

## This week at Belmont UMC

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00pm Finance Committee,  
Zoom

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations  
Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Community meal,  
Community Center

6:00pm *The Prophets: Ancient  
Wisdom for Modern Time*, 124  
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith  
Finders Hall

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Centering prayer,  
Zoom

1:00pm Celebration Ringers  
rehearsal, 226

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00am Mini retreat,  
prayer room

10:00am Sanctuary Choir  
retreat, choir room

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:10am Worship with  
Communion, chapel/live stream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school,  
various rooms

9:15am *What if the Bible is still  
Good News?*, Parker Hall

9:15am *Come and See*,  
Iris Room

10:30am Worship,  
sanctuary/live stream

11:30am ENCORE Lunch and  
Learn, Parker Hall

## BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

September 14, 2025

## Honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements in worship are given in honor or in memory of loved ones who have made a difference in our lives. If you would like to honor or remember a significant person in your life in this way, please contact Janet Stewart (stewajr@gmail.com).

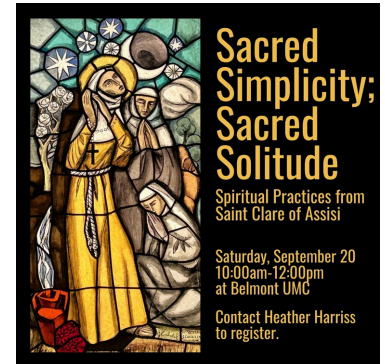
The cost of both sanctuary arrangements is \$100. If you prefer, you may share your Sunday with another donor with each of you contributing \$50. This is a meaningful way to remember someone and add beauty to our worship service.

## Join us for a mini retreat this Saturday!

Saturday, September 20, 10:00am at Belmont UMC

This Saturday, September 20, from 10:00am-12:00pm, join us at Belmont UMC for a mini retreat, *Sacred Simplicity; Sacred Solitude: Spiritual Practices from Saint Clare of Assisi*.

For more information or to register, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).



## Reservation deadline for the ENCORE Lunch and Learn is today 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](http://belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn) for details or to make your reservation. The deadline is today!

## Belmonters for Inclusion will meet today

Sunday, September 14, 11:30am in room 124

Belmonters for Inclusion, Belmont UMC's LGBTQ ministry, is gearing up for an exciting year! Join us immediately after worship today in room 124. We'll discuss how to organize our year and would love to hear your ideas. For questions, contact Jessica Kolarich (jckolarich@gmail.com) or Trudy Holden (trudytaylorholden@gmail.com).

## The Prophets: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times continues this Wednesday

Wednesdays, September 17 and 24, 6:00pm in room 124

Prophetic voices of justice often rise in tumultuous times, when people are straining to hear the voice of God.

This Wednesday, September 17, join us at 6:00pm in room 124 as we continue our exploration of several prophetic voices—both ancient and contemporary—in hopes of hearing God speak to us in our own challenging cultural moment. Dr. James Byrd, Professor of American Religious History and Chair of Wesleyan Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will be our speaker this week. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/prophets](http://belmontumc.org/prophets).

Save the date!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:15am Pancakes and  
prayer friends,  
Community Center

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

9:00am *Biscuits for Beds*,  
Community Center  
2:30pm Hymn sing at  
Mary, Queen of Angels

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

All-Church Retreat at  
Beersheba Springs Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Church closed for  
Veteran's Day

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:00pm Feast of Lights,  
sanctuary



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## Learn to knit at the All-Church Retreat!

**Saturday, October 18, at Beersheba Springs Assembly**

If you've always wanted to learn how to knit, this is your chance! During the afternoon free time on Saturday, October 18, at the All-Church Retreat, former Belmonter Mary Gresham B. Barr will lead a basic knitting class from 1:00-2:00pm and again from 3:00-4:00pm, with question time and troubleshooting between sessions. Learn more and register at [belmontumc.org/acr-knitting](http://belmontumc.org/acr-knitting).

## Confirmation registration is open!

**Sunday evenings, October 22-November 23, 5:30pm**

This year, Confirmation will be a five-week course held on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm, beginning October 22 and concluding with our service of Confirmation during worship on Sunday, November 23.

The course is open to all 8th graders, as well as any high school students who missed Confirmation and would like to join the church.

Registration is open now through October 1. To register, go to [belmontumc.org/confirmation](http://belmontumc.org/confirmation).

## Extending compassion through Community Care Fellowship

Each week, Belmont UMC welcomes neighbors who come through our doors seeking not only spiritual support but also material help. Often, these visitors are experiencing homelessness or are in crisis, and they may ask members of our congregation for money.

We know how deeply our Belmont family values compassion, generosity, and hospitality. It is natural to want to respond in the moment when someone shares a need. However, we ask that you not give money directly to individuals who approach you at church. Instead, we encourage you to refer people to Community Care Fellowship (CCF), an organization that Belmont supports financially.

CCF offers resources such as meals, housing assistance, counseling, and pathways toward stability. By directing those who come to us to CCF, we can ensure that their needs are met in a more sustainable way than a few dollars could ever provide.

If someone approaches you asking for money, please either refer them to a staff member or say: "Belmont UMC partners with CCF to help with food, housing, and other needs. Let me share their information with you." Details about CCF are available at [belmontumc.org/ccf](http://belmontumc.org/ccf), and printed handouts can be found in the rack next to the business office.

## Nashville Launch Pad *Biscuits for Beds* event

**Saturday, October 4, 9:00am in the Community Center**

Make plans to attend Nashville Launch Pad's *Biscuits for Beds* event on Saturday, October 4, at 9:00am, in the Community Center. This fundraiser will help support a network of temporary, street-free sleeping shelters for unhoused young adults in an open and affirming space for LGBTQ+ individuals. Go to [belmontumc.org/biscuits-for-breakfast](http://belmontumc.org/biscuits-for-breakfast) to purchase your ticket.

## Need something notarized?

Did you know that Belmont UMC has a notary public on staff? Angie Slade is our notary, and she offers her services to members at no cost. If you need a document notarized, please contact Angie at [angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org) to schedule a time.

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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.*