



This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Church closed for Labor Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Community meal,
Community Center
6:00pm *Tennessee Tree*
Stewards program, 124
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith
Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
8:00am Centering prayer,
Zoom

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
2:00pm Hymn sing at
Mary, Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
8:10am Worship with
Communion, chapel/live stream
8:45am Children's Chimes, 217
9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms
9:15am Children's Sunday
school, 213, 217, 220, and 306
10:30am Worship with
Communion,
sanctuary/live stream
11:30am *Fellowship in the*
Foyer
1:30pm Carillon Ringers, 226
3:00pm Wesley Ringers, 226
4:30pm Open Door Singers,
choir room
5:30pm United Methodist
Youth, Community Center

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 31, 2025

Learn about *Tennessee Tree Stewards* this Wednesday!

Wednesday, September 3, 6:00pm in room 124

The Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC), in partnership with the Nashville Tree Foundation, is piloting the new *Tennessee Tree Stewards* program—a volunteer training course for those who want to learn more about trees and how to care for them. Join us this Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00pm in room 124 to learn more about the course. For details, go to belmontumc.org/tree-stewards.

Welcome back, college students!



We were delighted to welcome college students back to campus and back to worship last Sunday, August 24! Thirty Belmont University students joined us for worship and lunch afterwards—connecting with Belmont UMC, Belmont Wesley Fellowship, and each other. Want to keep up with all the amazing things these students are doing this year? Go to belmontumc.org/college-students to sign up for the Belmont Wesley monthly email newsletter! Photo by Hunter Wade.

Join us next Sunday for *What if the Bible is still Good News?*

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

What if the Bible is . . .

- a collection of scriptures, stories, and styles? (September 7)
- about our experiences with God? (September 14)
- best understood in community? (September 21)
- about compassion, not judgement? (September 28)
- about abundant life? (October 5)
- something that gives us hope? (October 12)

Sunday mornings, September 7-October 12, join Pastor Paul Purdue and Hunter Wade in Parker Hall at 9:15am for this class that follows our sermon series and explores ways of engaging with scripture as we ponder these questions together. All are welcome—whether you've never been part of a small group or class, or want to bring your whole Sunday school class! Come every week or drop in when you can. Our hope is that by engaging these questions together, we might discover new ways of relating to the Bible that draw us closer to God, one another, and the world. Learn more at belmontumc.org/good-news.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9:15am *We Go to Church*,
Community Center
9:15am *Come and See* class for
newcomers and visitors,
Iris Room
11:30am Belmonthers for
Inclusion, 124

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
11:30am ENCORE Lunch and
Learn, Parker Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
9:15am Kindergarten Prayer
Friends pancake breakfast,
Community Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
6:00pm Children's Fall Festival,
Community Center

Joys and concerns

**Christian sympathy
is extended to**

Nancy Young in the death of her
husband Elmer Young.



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Hymn sing this Saturday

Saturday, September 6, 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels

This Saturday, September 6, join us for a hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels!

On the first Saturday of each month, Belmonthers—led by the Seekers Class—gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road). From 2:30–3:30pm, Christy Perkey leads the singing. Learn more at belmontumc.org/hymn-sing.

Parent and Child Music returns in September!

Saturday, September 13, 10:00am in room 213

Make plans to join Christy Perkey and Amy Cooper for Parent and Child Music on Saturday, September 13! We'll meet in room 213 from 10:00–11:00am for a fun, musical time with young children and the parents, friends, nannies, and grandparents who love them. At Parent and Child Music, we sing fun songs and songs of faith appropriate for infants through preschoolers. We also play musical instruments, dance, use scarves, have puppets, and read stories. Belmonthers and folks from the community are welcome!

For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

We Go to Church: Carpools, coffee, and community

Sunday, September 21, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Do you enjoy driving or would you prefer to ride? Good news! There are plenty of ways to get to church on September 14, *We Go to Church* day! This special day is about exploring transportation options that care for the environment, build community, and help us get to know each other better.

Please complete the survey at belmontumc.org/we-go to let us know where you live and whether you'd be willing to drive neighbors to church or would like to ride with someone nearby. We'll coordinate to make sure everyone has a way to get here.

Once you arrive, join us from 9:15–10:15am in the Community Center for food, a coffee bar, yoga stretches, music, a scavenger hunt, coloring, and a bike/trike obstacle course for kids. Walkers, bikers, and bus riders will be there too—it's intergenerational fun at its most casual!

ENCORE Lunch and Learn: Disaster preparation for older adults

Sunday, September 21, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Are you prepared in case of a severe storm or tornado, flash flooding, fire, or another natural disaster that could require you to evacuate or go without power or water for a period of time? Make plans to join us on Sunday, September 21, at 11:30am in Parker Hall for our next ENCORE Lunch and Learn. Go to belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn for details or to make your reservation.

Belmont UMC/Goodwill partnership

Belmont UMC is partnering with Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee! You can now donate new and *gently* used items in the collection bin in the foyer. Your donations will help provide free education, training, and employment opportunities for people with disabilities and others facing barriers to work.

In addition, Goodwill will provide Belmont UMC with gift cards to be used or distributed in support of the church's outreach and ministry in the community.

Goodwill was founded in 1902 by Methodist minister Rev. Edgar Helms to support immigrant and marginalized communities in Boston.

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.