

*“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”*

Pastor Walt will continue to be off this week to care for his wife, Linda. She is progressing well!

Mark Maxted will be preaching this Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The verses for this Sunday are; Isaiah 43: 16-21 & John 12:1-8.



The Beloit Area Ministers Association and the Beloit Coalition of Churches enthusiastically announce the return of our Lenten Community worship services. For the Wednesdays of Lent, and on Good Friday, we invite you to join with us in worship. Together, across faith traditions, we unite as we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Together, across Beloit, we will sing & pray and build bridges in the shadow of the cross. Everyone is welcome. We hope you will come! Offerings taken at each service will benefit Caritas Food Pantry & Family Promise Homeless Ministry, & the new Next Steps Family Resilience Center.

**Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.**

Emmanuel Baptist Church ~ 1151 E. Grand Ave ~ Preacher: Fr T.J. Humphrey

**Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Wesley CME Church ~ 1760 Shore Dr ~ Preacher: Rev. Carol Wickersham

**Good Friday, April 18, 12:00 NOON**

First Baptist Church ~ 617 Public Ave ~ Preacher: Rev. Tracey Kenney

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***Circle of Caring***

Sarah Welton, Shirley Swanson, Lois Strothman, Del Schuyler, Clark Schoonover, Evie Romas, Kevin Hayden, Janice Crowley, Rosella Blakley, Pat Bach, & Bob Ames

*We would like to offer our prayers & support to the families of  
Virgil Elson, Joni Van Galder, & Rev. Terry West*

*(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless the office is notified.)*

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***America for Christ Offering:*** Grace Upon Grace is used to develop church leaders, create new ministers, promote discipleship, aid impoverished children, and many other uses in our American Baptist Family. Please consider a generous gift. Our goal is \$1,000.

***Make your Bible study time more fun:*** with a coloring and journaling Bible. Each page has space for notes, illustrations, and reflections. Cost is \$20. See Pastor Walt for details.

**Special Music Calendar:** will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to participate, please sign up. We would enjoy hearing your musical talents!

**Lenten Services:** a complete list of dates and location is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are hosting Good Friday on April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Rev. Tracey Kinney ~ Bethel AME Church will be preaching.

**Donuts:** Do you enjoy donuts at Coffee Hour? Please consider sponsoring a Sunday for \$40.

**New Ways to Give:** please read the Baird flyers in the Narthex. Questions, see Ed Hansen.

**Facebook:** please remember to like and share First Baptist posts to friends and family!

**Prayer Requests:** please fill out the green card in the narthex and put them in the offering plate or give them directly to Pastor Walt.

**Caritas Needs:** Soup, (Cream of Mushroom & Chicken).

**2025 Worship Bulletin Recognition:** Please sponsor a Sunday bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion. Fill out the white form in the narthex & drop it to off in the office. Include a check for \$20. You will be notified if the date is not available.

**Feeling Ill:** you have the option to watch our Sunday service from home at [www.facebook.com/firstbaptistbeloit](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistbeloit)

*Need to stop by the church office? We'd love to see you, just give us a call 365-8455*

## Calendar

Wednesday	April 2	7:00 pm	Lenten Service at First Congregational Church
Thursday	April 3	6:00 pm	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	April 6	8:15 am	Trustee Meeting
		9:30 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent
			Coffee Hour
		11:00 am	Handbell Choir Practice
Monday	April 7	10:00 am	Diaconate Meeting
Tuesday	April 8	10:00 am	Renewal Meeting
		6:30 pm	Foundation Meeting