

Sun Valley Presbyterian Participates in Community Services

Sun Valley Presbyterian Church in Beloit is part of a community worship series for Wednesdays in Lent, as well as Good Friday worship. The services are shared by various churches in Beloit, and pastors from the participating congregations take turns in the pulpits, as guests at the host church. Here's an idea of their remaining schedule, with a cordial invitation to attend:

Wed., March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Sun Valley Presbyterian
1650 Sun Valley Dr. Beloit (608) 365-7547
Preacher: Rev. James Ivy (New Zion Baptist)

Wed., March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Church: New Zion Baptist
1905 Mound Ave., Beloit (608)362-7703
Preacher: Rev. David Ewing (Sun Valley Presbyterian)

Good Friday, March 30, 12:00 noon

Church: River of Life United Methodist
2345 Prairie Ave, Beloit, WI 53511 (608) 362-8866
Preacher: Rev. Michael Ramsdail (Lighthouse Fellowship)

Rev. Dave Ewing, pastor at Sun Valley Presbyterian, had these observations about the community Lenten services:

“The idea of a community Lenten service started long before I came to Beloit. Talking with my predecessor, Ian Stirrat, this past Wednesday, Ian remembers these services dating way back into his time as pastor at Sun Valley. Currently, the Beloit Area Ministers Association initiates the scheduling of these Wednesday (and Good Friday) services. The current president, Pastor Carol Taylor, invites us to offer our churches and our preaching, and she also invites pastors and churches from the black community to participate.

“This worship is going very well for Beloit. Some area churches have their own programs on Wednesdays, either year round or for Lent. Even so, Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Parish invited us to join them for this past Wednesday night. Lots of our churches do not have a regular program, and so we make this community service our regular program. In addition to OLA, Emmanuel Baptist, St. Paul Episcopal, River of Life United Methodist, United Church of Beloit, New Zion Baptist, and Sun Valley Presbyterian (us!) are hosting services and swapping pastors this year. We have been to other churches, too, including the San Jose Parish one year.

“These services work for those of us dedicated to observing the Lenten tradition. Together, we get to explore a variety of ways that we worship God in this season. These services work because we cross racial lines, welcoming all to each worship. These services work because God is with us, helping us to build community and to notice the Spirit among us.”

All are invited to attend the services.