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# Here's what's happening in our community

# Lenten Offering will support TNJFON

**Your Lenten Offering will support Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors.** TNJFON began at Belmont UMC as a volunteer-based legal service and has grown into Nashville's largest nonprofit immigration law office, representing immigrants seeking humanitarian relief. TNJFON also educates the public on immigration and advocates for immigrant rights. Last year, TNJFON handled over 1,000 cases, presented at 45 educational events, and hosted its first Day on the Hill to advocate for immigrants. As one of 19 affiliates of the Immigration Law and Justice Network, TNJFON is part of a national effort providing legal services through 50 clinics across the U.S.

To learn more or give online, go to belmontumc.org/lenten-offering.

# Join us for a Lenten small group study!

#### Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm



Starting this Wednesday, March 12, and every Wednesday during Lent, gather with us in room 120 (library) at 6:00pm to reflect on the week's devotion from the Everything in Between devotional guide. Copies are available in the foyer.

Can't make Wednesdays but still want to join a small group? Let us know your availability by taking a survey at belmontumc.org/lenten-study. For questions, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org). We look forward to journeying through Lent with you!

## You're Invited! Wednesday Night at Belmont

#### Every Wednesday at 5:00pm

Join us for Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) on Wednesday, March 12. Dinner is FREE (donations accepted) and NO RESERVATIONS necessary! Learn more at belmontumc.org/wnab.

### **Creativity mini-retreat is this Saturday** Saturday, March 15th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Join us for our next Spiritual Practices for the Wilderness mini-retreat this Saturday, March 15, from 10:00am-12:00pm at Belmont UMC. This retreat's theme is creativity. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how God is showing up in your life, connect with community, and engage in meaningful spiritual practices. For more information, contact Heather (heather@belmontumc.org).



# This week

MONDAY, MARCH 10 6:30pm Outreach/Advocacy Committee, Parker Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 5:30pm Weekday School Advisory Committee, Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday Night at Belmont community meal, Community Center
6:00pm Lenten small group study, room 120
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

8:00am Centering prayer, prayer room 1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

**10:00am** Creativity mini retreat, prayer room

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:10am Chapel Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Sanctuary Worship
11:30am Fellowship in the Foyer
1:30pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal
5:30pm United Methodist Youth

### Ensuring a smooth Zoom experience: Important media and account reminder

Just a reminder that all media, including photos and slides, must be sent in advance to our Worship and Media Coordinator, Clay Smith, for any Zoom-related activities. Additionally, if you make changes to your church Zoom account (such as updating your password), please notify Clay so he can continue to manage administrative tasks effectively.

## Help kids create Holy Habits Jars for Lent!

Bring your jars by March 17



During Lent, each child will create and decorate a Holy Habits Jar in Sunday school to take home. It will be filled with slips of paper listing various spiritual practices to help children cultivate mindfulness and spend time with God.

We are looking for Mason jars or clean, recycled jars (such as spaghetti or salsa-sized jars). Please bring jars to the second floor, near room 214, by Monday, March 17.

## Save the date for the Be SMART program

#### Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00pm

Firearms are the leading cause of death among children in the U.S. and Tennessee. Secure firearm storage is a proven and effective way to prevent these tragedies. On Wednesday, March 19, Dr. Alanna Truss from Be SMART — a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund — will lead a discussion for parents and all adults concerned about kids, guns, and safety. Be SMART takes a nonpartisan, values-driven, educational approach to helping adults understand the importance of secure firearm storage and provides strategies to promote this life-saving conversation among family, friends, and neighbors. Learn more at belmontumc.org/be-smart.

This program will take place at 6:00 p.m. in room 124.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22 10:00am Parent and Child Music

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 2:30pm Hymn Sing at Mary Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 11:30am ENCORE Lunch and Learn

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 10:00am Adventure mini retreat, prayer room

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 7:00pm Good Friday Worship

> SUNDAY, APRIL 20 10:30m Easter Worship

Joys and concerns

Congratulations to Sarah, Clay, Frances McWhirt-Toler, and Jennifer McWhirt on the birth of their son, brother, and grandson, Lyle Graeme McWhirt-Toler.

We are a community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor.

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We commit to Jesus' example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective. We respect our diversity of opinion and expressions of faith. Therefore, as God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.



#### We would love to connect with you!

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card in the pew or sign the attendance register at the end of your row.

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