

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 8/9

9am Worship

Monday 8/10

10am IDA Public Library Bookmobile in parking lot

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Tuesday 8/11

Boone County Fair Opens

5:30pm Soccer Practice

7pm Boy Scouts Outside

Wednesday 8/12

Boone County Fair

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Thursday 8/13

Boone County Fair

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Friday 8/14

Boone County Fair

Saturday 8/15

Boone County Fair

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 9, 2026



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Order of Worship for August 9, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Holiness"
"Goodness, Love & Mercy"

***Responsive Reading:** Isaiah 44: 1-8

Liturgist: Nancy Petersen

One: "But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the Lord says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Many: They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. Some will say, 'I belong to the Lord'; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, 'The Lord's,' and will take the name Israel.

One: "This is what the Lord says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

Many: No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

***Scripture:** John 3: 1-8

Discipleship Time: Pastor Paul Bundschuh

Prayer Song: Special Music "Bit O Clay"—Mara Baer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim Bell

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

Thank you, God, for the breath in our lungs, for the spirit that raises us up in the morning and moves us through the day, and for providing everything we need to continue living and moving tomorrow.

Receive our gifts as expressions of our thanks and use them and us to help others find new life in this place, in Jesus' name, Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Rock of Ages"

***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

Not everyone talking about heaven _____.

This Pharisee is not _____.

Nicodemus risked _____ affirming Jesus.

Jesus answered a question _____

He showed Nicodemus _____

The Kingdom is available to those who _____

What does that mean? _____

Do you qualify? _____

Do you know & care about someone who doesn't? _____

Everyone alive is born of _____

Some humans are _____

What could Nicodemus do to get in? _____

The Spirit gives to whom _____

Who is chosen? _____

John 3:1-8

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”