

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 5/3

9am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

Monday 5/4

10am Matthew Study Group

1pm UWF Board Meeting

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 5/5

10am UWF General Meeting

2pm Brightpoint Early Learning Meeting

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm Disciple 1

7pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

Wednesday 5/6

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

10:30am Fitness class

4:30pm Community Supper

5:30pm Disciple 3

5:30pm Baseball & Soccer practice

Thursday 5/7

5:30pm Baseball & Soccer Practice

Saturday 5/9

10am Women's Ministry Meeting

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

May 3, 2026

Heirs
OF HIS PROMISE

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Order of Worship for May 3, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Ascribe"
"10,000 Reasons"

***Psalm of Praise:** Psalm 103 UMH #824
Liturgist: Terry Frazer

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name!

**Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's
benefits,**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases,

**Many: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you
with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.**

One: The Lord, who works vindication and justice for all who
are oppressed, has made known God's ways to Moses,
God's acts to the people of Israel.

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

One: The Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger for
ever.

**Many: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is
the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;

**Many: as far as the east is from the west, so far does the Lord
remove our transgressions from us.**

One: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the
Lord shows compassion to the faithful.

**Many: For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers that we
are dust.**

One: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like
a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is
gone, and its place knows it no more.

**Many: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting upon the faithful, and the righteousness of
the Lord to children's children, to those who keep his
covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

***Scripture:** Galatians 3: 19-29

Discipleship Time: Pastor Jim

Prayer Song: "People Get Ready"

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jim

Message: Pastor Jay

Holy Communion: UMH #9

Communion Songs: "Goodness of God"

"Let Your Mercy Rain"

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

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

Altar flowers given by Rick Tande in honor of Elaina (Lynn)

Tande

Galatians 3: 19-29

Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. ²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.