

*This coming week in the life of the church*

**Today 8/17**

9am Worship

**Monday 8/18**

11am Meals on Wheels

5pm Soccer Practice

6:30pm Ambassador Meeting

**Tuesday 8/19**

11am Meals on Wheels

5pm Soccer Practice

5pm Baseball Practice

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday 8/20**

10:30am Ladies fitness class

11am Meals on Wheels

5pm Soccer Practice

**Thursday 8/21**

11am Meals on Wheels

5pm Soccer Practice

5pm Baseball Practice

6pm GriefShare

**Friday 8/22**

10am IDA Library Book Mobile

11am Meals on Wheels

**Saturday 8/23**

9am Private Event Perry Hall

**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.*

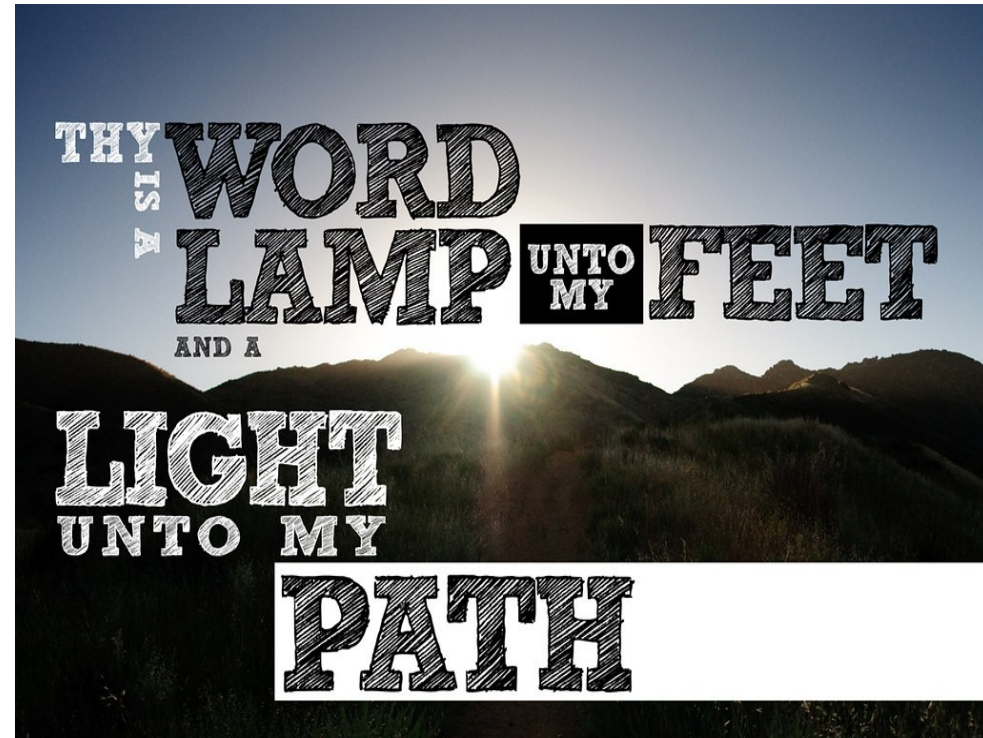


**Belvidere First**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

**August 17, 2025**



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## Order of Worship for August 17, 2025

**Prelude** (song/s)

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Songs of Praise:** "Let the Worshipers Arise"  
"Goodness Love & Mercy"

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 119 (Selected Verses) UMH #841

Liturgist: Katie Belinson

One: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

**Many: who walk according to the law of the Lord.**

One: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

**Many: and seek him with all their heart.**

One: I have hidden your word in my heart

**Many: that I might not sin against you.**

One: Open my eyes that I may see

**Many: wonderful things in your law.**

One: Let me understand the teaching of your precepts;

**Many: then I will meditate on your wonders.**

One: Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees;

**Many: then I will keep them to the end.**

One: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

**Many: and obey it with all my heart.**

One: Direct me in the path of your commands,

**Many: for there I find delight.**

**All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

**\*Scripture:** Luke 1: 1-4

John 20: 30-31

Romans 12:2

**Discipleship Time** Disciple Recognition Pastor Jay

**Prayer Song:** "It is Well" vs 1,2,4

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Jay

**Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

**Message** "Peace in Unpacking" Pastor Pam Rossmiller

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

**\*Prayer of dedication** (Hebrews 11:29—12:2)

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Closing Song of Praise:** "Indescribable"

**\*Benediction**

**\*= Stand as able**

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

*Altar Flowers given by Rich & Tammie Bahling in memory of (Tammie's sister) Deb Fetterolf*

*Podium flowers from Paul Felton Funeral*

**Luke 1: 1-4**

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

**John 20: 30-31**

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Romans 12:2**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.