

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 3/8

9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

Monday 3/9

5pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Finance/Council Meeting
6pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 3/10

12pm Belvidere Women's Club Meeting
5pm Baseball Practice
6pm Disciple 1
7pm Boy Scouts
7pm EV Bible Study

Wednesday 3/11

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
10:30am Ladies fitness class
5:30pm Disciple 3
6pm Disciples Forever

Thursday 3/12

8am Lifeline Screening Perry Hall

Saturday 3/14

10am Women's Ministry Meeting
2pm Private Event Perry Hall



Belvidere First

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 8, 2026



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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.

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Order of Worship for March 8, 2026

Scout Sunday

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Lord I Need You"
"Is He Worthy"

***Responsive Psalm:** from Psalm 86
Liturgist: Norm Yarger or Scouts

One: Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant
who trusts in you.

Many: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant,
Lord, for I put my trust in you.

One: You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

Many: Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.
When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

One: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

Many: All the nations you have made will come and
worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to
your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

One: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on
your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

Many: I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love
toward me; you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

Scripture: Mark 9: 14-29

Discipleship Time

Prayer Song: "You Are So Good to Me"

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jay

Message: Pastor Jim

Holy Communion: UMH #9

Communion Songs: "To the Table"
"Hungry"

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Your Grace is Enough"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

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

*Altar flowers given by Lucy & Denny Capitosti in honor of their
53rd wedding anniversary.*

Transfiguration was a mountaintop for _____ too.

What did he see when he came down? _____

The argument was about _____

It prevented _____

When does that happen today? _____

First Church will be the closest _____

Dad wants to talk about _____

Who is Jesus “putting up with?” _____

Everything is possible for _____

How do we come to believe? _____

How are we helped with unbelief? _____

How does the thing we believe come true? _____

This miracle only happens when we _____

Fasting helps us receive miracles &/or _____

How will you fast this Lent? _____

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹ “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³ “‘If you can?’” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

²⁹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer. [a]”