 21**

**PRE-ORDER ONLY
PICK UP AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 11AM
GOODWILL OFFERING**



**BRISKET
2 SIDES
DESERT
\$20**

**PULLED PORK
2 SIDES
DESERT
\$15**

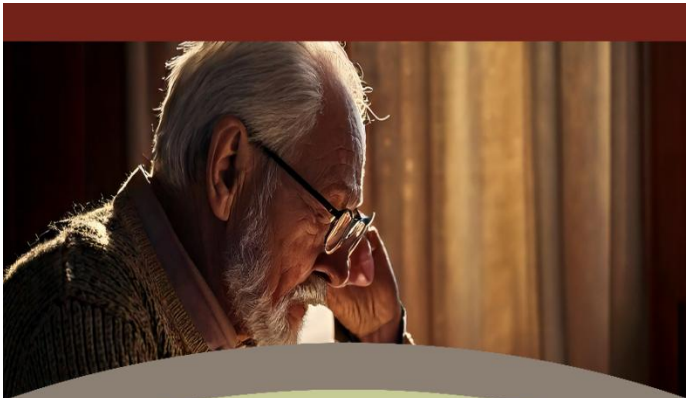
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**PRE-ORDER AT CHURCH
OR
EMAIL**

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Upcoming Events



Learning Together in Faith

**United Church
of Beloit**

Second Thursday of the Month @ 8AM

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

The Wisconsin Congregational Association proudly presents



- Who?** Students completing **grades 3-12** in the spring of 2026
- What?** A super-**fun** week of building **faith** and **friendships**
- When?** Sunday, **July 12**, 3 PM – Saturday, **July 18**, noon
- Where?** Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center (near Wautoma, WI)
- Why?** Many kids call it "**the best week of the whole summer!**"
- How?** Registration details are on the following pages. Read on! :)

UPCOMING EVENTS

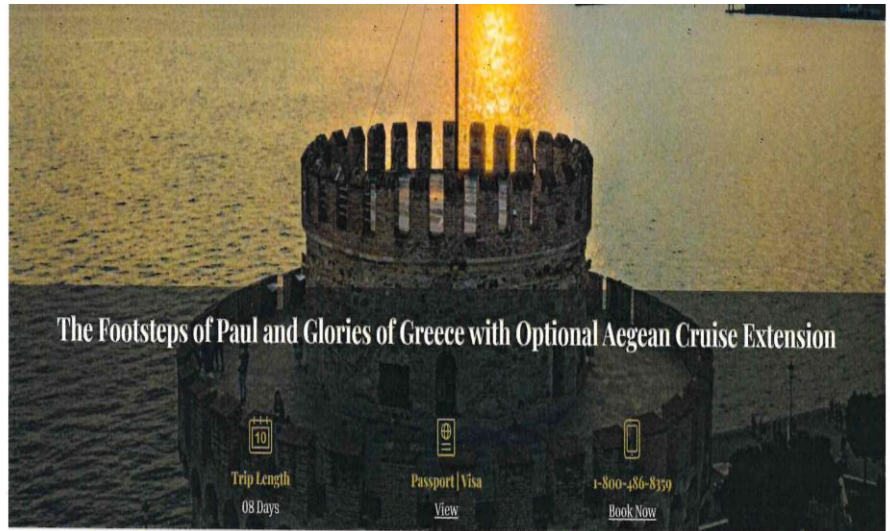
**June Sermon
Schedule**

**June 7th
“Eat this Scroll”
Ezekial, Jeremiah,
and Revelation**

**June 14th
Pastor Carol Taylor
Preaching**

**June 21st
“The Greatest
Sentence Ever
Written”
Galatians 5**

**June 28th
Rev. Carol
Wickersham
Preaching**



Interested in a Trip to Greece?

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Possible tour group forming.

Group of 10 minimum.

**See Pastor Jamieson for more
information.**

Upcoming Events



Jeanne Chernuk-Krueger	June 1
Phyllis Matthews	June 13
Janet Hahn	June 20
Katheleen Korbach	June 25
Christine Roulette	June 26
Nancy Boutelle	June 28

Ken & Iris Campton	June 20
Tim & Lisa Moore	June 21





• **New Beginnings**

**Laura Erickson, our almost graduated Lay Ministry student, gave the sermon on May 17th.
She did a great job! Congratulations, Laura!**



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We have a new website!

Check us out online at:

Unitedchurchbeloit.org

Can't make it to church Sunday?

Follow us on Facebook and
YouTube.

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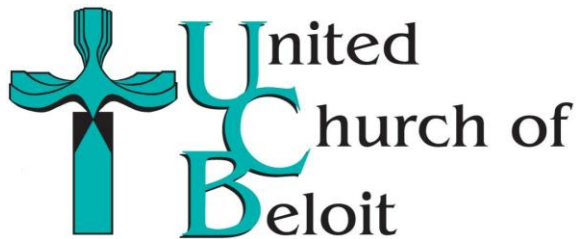


Please scan the QR Code to update
your contact information. Our goal
is to get a 100% response rate!



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**For those members
giving both to Unified
and Missions. Thank you
to all who indicate each
week/month how you
want your offering split
between Unified and
Missions. It is very
helpful for me
when depositing your
offering to capture what
is expected.**



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Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday
9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Member Organizations
National Association of
Congregational Christian
Churches

**Wisconsin Congregational
Association**

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