

# Welcome!

## Here's what's happening in our community



### Upcoming holiday closing

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21.

### The magic of hiking in springtime's "fast lane"

**Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00pm in room 124**

Taking walks in the woods soon after the snow thaws and before the forest canopy soaks up the sun's rays, reveals a natural world living life in the "fast lane." It's magical to move slowly and deliberately through the woods to witness this brief but vital time for forest plants and animals.

Join us this Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00pm in room 124 for *The Magic of Hiking in Springtime's "Fast Lane"* — *It's Not What You Might Think* led by Belmonter and naturalist Gary Hawkins. We'll explore the lives of native spring ephemerals, where to find them, and why they matter.

### Graduating in 2025? We want to celebrate you!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or technical school, we would love to celebrate with you! Join us for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 4.

Before worship, we'll have donuts and coffee in the foyer, giving church members a chance to greet and get to know our graduates. During the service, there will be a special time of recognition and blessing.

To be included on our graduate list, please email Emma (emma@belmontumc.org) by this Tuesday, April 22 with a short bio and a photo of the graduate. These will be displayed in the foyer and included as an insert in the bulletin.

Feel free to reach out to Emma with any questions. We look forward to celebrating our graduates together!

### Join us for Camp Firelight

**Monday, June 23 - Thursday, 26, 5:00-7:00pm in the Community Center**

Join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) summer camp adventure with God at Belmont UMC's Camp Firelight! Inspired by Psalm 56:3, this unique VBS program from Cokesbury Kids invites children on a journey where they will learn to trust God in every situation, know that God is always with them, and feel confident sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

We will gather Monday, June 23 - Thursday, June 26, from 5:00-7:00pm. Each evening will begin with campers enjoying dinner together with their fellow campers and camp counselors in the mess hall (Community Center).

## This week

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

*Church offices closed*

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30pm Executive Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night community meal, Community Center

6:00pm *The Magic of Hiking*, 124

6:00pm Children's choirs, FF Hall

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

8:00am Centering prayer, prayer room

1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:10am Worship with communion, chapel

8:45am Children's Chimes

9:15am Sunday school

9:15am *Come and See*, Parker Hall

10:30am Worship, sanctuary

11:30am Fellowship in the Foyer

1:00pm Visitation for JoAnn Tumey, Iris Room

2:00pm Celebration of Life for JoAnn Tumey, sanctuary

### Follow us on social media



# Save the date for Parent and Child Music!

**Saturday, May 3, 10:00am in room 213**

Make plans to join Christy Perkey and Amy Cooper for Parent and Child Music on Saturday, May 3! We'll meet in room 213 from 10:00-11:00am for a fun, musical time with young children and the parents, friends, nannies, and grandparents who love them. At Parent and Child Music, we sing fun songs and songs of faith appropriate for infants through preschoolers. We also play musical instruments, dance, use scarves, have puppets, and read stories. Belmonsters and folks from the community are welcome!

## Save the date!

### **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

10:00am Parent and Child Music

2:30pm Hymn sing at Mary, Queen of  
Angels

### **SUNDAY, MAY 4**

5:30pm Youth banquet

### **SUNDAY, MAY 18**

10:30am *The Noah Musical: Noah is  
No Ordinary Ark-itectural Hero*

### **MONDAY, JUNE 23 - THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

5:00-7:00pm Camp Firelight  
Vacation Bible School

### **JUNE 28 - 29**

Nashville Pride Festival

## Come and see!

Join us for *Come and See*, a special class for visitors and newcomers! Join Steve Bryant and other Belmonsters to learn more about Belmont UMC, United Methodism, and living out your faith. We'll meet in Parker Hall on Sundays April 27, May 4, 11, and May 18, from 9:00-10:15am. Topics will include:

April 27: Why Belmont? Share what brought you to Belmont and learn more about the United Methodist Church in general.

May 4 - A continuation of the first session, featuring insights from pastoral staff and personal stories from Belmont members about how they connect with Belmont UMC's community.

May 11: How do you hope to be changed by being part of a faith community? How do we grow in love of God and neighbor? How does Belmont help us live as disciples?

May 18: What does being a partner with Christ look like at Belmont? What difference would you like to have a hand in making; locally and globally? What are the ministries at Belmont you'd like to know more about?

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