

Welcome!

Here's what's happening in our community



Hunter Wade to continue on staff as Discipleship Pathways Associate

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to share that Hunter Wade will remain on staff through the end of 2025. In addition to her role as TWKUMC Director of the Belmont University Wesley Fellowship, Hunter will continue serving half time at Belmont UMC, helping us launch a new discipleship pathway and deepen connections within our faith community.

Discipleship is essential to our growth and mission—especially for new and younger members—and we're grateful Hunter will continue guiding this important work. Learn more at belmontumc.org/hunter.

Thank you from TNJFON

We recently received this note from Melinda Hudgins Noblitt, Interim Director of Tennessee Justice For Our Neighbors (TNJFON):

Thank you for your generous donation of \$20,496 to TNJFON as part of your church's Lenten Offering. We are honored by the generosity of the congregation in support of our mission. Thanks, Belmont!

Join us for ENCORE Sunday!

Sunday, August 3, 8:10am in the chapel and 10:30am in the sanctuary

Next Sunday, August 3, join us at 8:10am in the chapel and 10:30am in the sanctuary for ENCORE Sunday at Belmont UMC! Members of the ENCORE Ministry Committee, several of our ENCORE Faith Companions, and other older adults will lead the service, with Rev. Ed Batsel preaching.

We'll celebrate Holy Communion and include the *Blessing of the Backpacks* as part of the service. Make plans now to be part of this joyful morning!

Blessing of the Backpacks (and diaper bags!)

Sunday, August 3, 10:30am in the sanctuary

Next Sunday, August 3, during the 10:30am worship service, children (babies - 6th grade) are invited to participate in *Blessing of the Backpacks* (and diaper bags)! We'll pray for a safe and wonderful school year, and each child will receive a special tag for their backpack or diaper bag.

Because we believe that learning is a lifelong journey, we're excited to offer this event in collaboration with ENCORE Sunday.

Children and parents are welcome to wear or carry their backpack or diaper bag to Communion, where they will receive a special blessing.

Join us for a special Fellowship in the Foyer next Sunday!

Sunday, August 3, 11:30am in the foyer

On ENCORE Sunday, August 3, come to the foyer after the 10:30am worship service for coffee, cookies, and conversation. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Fellowship in the Foyer will resume weekly beginning August 24.

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JULY 27

11:45am Golden Triangle/Belmont Partnership meeting, 120

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/livestream

9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms

9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303

10:30am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/livestream

11:30am *Fellowship in the Foyer*, foyer

11:45am Called Administrative Board meeting, Parker Hall



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Save the date!

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

Hymn sing rescheduled for August 9

Saturday, August 9, 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels

The hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels that was originally scheduled for this Saturday, has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 9. Please make plans to join us!

Belmonters, led by the Seekers Class, will gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) and Christy Perkey will lead the singing from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm.

Hymn books will be provided. All you need is a love of hymn singing and a desire for fellowship. No reservation or signup required – everyone is welcome!

Have you made your lunch reservations for the *Back to Belmont Bash*?

Sunday, August 10, 11:30am in the Community Center and parking lot

The deadline for reservations is next Sunday, August 3!

On Sunday, August 10, join us immediately after worship for an all-ages event that will feature indoor and outdoor games, great fellowship, and a delicious lunch.

Lunch will be provided by Whitt's Barbecue. Menu: choice of pulled pork or turkey on a bun, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit cobbler, iced tea, and lemonade. Go to belmontumc.org/back-to-belmont to make your reservation no later than Sunday, August 3; \$5 per person.

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect and have fun with your Belmont UMC family!

WNAB returns August 13

Wednesday, August 13, 5:00pm in the Community Center

Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) returns on August 13! In partnership with The Nashville Food Project, we'll offer community meals on Wednesday evenings from 5:00–6:00pm in the Community Center. This soup and salad dinner is free to all (donations are always welcome); no reservations needed.

At 6:00pm, stay for special programs, guest speakers, and faith-filled connection. Come enjoy midweek fellowship with your Belmont UMC family!

Joys and concerns

Out of the hospital
Robbie Jones

Christian sympathy is extended to
Kathy and Barry Dyer in the death of Kathy's mother Golda Sewell.

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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.