

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 9/21

9am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

Monday 9/22

5pm Soccer Practice

5:30pm Missions Meeting

6:00pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Ambassador Meeting

Tuesday 9/23

5pm Soccer Practice

5pm Baseball Practice

6pm Disciple 1

7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 9/24

9am Psalm Sisters

10:30am Ladies fitness class

5pm Soccer Practice

5:30pm Disciple 3

6:30pm Disciples Forever

Thursday 9/25

5pm Soccer Practice

5pm Baseball Practice

7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting

Friday 9/26

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 9/27

2:30pm Wedding

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

September 21, 2025



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Order of Worship for September 21, 2025

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" VS 1&3
"I Surrender All" VS 1&4

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 85 UMH #806

Liturgist: Carla Walter

One: Lord, you showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Many: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

One: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Many: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

One: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Many: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

One: Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

Many: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Many: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Many: Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make God's footsteps a way.

***Scripture:** Matthew 25: 14-30

Discipleship Time

Prayer Song: "Give Thanks"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message Pastor Jim

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

Every good and perfect gift comes from You, O God. Words can not describe the range of your generosity from the beginning of time and in our lives.

Receive our gifts as symbols of our gratitude and as tokens of our commitment to pass your generosity on, to tell others of your goodness, and to bring back a return dedicated to you in this place, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "How Great is Our God"

***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 Sue's Birthday.

The Way to Peace

_____ seeks to steal my peace.

The spiritual discipline(s) of

_____ give(s) me peace.

Please put a check mark by the spiritual practice(s) that seem to continue to speak to you.

_____ fellowship	_____ witness
_____ worship	_____ meditation
_____ intercession	_____ solitude
_____ service	_____ holy communion
_____ gratitude	_____ fasting
_____ confession	_____ prayer
_____ conference	_____ forgiveness
_____ simplicity	_____ Bible Study
_____ celebration	_____ craftsmanship
_____ retreat	_____ discipleship

How have you newly incorporated any one of the above in your regular time spent with God over the last several weeks? What difference has it made?

Name (opt.) _____

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.