

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 5/17

9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
11am Townhall Meeting Perry Hall

Monday 5/18

10am Matthew Bible Study Group
5pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice
5:30 Mission Team Meeting
6:30pm Ambassador Team Meeting

Tuesday 5/19

2pm Brightpoint Meeting
5pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice
7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 5/20

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
10:30am Fitness class
5:30pm Disciple 3
5:30 Baseball & Soccer Practice

Thursday 5/21

5:30pm Baseball & Soccer Practice

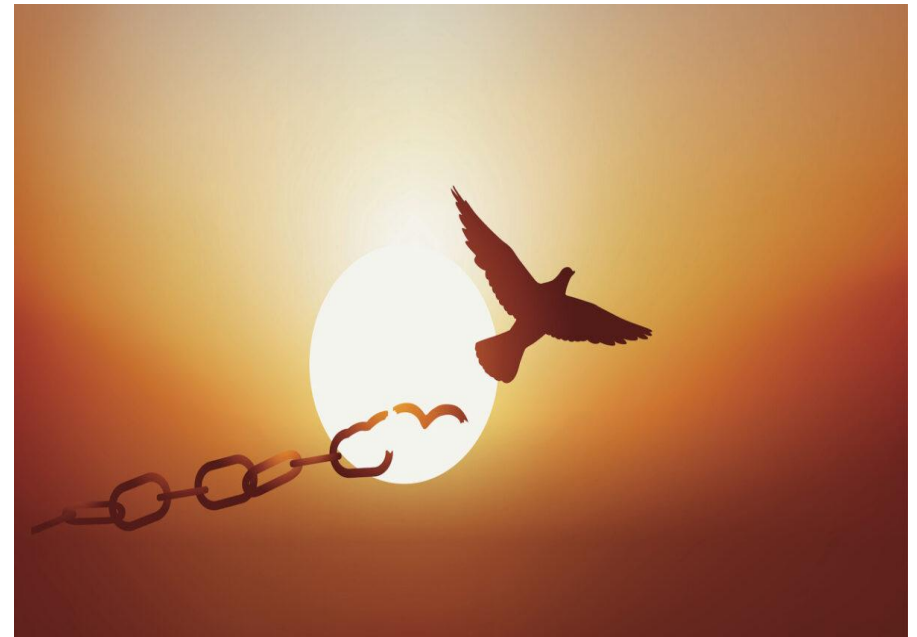


Belvidere First

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

May 17, 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 May 17, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "No Longer Slaves"
"Revival"

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

Liturgist: Ronn Gordon

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.

***Scripture:** Galatians 5: 13-15

Discipleship Time VBS Rainforest Falls

Prayer Song: "Indescribable"

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Pam Rossmiller

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

We praise you, God, for your grace and mercy, for our freedom and our place as your children. Surely we have known your goodness in the land of the living.

Receive our gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to broadcast your glory and goodness. Use our gifts and us to set free those who are still in bondage and to be instruments of your goodness in the lives of those who still cry out for mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Old Church Choir"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

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

Altar flowers given by Sue & Dan Homes in memory of (Gram) Helen Ralston

Adoption is the way to God for _____

The Holy Spirit is a pipeline to _____

Chapters 5 & 6 are about _____

Just because you can _____

The more it's about God & others _____

God's people are the most _____

Where are you growing? _____

We are free from sin, not _____

You are redeemed. All that's left is _____

Amazingly, when set free we choose _____

“Bite and devour” describes _____

Redeemed, Spirit-filled Christians stand out, right? _____

What help do you need to live that out? _____

Who could you ask that help from? _____

Who could you offer that help to? _____

Galatians 5:13-15

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Town Hall meeting notes: