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

# Communion offering will support Belmont Opportunity Scholarship

Your Communion offering will support the Belmont Opportunity Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist applicants who attend Belmont UMC with educational costs. Scholarship awards are based on exemplary achievement and financial need. Applicants can be returning or entering college students, trade school students, technical college students, and community college students. Go to belmontumc.org/may-communionoffering to learn more or give online.

## **Honoring our Encore Faith Partners**

May is a time to honor and appreciate the older adults in our lives. The ENCORE Committee will honor our ENCORE Faith Partners who are unable to attend services in person due to health concerns, lack of transportation, or other personal reasons with a bulletin board dedicated to them. We encourage members of the congregation to stop by, read the biographies, and learn how these individuals have played a vital role in the life of Belmont UMC over the years. Learn more at belmontumc.org/faith-partners.

## Join us for pickleball this Wednesday!

#### Wednesday, May 7, 6:00pm in the Community Center

Pickleball curious? This Wednesday, May 7, come to the Community Center at 6:00pm and learn to play the fastest-growing sport sweeping the country! Already a pro? Join us for some friendly competition and help spread the joy of pickleball in our community.

Mollie Henry and Phil Cramer will lead this fun night of play in the Community Center. Please wear comfortable athletic clothing and sneakers. If you have a pickleball paddle, bring it along—we'll have a few extras available, too.

## From idea to ark: The making of a musical

If you ask four young people and two adults, "How in the world did you decide to write a children's musical about Noah in just seven months?" you'll get a variety of answers! Visit belmontumc.org/noah-musical to read indepth interviews with the composers, producers, and dreamers behind the project. As one child put it, "When you share your different ideas and compromise, you can add to each other's ideas to create something more amazing than you could alone."



# This week

#### SUNDAY, MAY 4 9:15am Greet the graduates, foyer 11:30am Goodson birthday celebration, foyer 5:30pm Youth banquet, Community Center

MONDAY, MAY 5

6:00pm Great Decisions discussion, 120

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

5:00pm Music Makers/Chapel Choir pizza party, 213 and 217 5:30pm Noah musical rehearsal, sanctuary 6:00pm Pickleball, Community Center 6:00pm Musical rehearsal, Faith Finders Hall 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8

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

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:10am Worship with communion, chapel 9:00am *Come and See*, Iris Room 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship, sanctuary 1:30pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

#### Save the date for the next Administrative Board meeting Sunday, May 18, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Curious about what happens at Administrative Board meetings? All are welcome to attend! Join us on Sunday, May 18, at 11:30am in Parker Hall; a Zoom option will also be available.

Boxed lunches will be provided by Panera for \$14.50 per person. Lunch reservations are due by 12:00pm on Monday, May 12; payment is required via credit card upon registration in Realm. Go to belmontumc.org/ administrative-board-meeting to make your reservation.

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#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

6:00pm The Noah Musical: Noah is No Ordinary Ark-itectural Hero at the Blakeford

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18

10:30am The Noah Musical: Noah is No Ordinary Ark-itectural Hero 11:30am Administrative Board, Parker Hall 11:30am Belmonters for Inclusion, 124

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

9:30am Children's summer Sunday school begins

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

9:15am-12:15pm Project Transformation reading program at Antioch UMC

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

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

JUNE 28 - 29 Nashville Pride Festival

#### OCTOBER 17-19

All-Church Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly

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## Partnering in hope: Updates from Belmont UMC's Outreach Committee

As the seasons shift and spring moves us toward summer, we're excited to share how your support and involvement continue to make a difference in our partnership with Ebenezer UMC, a growing and vibrant faith community in West Nashville. Each week, we'll share programs, new collaborations, and acts of compassion that help us witness the beauty of connection and the impact of community-based ministry.

Celebrating ESL graduates at Ebenezer UMC: ESL classes at Ebenezer will conclude on May 6, and we invite the Belmont community to join in a joyful graduation ceremony and reception on Sunday, May 25 at 4:00pm in Ebenezer UMC's sanctuary. Learn more at belmontumc.org/outreach-updates.

#### Save the date for the All-Church Retreat! Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19 at Beersheba Springs Assembly

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for Belmont UMC's All-Church Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly, October 17–19! It's a weekend full of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth in a breathtaking mountain setting.

#### **Free home energy efficiency and clean energy workshop** Saturday, May 17, 9:00am at Edgehill UMC

On Saturday, May 17, NES, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, LightWave Solar, Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light, and Climate Nashville will host a free workshop on home energy efficiency and clean energy. The event will take place at Edgehill United Methodist Church from 9:00 to 11:30am. To learn more or register, go to belmontumc.org/energy-workshop.

## **NOAH banquet and fundraiser**

#### Thursday, May 29, 6:00pm at Trevecca's Boone Convocation Center

On Thursday, May 29, join fellow Belmonters for the annual Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) banquet and fundraiser. Senator Charlane Oliver—talented legislator and accomplished leader—will be the guest speaker. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit belmontumc.org/ noah.

### Welcome, new members!

We welcome new members Zoe Acree, Evelyn Beauchamp, Nate Cropsey, Eva Gibson, and Emma Weiler who joined Belmont UMC on April 27, 2025.