

*This coming week in the life of the church*

**Today 4/26**

9am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

1:30pm EV Luncheon Perry Hall

**Monday 4/27**

8am Rummage Sale Set Up

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

5:30pm Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday 4/28**

8am Rummage Sale Set Up

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm Disciple 1

**Wednesday 4/29**

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

8am-4pm Rummage Sale

5:30pm Disciple 3

5:30pm Soccer & Baseball Practice

**Thursday 4/30**

8am-4pm Rummage Sale

5:30pm Soccer & Baseball Practice

**Friday 5/1**

8am-11am Rummage Sale

**Saturday 5/2**

9am Leadership Quarterly



**Belvidere First**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

**April 26, 2026**



**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 April 26, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

**\*Opening Songs of Praise:** "Joyful, Joyful"  
"As We Gather"

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 143: 1-10 UMH #856

Liturgist: Missy Ingersoll

One: Hear my prayer, O Lord; in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; in your righteousness answer me!

**Many: Enter not into judgment with your servant; for no one living is righteous before you.**

One: For enemies have pursued me; they have crushed my life to the ground; they have made me sit in darkness like those long dead.,

**Many: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.**

One: I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that you have done; I muse on what your hands have wrought.

**Many: I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

One: Make haste to answer me, O lord! My spirit fails!

**Many: Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**

One: In the morning let me hear of your steadfast love, for in you I put my trust.

**Many: Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

One: Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies!

**Many: I have fled to you for refuge!**

One: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

**Many: Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path!**

**\*Scripture:** Revelation 20: 11-15

Galatians 2: 14-21

Discipleship Time

**Prayer Song:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs 1&2

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim

**\*Doxology** (UMH #95)

**\*Prayer of dedication**

How shall we thank you, God, for your patience with us when we fall short? For your mercy when we do wrong? For your acceptance when we are unworthy? It is impossible that we should make atonement for our faults. Yet you love us and save us through Jesus.

Receive our gifts, not as atoning sacrifices, but as thanksgiving offerings. Use them and us to bring more people to find forgiveness through Jesus and live in grace and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Closing Song of Praise:** "How Great is Our God"

**\*Benediction**

**\*= Stand as able**

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

Altar flowers given by Dale Fox in memory of (wife) Mary's birthday.

**Galatians 2:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

<sup>15</sup> “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup> know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! <sup>18</sup> If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

<sup>19</sup> “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

**Revelation 20:11-15**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Was Paul talking to Peter or the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

The question: \_\_\_\_\_

The answer \_\_\_\_\_

The reason: \_\_\_\_\_

We won’t exclude \_\_\_\_\_

We won’t require \_\_\_\_\_

We won’t accept \_\_\_\_\_

“Justified” means \_\_\_\_\_

The grace of God the Son \_\_\_\_\_

The grace of God the Father \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 20 shows 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Faith in Christ is about (pick one) (or don’t) \_\_\_\_\_

Without Jesus, faithful works \_\_\_\_\_

With Jesus, faithful works \_\_\_\_\_

If I am crucified with Christ I \_\_\_\_\_