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



### **Communion offering will support TNJFON**

Your Communion offering will support Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON). 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.

Go to belmontumc.org/lenten-offering to give online or make your check out to Belmont UMC and put TNJFON in the memo line

# Special concert at Belmont UMC tonight

Sunday, April 6, at 7:30pm

Join us for a special concert this evening at 7:30pm, in the sanctuary, featuring members of the Castro Valley High School Concert Choir, in collaboration with Tennessee State University's Meistersingers. This concert is free and open to the public. Learn more at belmontumc.org/concert.

# Celeste Holt to lead this week's Lenten study

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00pm in room 124

This Wednesday, April 9, Celeste Holt will lead our Lenten small group study in room 124 at 6:00pm. We'll reflect on this week's devotion from the Everything in Between devotional guide.

## WDS update and new director search

After much thought and consideration, Elizabeth Ayton, Director of Belmont Weekday School (WDS), has decided to step down from her role effective April 25. Elizabeth has been given an incredible opportunity to start a new early learning center at her son's school.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share that a search committee — comprising parents, staff, and Belmont leadership — met last week to discuss next steps and begin the search for our next Weekday School Director. Go to belmontumc.org/job-openings for the job description for this position. We are accepting resumes and cover letters through April 27. To learn more, go to belmontumc.org/wds-update.

# **Adventure mini retreat this Saturday**

Saturday, April 12, 10:00am in the prayer room

Join us for our next Spiritual Practices for the Wilderness mini retreat on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00am-12:00pm at Belmont UMC. This retreat will offer time to contemplate the ways God is showing up, to be in community and to engage in spiritual practices.

# This week

**MONDAY, APRIL 7** 

6:00pm Great Decisions discussion, 120

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom 5:00pm Wednesday Night at Belmont community meal, Community Center 6:00pm Lenten small group study, 124 6:00pm Children's choirs, FF Hall 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

8:00am Centering prayer,
prayer room
1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal,
226
Advocacy Team, Zoom

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

10:00am Adventure mini retreat, prayer room

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel
8:45am Children's Chimes
9:15am Sunday school
10:30am Worship, sanctuary
11:30am Belmonters for Inclusion, 124
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

#### Follow us on social media





# Extra ushers and greeters needed for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday April 13 and 20

We need additional volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.

Palm Sunday, April 13, volunteers should arrive by 10:00am for the 10:30am service to hand out bulletins, greet attendees, usher, and assist with collecting the offering.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:10am service – volunteers should arrive by 7:30am, 10:30am service – volunteers should arrive by 9:45am. Responsibilities include handing out bulletins, greeting, ushering, and assisting with the offering. If you're interested in helping, please contact Carolyn Primm (caryhome@verizon.net).

## 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) with a short bio and a photo of the graduate by April 22. These will be displayed in the foyer and included in the bulletin.

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

## Deadline change for April 20 newsletter

Articles for April 13 and 20 issues due Wednesday, April 9

The April 20 issue of the Belmont News newsletter will be published earlier than usual. Articles, announcements, or calendar items for both the April 13 and 20 issues should be sent to Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org) by 4:00pm this Wednesday, April 9.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:30am Palm Sunday parade

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17** 

7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:00pm Good Friday worship

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20** 

8:10am and 10:30am Easter worship

**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

# **Holy Week at Belmont UMC**

As we come to the close of the forty days of Lent, we look towards Holy Week, the final week of Lent, beginning with Palm Sunday. The Great Three Days or Triduum include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the three days before the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will remember the final week of Jesus' life with special services. Go to belmontumc.org/holy-week to learn more.

# **Joys and concerns**

Out of the hospital
Lou Ullrich

Christian sympathy is extended to

Family and friends of JoAnn Tumey.

#### Congratulations to

Lindy, Jameson, and Helen Page on the birth of their son and brother Davis Patrick Page. Maggie (Scott) and Richard Bryant on their marriage.

#### 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.

