

# Welcome!

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



### 2026 Mexico mission trip info meeting

**Wednesday, July 23, at 5:30pm via Zoom**

January 16–23, 2026, Belmont UMC will lead a mission team to Mexico to work with Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE), a ministry founded by the Methodist Church of Mexico in 1977 to combat hunger and poverty in rural communities. To read GYTTE's latest newsletter, go to [belmontumc.org/gytte](http://belmontumc.org/gytte).

Interested in joining the team? Come to an informational Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 23, at 5:30pm.

Please note that team members will need a valid passport before airline tickets can be purchased. If you need to renew or apply for one, please allow up to six weeks for processing.

For the Zoom link or more information, contact Kay Bowers at 865-599-7206 or [kaybuilder@gmail.com](mailto:kaybuilder@gmail.com).

### Save these Children's Ministry dates!

In just a few short weeks, our Children's Ministry will be back in full swing—and we want YOU to be a part of it! Save the dates below for these exciting children's programs (stay tuned for more details):

**Wednesday, August 13** – Children's Choirs resume at 6:00pm on the Faith Finders Hall.

**Sunday, August 17** – Children's Sunday School resumes at 9:15am in rooms 213, 217, 220, and 306.

**Sunday, August 24** – Children's Chimes resume at 8:45am in room 217.

Questions? Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Children's Ministries, Music, and Families, at [amy@belmontumc.org](mailto:amy@belmontumc.org).

### Plan ahead for media support

If you need media support for an upcoming service, meeting, or event, please send your materials to Clay Smith ([claysmith@belmontumc.org](mailto:claysmith@belmontumc.org)) at *least three days in advance*. For larger events such as concerts or special services, additional lead time is appreciated.

PowerPoint or Google Slides presentations are preferred. You can email your files or share them via Google Drive, whichever works best for you.

We're happy to support your presentation needs, and early submission helps ensure everything runs smoothly.

### New deadline time for newsletter items

Beginning July 23, the Wednesday deadline for submitting announcements, articles, and calendar items for the church newsletter will change from 4:00pm to 2:00pm.

We love sharing articles and photos of church group activities, service projects, and outings! If your Sunday school class, ministry team, or small group has something to share, please send it to Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)) by 2:00pm on Wednesdays.

## This week at Belmont UMC

### MONDAY, JULY 21

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

6:30pm Executive Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

*Youth Mission Stay*

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:30pm Mexico mission trip meeting, Zoom

6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

*Youth Mission Stay*

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

*Youth Mission Stay*

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/livestream

9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms

9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303

9:15am Children's summer Sunday school, 213 and 217

10:30am Worship, sanctuary/livestream



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

# Save the date!

## **SUNDAY, JULY 27**

2:00pm NOAH "Covenant Renewal" event, Greater Bethel AME

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**

8:10am in the chapel and  
10:30am in the sanctuary  
ENCORE Sunday  
10:30am *Blessing of the Backpacks*,  
sanctuary

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

11:30am *Back to Belmont Bash*,  
Community Center and parking lot

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**

5:00pm Wednesday Night at Belmont  
resumes, Community Center  
6:00pm Children's choirs resume,  
Faith Finders Hall

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:15am Children's Sunday school  
resumes, 213, 217, 220, and 306

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

8:45am Children's Chimes resume,  
217  
11:30am Administrative Board,  
Parker Hall

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

*Church closed for Labor Day holiday*

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:15am Kindergarten Prayer Friends  
pancake breakfast,  
Community Center

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

All-Church Retreat at Beersheba  
Springs Assembly

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:00pm Feast of Lights,  
sanctuary

## **NOAH "Covenant Renewal" event**

**Sunday, July 27, at 2:00pm at Greater Bethel AME**

In 2014, a group of Nashville faith leaders came together in covenant and became the blessing we now know as Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH). Belmont UMC is a charter member, and all are invited to a "Covenant Renewal" event at Greater Bethel AME on Sunday, July 27, from 2:00–4:00pm.

Together, we will reaffirm the common threads of our diverse communities as we "Re-Covenant" our shared values—to one another and to NOAH's mission: to combat systemic injustices through community engagement, training, and direct public action. Learn more at [noahtn.org/event/noah-covenant-renewal](http://noahtn.org/event/noah-covenant-renewal).

## **Save the date for our next hymn sing**

**Saturday, August 2, 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels**

Join us for a hymn sing on Saturday, August 2!

Belmonters, led by the Seekers Class, will gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) on the first Saturday of each month, and Christy Perkey will lead the singing from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/hymn-sing](http://belmontumc.org/hymn-sing).

## **Turn outgrown into outreach: Donate to UniCycle and HERO**

Got outgrown school uniforms to clear out this summer? We've got the perfect solution - partnering with our friends at UniCycle, a school uniform recycling program that collects and distributes items to MNPS students.

Help UniCycle stock their shelves for back-to-school season and support Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) students. Donations will be accepted throughout July in the Iris Room entrance area - just look for the UniCycle/HERO collection box. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/uniform-collection](http://belmontumc.org/uniform-collection).

## **Book drive for Eakin Elementary School**

On Sunday, August 3, the same day as our Blessing of the Backpacks, Belmont UMC will kick off a book drive in support of Eakin Elementary School's *Volume of Reading* initiative. We'll be collecting books throughout the month of August.

For a list of requested titles, visit [belmontumc.org/book-drive](http://belmontumc.org/book-drive). Eakin is grateful for our ongoing support and says our donations will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many students.

Let's help stock their shelves with high-quality instructional books!

## **Joys and concerns**

*Christian sympathy is extended to*

Karen Jenkins and Karen and Keith Roberts in the death of their husband and brother-in-law Wade Jenkins.

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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.*

## **Follow us on social media**

