

## This week at Belmont UMC

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Community meal,  
Community Center

6:00pm Equal early education  
as social justice, 124

6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith  
Finders Hall

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

1:00pm Celebration Ringers  
rehearsal, 226

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

3:00pm Blessing of the Animals,  
outside the Community Center

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:10am Worship with  
Communion, chapel/live stream

9:00am Adult Sunday school,  
various rooms

9:15am Kindergarten Pancakes  
and Prayer Friends,  
Community Center

9:15am *What if the Bible is still*  
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

September 28, 2025

## Equal early education as social justice

Wednesday, October 1, 6:00pm in room 124

The first five years last forever. That's a statement Nashville-based nonprofit Equally Created considers central to its mission. Equal access to affordable, quality childcare in Davidson County is one of the greatest social justice issues of our time.

This Wednesday, October 1, join Leslie Hanson, Founder and Executive Director of Equally Created, at 6:00pm in room 124. She will share about the nonprofit's mission in Nashville and why it matters to everyone, regardless of family composition.

## Hymn sing

Saturday, October 4, 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels

This Saturday, October 4, join us for a hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels! Belmonsters, led by the Seekers Class, will gather with the residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) for an afternoon of music, with Christy Perkey leading the singing from 2:30–3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm. For more details, visit [belmontumc.org/hymn-sing](http://belmontumc.org/hymn-sing).

## Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4, 3:00pm outside the Community Center

This Saturday, October 4, you are invited to join us at 3:00pm for Blessing of the Animals! All pets are welcome—dogs, cats, goldfish, hamsters, chickens, iguanas, parrots, and more. If your pet can't join you, feel free to bring a photo instead. We will gather on the grassy space between the Community Center and the main building.

This blessing is a time to honor the non-human members of creation and to recognize how meaningful our pets are in our lives. Bring your pet to be blessed as we thank them for their love, pray for their health, and celebrate the joy they bring to us.

## Carillon Ringers concert

Sunday, October 5, 3:00pm in the sanctuary

Next Sunday, October 5, at 3:00pm, the Carillon Ringers handbell ensemble will present a lively 45-minute concert of outstanding handbell music. The program will feature a wide range of styles and repertoire, including Debussy's *Arabesque No. 1*, Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*, beautiful hymn arrangements, and newly composed works that showcase fun techniques—an auditory and visual journey of musical creativity!

Following the concert, you'll have the chance to try out the handbells and ask all your handbell questions. Bring your family and friends!

## Rolls, bags, and Pringles cans needed!

When the last paper towel disappears, the last chip gets crunched, and the last onion or potato is gone, don't toss the containers - save the roll, Pringles can (any kind is fine), or mesh bag! Our kids will turn them into art projects at the All-Church Retreat, October 17–19. Donations can be dropped off in the second-floor hallway outside room 214.

# Save the date!

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

All-Church Retreat at  
Beersheba Springs Assembly

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Parent and Child Music, 213

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Mini retreat, prayer room

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:00pm Feast of Lights,  
sanctuary

## Sunday morning learning opportunity

Our What if the Bible is still Good News? class continues next Sunday, October 5, with "What if the Bible is about abundant life??" Join us in Parker Hall at 9:15am. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/good-news](http://belmontumc.org/good-news).

## Room in the Inn volunteers needed

Room in the Inn (RITI) will resume at Belmont UMC on November 7. Once again, we will welcome 12 unhoused guests on Friday nights during the colder months, providing a warm and safe place to rest.

This winter, RITI will take place on the first and third Friday of each month through the end of March. Our hospitality includes serving a hot dinner, sharing fellowship with our guests, and providing beds, showers, breakfast, and sack lunches. There are many ways to serve; for details, visit [belmontumc.org/room-in-the-inn](http://belmontumc.org/room-in-the-inn).

## Help complete the Mama Lynn Center schoolhouse



The Mama Lynn Center, a refuge for sexually abused women who have been abandoned by their villages, husbands, and children, provides a place to learn skills such as sewing, cooking, and soap-making while also helping women reconnect with what they have lost.

The center is currently building a three-room schoolhouse, which now has a roof and walls. To complete the floor, ceiling, windows, desks, tables, and chairs, \$24,000 is still needed. Because the building must be protected from tropical storms, the funds are urgently needed.

An anonymous donor has pledged to match gifts up to \$10,000 for donations made by October 19. Contributions may be given online at [onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/Mama-Lynn](http://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/Mama-Lynn) or by check (please write "Mama Lynn Center" in the memo line).

## District 7 Get Out the Vote throwdown

**Saturday, October 4, 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Vincent De Paul Church**

Next Saturday, October 4, from 9:00am-4:00pm, help us to build state power in our neighborhoods for the upcoming District 7 special election through voter education and local canvassing. We will go out in pairs, armed with knowledge and faith, to galvanize our neighbors to get Nashville represented in DC again. To learn more or register, go to [belmontumc.org/noah](http://belmontumc.org/noah).

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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.*



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