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A Word from Pastor Jamieson

Let me tell you a story about a church. Year after year it has endured shrinking attendance. It's lost its direction and purpose. It has been racked by scandal. Outsiders openly attack their core beliefs. All this combined with a sense of spiritual starvation, hunger for something to fill the souls of the people. This is an easy picture to imagine, right? I am talking about today, 2026, right? Perhaps you know this church, you ask yourself. Maybe you do, but it's probably not the one you are thinking about.

We are talking about the year 1517, over 500 years ago. On October 31st of that year, legend states Martin Luther nailed his now famous 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Regardless of whether people stopped and read each one, it forever changed the nature of our faith and how we live it out. Real questions were being asked by everyday people about God in their lives. And many of these same questions are relevant today. The condition of the church then was not healthy in many ways, and it might be tempting to say that 500 years later we are back where we started.

One thing remains clear, 500 years on, the Gospel is still alive. Despite all the angst, I am filled with joy the Word is proclaimed everywhere and every day. For the first Reformers, the printing press made the Bible available to all to read. We are grateful for the Holy Spirit breathing new life into all the ways to know God. From the printing press to all forms of media today, God's Word finds a way to breathe new life into us. All this time, there have been faithful people who felt the Holy Spirit burning in their hearts for all this time. God's Word is just as needed now as it was 500 years ago. Though the past 500 years has not been easy to say the least, we must learn from the journey that we have walked, discern to what Christ is truly calling us to do, and live out our faith in the fullest sense of grace and love. We do this with whom we give our love and praise, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All honor and glory be unto the Lord from now and for the next 500 years.

October is always a great month in Wisconsin. From apple cider to corn mazes, to Autumn festivals, it's a great time to take in the changing fall colors. Not to mention stocking up on calories for winter with sausages and cheese. To help you prepare, we have great sermons. We will also be having our annual Blessing of the Animals prayer as is tradition in October. We hope to see you at the church where the Christ's peace may be felt.

**See you out there.
Pastor E.J.**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

By: Janet Hahn



Deacons/Outreach wishes to keep the congregation informed about organizations to which we make contributions. This month we are highlighting the Welty Environment Center, located in Big Hill Park. They have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as a non-profit educational organization. They provide year-round environmental programs for school children's field trips (3436 students in 2025), camps, and many family outings. Welty partners with Hendricks Career Tek to teach after-school environmental engineering programs for middle school students, as well as many other community programs.

From the Desk of Pastor Carol,



Autumn is such a wonderful season. The colors are already changing, against the vivid blue sky. This October is the 20th anniversary of my becoming your Licensed Minister! We've seen some changes over these years together, haven't we? Our church merger was formalized 14 years ago, also in October. It is a privilege to say I am Pastor at United Church of Beloit! There is such deep care in our church family for one another and support of community missions. I am humbly grateful to you all for what we have accomplished together and look forward to more years together to serve our Loving Lord!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

*Shalom,
Pastor Carol Taylor*

How Should We Treat One Another?

Min. Michelle Bullock

Romans 12:10 NLT

Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.

As we journey through life, we learn that people will not always agree with us, understand us, or see things the way we do. Even among people who work together, worship together, serve together, and have known one another for years, disagreements can arise. Sometimes jealousy, envy, misunderstanding, competition, or discord can create tension between us.

But as people of God, the question is not simply, “How did they treat me?” The greater question is, “How does God expect me to treat them?” Christian love does not mean that we will always agree. It does not mean that we ignore wrongdoing or pretend that everything is fine. Rather, Christian love means that even when we disagree, we choose not to intentionally hurt, belittle, embarrass, or tear one another down.

Proverbs 15:1 reminds us: “Foolishness brings joy to those with no sense; a sensible person stays on the right path”.

Words can heal, but words can also wound. As we grow older and wiser, we should become more intentional about what comes out of our mouths. Before we repeat something, we should ask: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it helpful? We do not have to respond to everything we hear. Sometimes wisdom says, “Be quiet.” Sometimes love says, “Give them the benefit of the doubt.” And sometimes the Holy Spirit says, “Pray about it before you speak about it.”

James 3:16 says: “For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. “Someone else's gift does not diminish yours. Someone else's opportunity does not cancel yours. Someone else's success does not mean that God has forgotten you. God has given each of us different gifts, different assignments, different seasons, and different purposes. Instead of asking, “Why them?” we should ask, “Lord, what are You asking me to do with what You have placed in my hands?”

Min. Michelle Cont.

Remember Who We Represent

Colossians 3:12–13 tells us: *“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”*

Every morning, before we put on our clothes, we should remember, we are called to put on compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Whether we are at work, at church, in our families, or in our communities, people should be able to see something different about the way we treat others. Not because we are perfect, but because we belong to Christ. For those of us who have lived long enough to experience life's victories and disappointments, we know something that younger generations are still learning Life is too short to spend our remaining years fighting battles that God never assigned to us. Let us leave behind jealousy, envy, competition, gossip, and discord. Let us choose encouragement, kindness, forgiveness, and peace. And when we cannot resolve everything ourselves, let us take it to God.



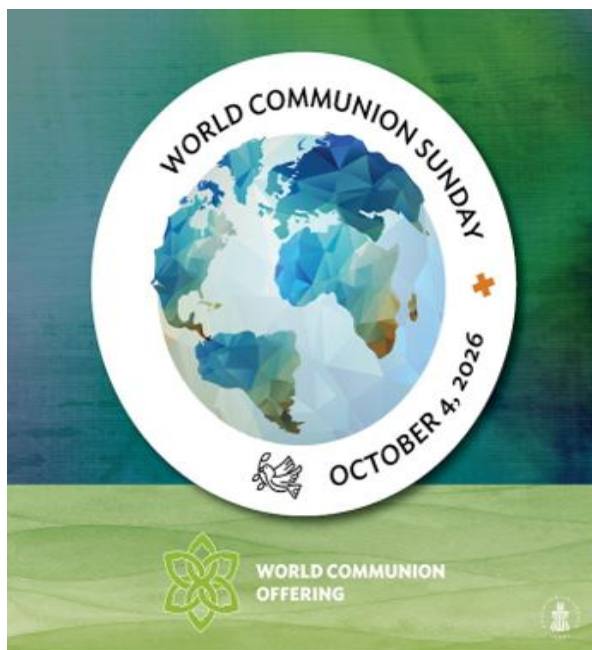
OCTOBER SERMON LINE-UP

Oct 4th – Too Many Open Tabs
Matthew 6:34

Oct 11th - Oil!!!
Daniel 2:40-44

Oct 18th - People of the Chatbot
1 Samuel 28:3-25

Oct 25th - Pastor Carol Preaching



Please invite friends or family to church for World Communion Sunday, especially if they have not been to church recently.

World Communion Sunday is a special Sunday service where the church world wide is united in our faith in Jesus at the communion table.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Coronado Theatre 314 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61101

Tues Oct 6th & Wed Oct 7th

The Thorn tells the epic story of God's love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity. The story of Christ is presented in an immersive show with music, drama, aerial acts, movement arts, modern dance, and special effects. Witnessed live by more than 1 million people over 30 years, The Thorn will engage audiences in the definitive story of love, sacrifice and redemption like never before.

<https://thethorn.com/>

Blessing of the Animals

Thursday October 8th 2026 at 1130AM

Pastor E.J. will celebrate this special day by holding a Blessing of the Animals prayer service.

United Church of Beloit Parking Lot
Bring your Pets and Animals for a Special Blessing





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Learning Together in Faith

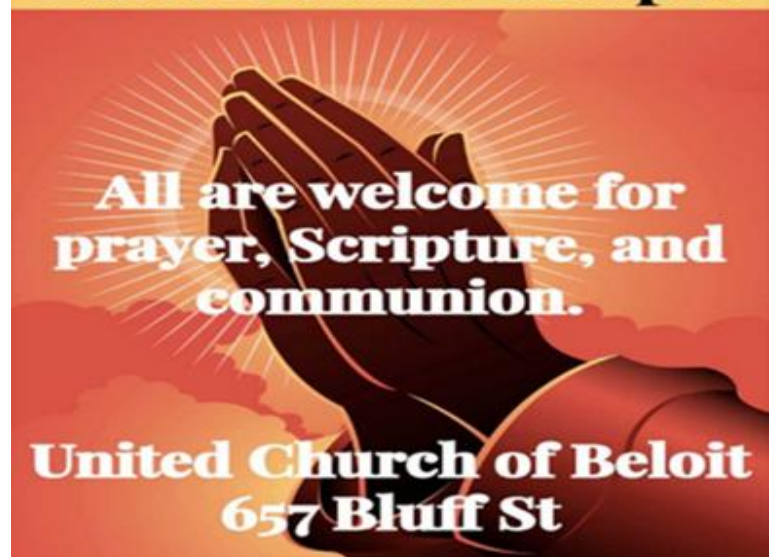
**United Church
of Beloit**

Second Thursday of the Month @ 8AM

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

First Tuesday of Every Month
@1130AM

Lunch Time Chapel



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

**United Church of Beloit
657 Bluff St**

**WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND?**



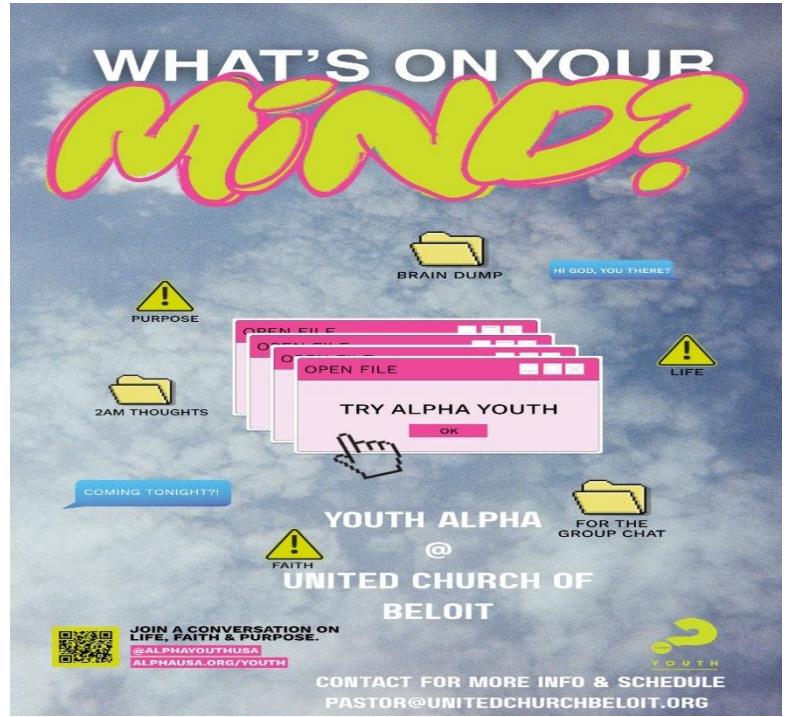
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Celebration Time, Come On!



Pastor Carol Taylor	October 5
Crystal MacNeas	October 10
Barbara Reynolds	October 13
Dan Showers	October 18
Tom Holmes	October 21
Stephanie Dobson	October 22
Jane Moldonis	October 27
Alec Mourtzis	October 30

Brian & Nancy Holmes	10/2
George & Elle Hooker	10/6
Martin & Carol Taylor	10/15
Dave Burrell & Gloria Matthews	10/19



UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT



**OCTOBER 10TH
SAT AT 6PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT
5:30PM**

**HOSTED BY
Savvas Mourtzis**

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BELOIT, WI**

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ON THE INFO BOARD**

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We have a new website
Check us out on-line @
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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is to get a 100% response rate!





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9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Member Organizations
National Association of
Congregational Christian
Churches

**Wisconsin Congregational
Association**

Presbytery of Milwaukee (PCUSA)

In need of pastoral care?

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



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of Christ's Church

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Licensed Lay Minister
Pastor Carol Taylor

Moderator
Jim Coutts

Church Treasurer
Gary Kovanda

Financial Secretary
Valerie Fjalstad

Church Secretary
Michelle Bullock

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