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

#### Belmonters for Inclusion will meet today 11:30am in room 124

Belmonters for Inclusion will meet today at 11:30am in room 124. We'll be planning for Nashville Pride, discussing Franklin Pride, and exploring the spiritual side of our ministry with Rev. Pam Hawkins. All are welcome to come be part of this meaningful work of love and inclusion!

## Join us for game night!

### Wednesday, May 21, 6:00pm in the Community Center

This Wednesday, May 21, plan to put down your phones and connect with your fellow Belmonters over some board and card games! Belmonter Rick Keuler will bring games from the Game Point library and would love to teach you something new. There will be games for all ages, and you're welcome to bring a favorite from home to share. Join us in the Community Center at 6:00pm; let's laugh, connect, and play together!

# O.N.E./BARNES Scholarship Committee awards program and sponsor recognition

## Saturday, July 12, 10:00am in the Community Center

The O.N.E./BARNES Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce its first annual awards program and sponsor recognition event on Saturday, July 12, from 10:00am-1:00pm in Belmont UMC's Community Center. All are welcome; light refreshments will be served.

We are honored to recognize and present awards to scholarship recipients and graduating seniors in 2025. The committee currently supports twelve students attending colleges and universities, including but not limited to Belmont University, David Lipscomb University, Middle Tennessee State University, Morgan State University, Northwestern University, and Tennessee State University. Learn more at belmontumc.org/one-barnes.

## Lenten offering raises over \$20,000 for immigrant justice

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$20,496 through our Lenten offering for Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON). TNJFON began at Belmont UMC as a volunteer-based legal service and has since grown into Nashville's largest nonprofit immigration law office, representing immigrants seeking humanitarian relief. The organization also educates the public on immigration issues and advocates for immigrant rights. Thank you, Belmont!



## This week

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18 11:30am Administrative Board, Parker Hall 11:30am Belmonters for Inclusion, 124

MONDAY, MAY 19 6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

**TUESDAY, MAY 20** 6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom 5:00pm WNAB Community Meal, Community Center 6:00pm Game night, Community Center 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**THURSDAY, MAY 22** 8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

FRIDAY, MAY 23 10:00am Weekday School graduation, sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 25 8:10am Worship with communion, chapel 10:30am Worship, sanctuary

## Follow us on social media



## Summer Sunday school assistants needed Sundays in June and July

Children's Sunday school will begin on June 8, Pentecost Sunday. The Spirit of the Lord will definitely be moving through the second floor hall!

We're looking for assistants to support the lead teachers – no teaching experience or prep required! If you love working with children, consider signing up for a Sunday morning this summer. Visit belmontumc.org/summer-sunday-school to learn more or sign up.

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

9:15am-12:15pm Project Transformation reading program at Antioch UMC 5:00-7:00pm Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School

> JUNE 28 - 29 Nashville Pride Festival

JULY 12 10:00am O.N.E./Barnes awards, Community Center

#### **OCTOBER 17-19**

All-Church Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly



Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

## **Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School**

#### Monday, June 23-Thursday, June 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). Visit belmontumc.org/vbs to learn more or register.

## **Volunteer readers needed for Project Transformation**

Belmont UMC is participating in Project Transformation (PT) this summer by furnishing volunteer readers for children participating in the program at Antioch United Methodist Church. Belmont has been assigned June 23-26 as days to read to children in the PT program.

Volunteers are needed from 9:15am-12:15pm each day, Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26, at Antioch UMC (41 Tusculum Road, Antioch, 37013). To volunteer, please contact Susan Kirby (susan.b.kirby@gmail.com) or Celia Joyner (celiajoyner@aol.com).

## Welcome, new members!

We welcome new members Abby Taylor and Bevan Londergan, and Sara and Eric Loomis who joined Belmont UMC on May 11, 2025.

## Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy is extended to* Family and friends of Agnes Brown.

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.