

# Welcome!

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



### August Communion offering will support the ENCORE Ministry Foundation

Your Communion offering today will support the ENCORE Ministry Foundation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. ENCORE provides training and support, resources, and networking opportunities to equip church leaders for intentional ministry by, with, and for older adults.

The ENCORE Ministry Foundation of the TWK Conference helps build ministries that are creative, intentional, and led by people who are equipped, inspired, and passionate for the task.

You can leave your gift at the Communion rail (marked ENCORE) or give online at [onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/ENCORE](https://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/ENCORE). Learn more at [belmontumc.org/august-communion-offering](https://belmontumc.org/august-communion-offering).

### Join us for a special Fellowship in the Foyer after worship today!

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.

### Called Administrative Board meeting today

There will be a called Administrative Board meeting today at 11:45 a.m. in Parker Hall. It will be a brief meeting, and *no lunch will be served*.

### Made your Back to Belmont Bash lunch reservations yet? Sunday, August 10, 11:30am in the Community Center and parking lot

**Today** is the deadline to reserve lunch for next Sunday's *Back to Belmont Bash*!

Join us next Sunday, August 10, immediately after worship for an all-ages celebration featuring indoor and outdoor activities including a bounce house, water slide, face painting, and miniature golf.

Lunch will be provided by Whitt's Barbecue, and we're excited to welcome back the Friends' Treat Truck, serving up a variety of frozen treats!

To learn more or make your lunch reservation, visit: [belmontumc.org/back-to-belmont](https://belmontumc.org/back-to-belmont).

### Hymn sing this Saturday

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

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

Belmonters, led by the Seekers Class, gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/hymn-sing](https://belmontumc.org/hymn-sing).

## This week at Belmont UMC

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

11:30am Fellowship in the Foyer  
11:45am Called Administrative Board meeting, Parker Hall

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

6:00pm Outreach Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/livestream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms  
9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/livestream  
11:30am *Back to Belmont Bash*, Community Center/parking lot  
*Belmonters for Inclusion will not meet this month*

### Follow us on social media



# 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  
5:30pm United Methodist Youth  
resumes, Community Center

## **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



Belmont UMC is a member of the  
Reconciling Ministries Network.

## **What if the Bible is still Good News?**

**Sundays, September 7 - October 12, 9:15am in Parker Hall**

Throughout history and into our modern moment, the Bible has often been used to discriminate, judge, and divide. When scripture is wielded as a weapon, it can leave us wondering: Is the Bible still Good News? Can we approach it today and truly hear the voice of God - the voice of Love - speaking to us?

On Sundays, September 7-October 12, our sermon series will explore this question through different lenses for engaging our sacred text. During this time, Pastor Paul, Hunter Wade, and others will also lead a Sunday school class from 9:15am-10:15am, to help us dive even deeper into new ways of reading the Bible.

This class is for everyone, whether you've never been in a small group before or want to bring your entire Sunday school class along! Our hope is that, by asking these questions together, we can discover new ways of relating to the Bible that help us connect more deeply with God, with one another, and with the world.

## **Calling all Sunday school classes, small groups, and individuals!**

We need you to be part of Wednesday Nights at Belmont, starting August 13!

In partnership with The Nashville Food Project, we'll once again serve delicious soup, salad, and dessert meals using reusable dishes and tableware to help reduce waste.

Each Wednesday, we have two fun volunteer teams: one for serving and one for cleanup. Sign up at [belmontumc.org/wnab-volunteers](http://belmontumc.org/wnab-volunteers).

We'd love for Sunday school classes, small groups, and individuals to sign up to host three nights of volunteering, either in one month or spread out over time.

If you're not yet a Wednesday night regular, this is a great time to jump in. And if you are, we hope you'll return and consider signing up for a shift in the kitchen or behind the serving tables!

## **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, children's choirs, and faith-filled connection. Come enjoy midweek fellowship with your Belmont UMC family!

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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.*