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A Word from Pastor Jamieson

This past month, I awoke to a misty morning. Drizzling warm rain descending on lush rain forest capped mountains created by ancient volcanoes. I would end my day with sunsets falling into the Pacific Ocean. Hawaii is an amazing destination for visitors. The Hawaii Tourism Authority reports in 2025 that nearly 10 million visitors came to Hawaii. One of the earliest tourists that helped tell us about the beauty of Hawaii was Mark Twain. He visited Hawaii for 4 months as a writer in 1866, dispatching articles for California newspapers. He would later give talks to fill auditoriums on the beauty of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Since then, the wonders of the natural beauty and aloha spirit of the people have inspired so many people to visit.

Even though Hawaii is a vacation destination and people might not have attended church as top of their agenda, I witnessed tremendous outpouring of faith everywhere I went. The reason I was in Hawaii for the month was because I was working on historic Ford Island inside the solemn waters of Pearl Harbor. Ford Island and Pearl Harbor are both still active military bases, and this year it hosted one of the largest maritime exercises in the world. Nations from all over the Pacific region participated, and I didn't know this before arriving, but I would have the great honor and pleasure to be working with chaplains from many of these nations. I met and worked with chaplains from South Korea, Australia, and Canada who all were inspiring by caring for the souls of not just their service members from their nations but for everyone who participated. They knew that the good news of the Gospel didn't stop at nationalities or language edge.

It was also inspiring to witness the deep and passionate faith of the many churches and people of O'ahu with deepest conviction to share their faith with others. I pray and give thanks for the church choir singing the sweetest Hawaiian renditions of Gospel songs on Waikiki Beach, for the museum docent who also serves as a church pastor, for all the people who came up to me telling me about

Pastor Jamieson Cont.

the wonderful church family and asking for prayer, and most certainly for the surfing fellowship group that prays and leads devotionals and then, of course, goes surfing. It shows that the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of people beyond just tourism. Many people blessed to travel and see the beauty of places like Hawaii, and people make a living from this, and all of this is great, but we must remember that people have souls and they must be cared for, so I give thanks to all the people I met who cared for my soul over this past month.

It is a testament to work of the Holy Spirit that even the greatest of oceans can't stop it from hearing the good news of the Gospel. I was amazed to see the outpouring of faith in all the places I visited and the people I met, I learned of the challenges the earliest missionaries brought to the Hawaiian people. Many were confident in their calling to carry the Gospel to the ends of the Earth but then fell to the temptations of wealth. It is a legacy we must pray into so that we can bear witness to the one who will ultimately reconcile all of creation.

See Ya Out There,

E.J.

From the Desk of Pastor Carol,

Reading recipes to use up summer produce was a bit frustrating. I didn't want anything fancy, just ideas for something basic, to enjoy the fresh flavors of this season.

Occasionally, we want to freshen up our faithful life. A new devotional book or a prayer journal might seem like just the ticket. But sometimes a song or re-reading a familiar text is just what we need. Jesus told his disciples to pray simply, for daily necessities, forgiveness, and for God's will to be done. We can keep it simple. God knows what we need and what is on our hearts when we pray, through the Holy Spirit. Let's keep our faith strong and keep it simple at the same time!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

Shalom,

Pastor Carol Taylor

God's Faithfulness Through Every Season of Life

Min. Michelle Bullock

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." — Hebrews 13:8

August reminds us that the seasons are changing. Gardens are producing their final harvest, children prepare to return to school, and many of us begin thinking about autumn. These changes remind us that life itself is made up of many seasons. Some are filled with joy and celebration, while others bring loss, uncertainty, or physical challenges.

As senior adults, we have witnessed God's faithfulness through countless seasons. We have experienced answered prayers, unexpected blessings, difficult goodbyes, and moments when God's presence carried us through circumstances, we never imagined facing. Looking back, we can often see God's hand at work even when we could not recognize it at the time.

Throughout August, the Presbyterian lectionary invites us to reflect on God's steady presence. We read about Jesus feeding the five thousand, reminding us that God provides for our needs. We hear Peter stepping out onto the water, teaching us that faith sometimes requires courage. Later in the month, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"—a question each generation must answer for itself.

These passages speak powerfully to those who have walked with Christ for many years. Our testimonies become gifts to younger generations. The wisdom gained through decades of trusting God encourages children, grandchildren, neighbors, and fellow believers who are still learning to rely on His promises.

Perhaps your ministry today is not as active as it once was. Physical limitations may prevent you from serving in ways you once enjoyed. Yet your prayers, your encouragement, your presence in worship, and your example of enduring faith remain invaluable to the life of the church. The kingdom of God is strengthened every time a faithful believer shares hope, offers kindness, or prays for another.

As we move through this month, let us give thanks for every season God has brought us through and trust Him with the days still ahead. The Lord who has been faithful throughout our lives will continue to guide us, comfort us, and fill us with hope.

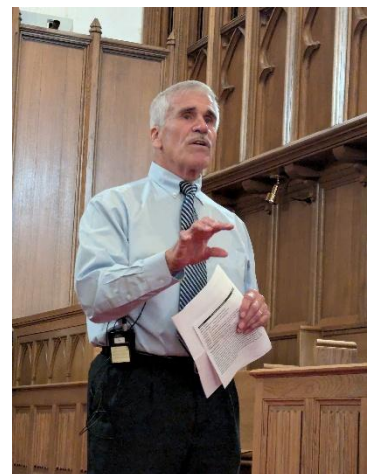
A Note from The Finance Dept.

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.

UCB-The Month in Review

The month of July was a little different for us, with Pastor Jamieson away fulfilling his military duties. We are a grateful people, knowing our earthly shepherd is caring for us not only in the spirit but in the Armed Services as well. We are blessed to have Pastor Carol, always ready to step in and make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to Pastor Carol Wickersham and Rev. Steve Howland (pictured) for sharing with us in the absence of our Lead Pastor. And a special "Thank You" to Sun Valley and Pastor Dave for hosting our yearly summer fellowship.



HONORABLE MENTION



Laura Erickson being presented as a graduate from Lay Ministry Training Program. With program administrators, Polly Bodjenac, left, and Charles Packer.

We are excited and grateful for the recent accomplishment of Laura. When asked her to reflect on the experience she explained; "The Lay Ministry Program is through National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. It is an intensive 3 year program, taught by Ministers about many different topics. Some include the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the New Testament-both basic and

advanced, Leadership, Spiritual Disciplines, Religions of the World; Pastoral Care; and many different topics. It culminates with a trip to Boston, to visit the Congregational Library and Archives, in depth discussion about Congregationalism, and a visit to Pilgrim sites and museum. It prepares people to be knowledgeable about a lot of topics, to be able to preach and lead worship."

Congratulations Laura and may the favor of God continue to rest on you as you dedicate your service to Him.

Culver's

On Wednesday, July 22nd, we were blessed to participate in a Culver's Scoopy Night Fundraiser on behalf of Caritas.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to fellowship and show your love for our very own. ***Pictured from left to***

right: Rev. Ian Stirrat (Caritas Founder) Pastor Carol & husband, Martin Taylor, and Caritas Executive Director, Larisa Chmielewski.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER



5:00 PM – 7:00Pm
SAT SEPTEMBER 12TH
United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff St. Beloit, WI 53511

**GREEK
NIGHT**

**Greek Dinner
Bakalava**

\$15 per plate
RSVP
608-362-6857
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AUGUST SERMON LINE-UP

**August 2nd – Soul Surfers (Find Your Line)
Matthew 14:22-23**

August 9th – Combined Service at Sun Valley for VBS

August 16th – Pastor Carol Preaching

**August 23rd – Pray for Surf
John 4:13-14**

**August 30th – Your Spiritual Family Tree
Hebrews 13:7-8**

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. Prevoznak
Pastor

BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1**

10:00AM - 1:00PM

BELOIT MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL
FIELDHOUSE

- ✓ COMMUNITY BOOTHS
- ✓ FREE STUFFED BACKPACKS
- ✓ LIVE PERFORMANCES
- ✓ GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- ✓ FREE FOOD
- ✓ FREE HAIR CUTS
- ✓ FREE MEDICAL SERVICES
- ✓ FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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Gloria Matthews	August 2
Laurie Showers	August 7
Shiela Wessels	August 9
Thais Parkinson	August 10
Jean Reichard	August 11
Jeffrey Richards	August 14
Kathy Harman	August 15
Isabella Moore	August 15
Lisa Moore	August 18
Laura Erickson	August 21
Scott Reichard	August 25
Al Bach	August 27

Gary & Marilyn Cook	August 11
Pastor Jamieson & Liah	August 13
Roy & Janet Hahn	August 17
David & Stephanie Dobson	August 24
Steve & Jo Erkel	August 28
Steve & Lynn Ferger	August 31





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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.



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Please scan the QR Code to update
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Tuesday – Friday
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Member Organizations

National Association of
Congregational Christian
Churches

Wisconsin Congregational
Association

Presbytery of Milwaukee (PCUSA)

In need of pastoral care?

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