

This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 6:30pm Executive Committee,

Zoom WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday Night at
Belmont community meal,
Community Center
5:30pm All Fall Festival,
outside the Community Center
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal,
choir room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom 1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226 2:00pm "Our Money Story" prayer and creativity group, Parker Hall 6:00pm "Our Money Story" small group, Zoom 6:00pm Youth girls basketball practice, Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 8:10am Worship with Communion,

chapel/live stream
8:45am Children's Chimes, 217
9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms
9:15am Dia de los Santos,
Iris Room
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 rehearsal,
226
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal,

226

4:30pm Open Door Singers

rehearsal, choir room 5:30pm United Methodist Youth,

Community Center

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2025

"Our Money Story" fall campaign begins today!

Today, we begin a journey together called "Our Money Story" - a four-week worship and discipleship series that invites us to remember God's abundance, release our fears, reimagine generosity, and restore what has been entrusted to us.

"We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our



actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves?

Often, to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We want to avoid it. But we can reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story.

The best stories captivate and transform us-they change how we live. This stewardship season, we invite you to remember, release, reimagine, and restore your money stories so that we can write the one God is begging us to live into." (From *A Sanctified Art Creative Team*) Learn more at belmontumc.org/our-money-story.

Belmont UMC receives major grant to help preserve our historic sanctuary

With joy and grateful hearts, we are glad to announce that Belmont UMC has received a \$162,688 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places. The National Fund for Sacred Places is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation designed to support healthy congregations in historic sacred places. Over 300 churches and religious organizations applied for funds in 2025, and 30 grants were awarded. Belmont is honored to be one of those 30.

Our planned project reflects our commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive presence in our community. By strengthening our historic sanctuary, from reinforcing its foundation and restoring its stained glass to repairing the roof and stonework, we are preserving both the beauty and the integrity of this sacred space. Together, these efforts stabilize the building, honor its historic beauty, and ensure our sanctuary continues to reflect the hospitality and care at the heart of Belmont. Learn more at belmontumc.org/sacred-places-grant.

All Fall Festival this Wednesday Wednesday, October 29, at 5:30pm outside the Community Center

This Wednesday, October 29, join us at 5:30pm for our All Fall Festival! In years past, our children have enjoyed a Fall Festival with their parents and grandparents, and this year we're expanding the fun to include everyone. Join us for a spooktacular evening outside the Community Center. We'll start grilling hot dogs and veggie dogs at 5:30pm, followed by games and a costume parade at 6:00pm. This will be our WNAB meal and program. Everyone is invited to wear their favorite costume! Activities will include "Go Fish," pumpkin bocce ball, cookie decorating, and more. Do you have a talent or a fun "trick" you can perform for a treat? We can't wait to see what you can do!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Church closed for

Veteran's Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00pm Belmonters in the Round, Parker Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15Mini retreat, prayer room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 11:30am ENCORE Thanksgiving lunch, Parker Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Church closes at 12:00pm for Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27,
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Church closed for Thanksgiving

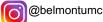
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 5:00pm Feast of Lights, sanctuary



Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Stay connected









Hymn sing this Saturday

Saturday, November 1, at 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels

This Saturday, November 1, join us for a hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels! Belmonters, led by the Seekers Class, gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) and sing from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm. Learn more at belmontumc.org/hymn-sing.

Dia de los Santos celebration next Sunday

Sunday, November 2, at 9:15am in Iris Room

Next Sunday, November 2, is All Saints Day, which in Mexican culture is also Día de los Santos, part of a multi-day celebration that honors and remembers loved ones who have passed away. To take part in this day of remembrance, we will hold a celebration in the Iris Room at 9:15am, open to all ages.

As part of the event, we will build our own ofrenda (altar). Participants are invited to bring an item from or a photo of a loved one who has passed away to place on the altar. Items will be returned at the end of worship.

Come join us for a morning of learning, creating, and storytelling!

The Kin-dom of God: A Lens for Seeing the Bible and the World Sundays, November 9, 16, and 23, at 5:30pm in room 124/Zoom

How do we live with hope and faith in the midst of today's challenges?

The kin-dom of God offers a new way of seeing the world, one another, and even Scripture. Together, we'll explore Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Mark and discover how the kin-dom can shape our lives right now.

Join us Sunday evenings, November 9, 16, and 23, from 5:30–6:30pm in room 124 or on Zoom. Hunter Wade will teach this class, and childcare will be available. To learn more or to register for childcare, visit belmontumc.org/kin-dom-of-god. The childcare registration deadline is Sunday, October 26.

Belmonters in the Round: An Evening of Songs Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00pm in Parker Hall

On Wednesday, November 12, make plans to join us at 6:00pm in Parker Hall for a special Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) program, *Belmonters in the Round: An Evening of Songs*.

Belmont UMC songwriters Ned Henry, Grayson Lee, Chuck Thompson, and Jason Spangler will share their original songs, tell a few stories, and talk about what inspires their craft. Learn more at belmontumc.org/belmonters-in-the-round.

Save the date for the Feast of Lights! Saturday, December 13, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary

Belmont UMC's beloved Feast of Lights Carol and Candlelight Service is moving to Saturday this year! After thoughtful conversations with staff, choir leaders, parents, longtime members, and the Worship and Music Committee, we're shifting to an

earlier time to better accommodate young families and older adults.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, December 13, at 5:00pm for a beautiful evening of music, light, and community.

New members and baptisms

We are thrilled to welcome new members Natalie McCall and Ana and Chase Quirk to the Belmont UMC family! Natalie, Ana, and Chase joined on October 19, 2025. Maggie McCall and Grant McCall, daughter and son of Natalie and Scott McCall, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 19, 2025 (8:10am service).

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.