

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 7/19

9am Worship

Monday 7/20

10am IDA Library Bookmobile

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm VBS

Tuesday 7/21

2pm Head Start

5pm Baseball Practice

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm VBS

7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 7/22

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

10:30am Fitness Class

3:30pm NIFB Mobile Food Pantry

5:30pm Soccer & Baseball Practice

6pm VBS

Thursday 7/23

11am Women's Retreat Leadership Meeting

5:30pm Baseball & Soccer Practice

6pm VBS

7pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Friday 7/24

5:30pm VBS Family Fun Night

Saturday 7/25

8am Walk to Emmaus Training

2pm EV Outside Event

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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

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Order of Worship for July 19, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "How Great is Our God"
"As We Gather"

***Responsive Reading:** from Isaiah 59
Liturgist: Curt Newport

One: Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have
separated you from your God; your sins have hidden
his face from you, so that he will not hear.

**Many: No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with
integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies;
they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.**

One: The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice
in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads;
no one who walks along them will know peace.

**Many: So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not
reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness;
for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.**

One: The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no
justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that
there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved
salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

**Many: "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob
who repent of their sins," declares the Lord.**

One: "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says
the Lord. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from
you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always
be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips
of their descendants—from this time on and forever," says
the Lord.

***Scripture:** Luke 16:16

Matthew 3: 1-2, 4:17, 10:7

Discipleship Time

Prayer Song: "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451 vs 1&2

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim Bell

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

You are amazing, God. Even when we walk in our ways, your
faithful care never leaves us. We benefitted from your grace
before we ever came to you in faith. Today we still enjoy the
benefits for that prodigal grace.

Accept our gifts in recognition that your abundance has
provided for us when we were near and when we wandered. Use
them and us to call people from wherever we find them to your
waiting Kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Trading My Sorrow"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

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

Altar flowers given by Dan & Sue Holmes in honor of Carly and
Drew's 10th wedding anniversary.

The message for the Church today: _____

What's the difference: Kingdom of Heaven or God?

What did they expect? _____

What did they get? _____

God did this before _____

“repent” is like _____

Why does a nearby Kingdom mean repent?

The message of the Kingdom replaced _____

Which amounted to _____

How do we preach Law & Prophets today? _____

Part of repenting was Church learning _____

Have you forced your way in? _____

How could someone? _____

Why would God let you? _____

Luke 16:16

¹⁶ “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.

Matthew 3:1-2

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 10:7

⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’