

# Welcome!

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



### June Communion offering will support Annual Conference special offering

Your Communion offering today will support this year's Annual Conference special offering. Each year at the gathering of United Methodist churches in our area, the Conference collects a special offering for a particular ministry. This year's offering will support Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference's Disaster Response and Recovery efforts. Learn more or give online at [belmontumc.org/june-communion-offering](http://belmontumc.org/june-communion-offering)

### Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is . . . sermon series

On Sunday mornings June 8, 15, 22, and 29, join us at 8:10am and 10:30am for our June sermon series *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is . . .* Make plans to join us for these sermons: June 8 - *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is empowerment* (Acts 2:1-21); June 15 - *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there are open minds* (Acts 8:26-40); June 22 - *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is community* (1 Cor. 12:4-13); June 29 - *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is pride*.

### Belmont UMC welcomes new childcare coordinator Lauren Milligan

We are blessed to have highly educated and dedicated teachers in our church's childcare setting. Many of them work in the field of education during the week or are currently in college and then share their talents and love for children with Belmont families on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We are thrilled to welcome one of our current childcare teachers into the coordinator role.

Lauren Milligan moved to Tennessee in July 2024 after completing her master's degree in Indiana. She currently works as a pediatric speech pathologist with Williamson County Schools, in addition to her role at Belmont UMC. Lauren has always enjoyed working with children and helping them learn and grow, and she is excited to step into this new role! Learn more at [belmontumc.org/lauren-milligan](http://belmontumc.org/lauren-milligan).

### Encore program helps seniors with home projects!

Recently, Belmont UMC's Encore Home Help Ministry completed the following projects for Belmont seniors age 60 and older: reattached a door that was off its hinges, reconditioned and reinstalled a front door latch, assembled a new bookcase, removed a dead rose bush stump, installed a toilet riser, and reattached the canvas roof to a pergola.

Need help with a home project? Have something that needs fixing? Call or text Bart Perkey at 615-613-1915, or email him at [bnperkey@comcast.net](mailto:bnperkey@comcast.net). We have volunteers standing by and ready to help!

Please note: we don't provide ongoing maintenance or perform jobs that require a professional license. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/home-help](http://belmontumc.org/home-help).

## This week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

9:30am Summer choir rehearsal, choir room  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom  
5:00pm VBS leader dinner, Community Center

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:10am Worship with communion, chapel  
9:15am Children's summer Sunday school, 213 and 217  
9:30am Summer choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
11:30am Belmonsters for Inclusion, 124  
11:30am Belmont/Golden Triangle, 120

## We would love to connect with you!

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

## Follow us on social media



## ***Songs for a New South concert at Belmont UMC***

Make plans to join us on Friday, June 13, at 7:30pm for Nashville in Harmony's (NIH) Songs for a New South concert in Belmont UMC's sanctuary!

This powerful program features new music submitted by Southern composers and lifts up marginalized voices as we reclaim and celebrate core Southern values: resilience, hope, hospitality, diversity, and acceptance. The concert will also include a special performance by NIH's youth chorus, the Major Minors.

Over the June 13 weekend, NIH will also share Songs for a New South with audiences in Florence, AL, and Bowling Green, KY. Later this year, the music will be released on streaming platforms, with all proceeds benefiting LaunchPad – a network of temporary, safer, street-free shelters for unhoused young adults that are open and affirming to LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. To purchase tickets, go to [belmontumc.org/nashville-in-harmony](http://belmontumc.org/nashville-in-harmony).

# *Save the date!*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

7:30pm *Songs for a New South*  
concert, sanctuary

**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,  
Community Center

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - SUNDAY,  
JUNE 29**

Nashville Pride Festival

**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 - SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 19**

All-Church Retreat at Beersheba  
Springs Assembly



Belmont UMC is a member of the  
Reconciling Ministries Network.

## **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](http://belmontumc.org/summer-sunday-school) to learn more or sign up.

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

**Monday, June 23-Thursdays, June 26, 9:15am-12:15pm at Antioch UMC**

Belmont UMC is participating in Project Transformation (PT) this summer by furnishing volunteer readers for children participating in the program at Antioch UMC (41 Tusculum Road, Antioch, 37013). Belmont has been assigned June 23-26, from 9:15am-12:15pm each day, as days to read to children in the PT program. To volunteer, please contact Susan Kirby ([susan.b.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:susan.b.kirby@gmail.com)) or Celia Joyner ([celiajoyner@aol.com](mailto:celiajoyner@aol.com)).

## **Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School**

**Monday, June 23-Thursdays, 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](http://belmontumc.org/vbs) to learn more or register.

## **Joys and concerns**

***Christian sympathy is extended to***

Judith and Dale Plummer, Kyle, and Hannah in the death of Judith's brother.

Family and friends of Faye Abdulla.

Gretchen Napier, Alex Peiffer, Martha and Jim Robinson in the death of their sister, aunt, and niece Liz Papapietro.

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*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.*