

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 10/12

9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

Monday 10/13

10am Matthew Group
2pm Visitation Team Meeting
5pm Soccer Practice
5:30pm Finance/Council Meeting
6pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 10/14

2pm Brightpoint Head Start
5pm Soccer Practice
6pm Disciple 1
7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 10/15

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
10:30am Ladies fitness class
3:30 NIFB Mobile Pantry (helpers arrive at 2:30)
5pm Soccer Practice
5:30pm Disciple 3
6:30pm Disciples Forever

Thursday 10/16

5pm Soccer Practice

Friday 10/17

6:30 Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday 10/18

9am Quarterly Meeting

Sunday 10/19

9am Worship
10:30am Celebration Sunday Brunch

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~

All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.



Belvidere First

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

October 12, 2025



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Order of Worship for October 12, 2025

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"**
"We Have Come Into His House"

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 145: 8-21 UMH #857

Liturgist: Nancy Petersen

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

Many: and your faithful ones shall bless you!

One: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

Many: and tell of your power,

One: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

Many: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

Many: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling,

Many: and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: The eyes of all look to you,

Many: and you give them their food in due season.

One: You open your hand,

Many: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

One: All the Lord's ways are just,

Many: all the Lord's doings are kind.

One: The Lord is near to all who call,

Many: to all who call upon the Lord in truth.

One: The Lord fulfills the desire of all the faithful,

Many: and hears their cry and saves them.

One: All who love the Lord, the Lord preserves.

Many: All the wicked the Lord destroys.

One: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord;

Many: let all flesh bless God's holy name for ever and ever.

***Scriptures:** Luke 5: 17-26

Philippians 2: 5-11

Stewardship Time

Prayer Song: "Humble Thyself"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message Pastor Jim

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

All our lives we have known your goodness, God, providing for our needs, watching over us to protect us, guiding our steps, opening doors of opportunity, healing our bodies and souls. We have heard of your goodness through all generations from those who made records of the same goodness.

Receive our gifts as signs of our gratitude, raise up an enduring testimony in this place, to bring you glory and invite others to come under the shelter of your care, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Shout to the Lord"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Altar Flowers given by Rich & Tammie Bahling in memory of Tammie's parents.

I have been entrusted with a _____

My vows of membership describe _____

The treasure I steward by service and testimony: _____

Service: our effort for _____

Mat friends take _____

1 paralytic + 4 mat friends (servants) = _____

Trustees (servants) don't get _____

1 paralytic + 4 mat friends (servants) + 4 Trustees =

_____ & _____

Who told Luke? _____

Who told the neighbors? _____

1 paralytic, 4 mat friends (servants), 4 Trustees + 41 witnesses =

_____ & _____

& _____

That's _____

Who do you need to invite to redemption? _____

What story do you have to tell? _____

Luke 5:17-26

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." ²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?" ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.