



## This week at Belmont UMC

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
3:30pm Flu and Covid vaccine  
clinic, Community Center  
5:00pm Community meal,  
Community Center  
6:00pm Pickleball, Community  
Center  
6:00pm *Finding Clarity with  
Clare: Her Enduring Wisdom*,  
124  
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith  
Finders Hall  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom  
1:00pm Celebration Ringers  
rehearsal, 226

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:10am Worship with  
Communion, chapel/live stream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school,  
various rooms  
9:15am *What if the Bible is still*  
10:30am Worship,  
sanctuary/live stream  
11:30am Belmonsters for  
Inclusion, 124  
1:30pm Carillon Ringers, 226

## Joys and concerns

### Christian sympathy is extended to

Linda Bernhardt in the death of  
her husband, Rick Bernhardt.

### Out of the hospital

Starr Strickland

## BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

October 5, 2025

## Communion offering will support World Communion Sunday

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in Communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

You can leave your Communion offering on the Communion rail or go to [belmontumc.org/october-communion-offering](http://belmontumc.org/october-communion-offering) to give online.

## Carillon Ringers concert today

3:00pm in the sanctuary

Today 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!

## Flu and Covid vaccine clinic this Wednesday

Wednesday, October 8, 3:30-6:30pm in the Community Center

This Wednesday, October 8, from 3:30-6:30pm in the Community Center, Walgreens will offer FREE flu and COVID vaccines as part of their community outreach.

COVID vaccines are approved for all patients ages 65 and older. Patients ages 18-64 must have a risk factor for severe COVID infection to be eligible.

If you're interested, please email Anne Hoback ([ahoback@belmontumc.org](mailto:ahoback@belmontumc.org)). Be sure to bring your insurance card!

## Pickleball and a prayer program this Wednesday!

Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00pm in the Community Center and room 124

This Wednesday, October 8, grab your paddle and join us at 6:00pm for an hour of pickleball in the Community Center! We'll have three courts in play, including one reserved just for newcomers to learn the game. Come enjoy friendly competition while getting your heart pumping and your legs moving. All are welcome and spare paddles will be available to borrow!

Also that evening, there will be a special prayer program, *Finding Clarity with Clare: Her Enduring Wisdom*, in room 124. Stay tuned for details!

## Ensuring a smooth Zoom experience for your meetings and programs

Just a reminder that all media, including photos and slides, must be sent in advance to our Worship and Media Coordinator, Clay Smith ([claysmith@belmontumc.org](mailto:claysmith@belmontumc.org)), for any Zoom-related activities. Additionally, if you make changes to your church Zoom account (such as updating your password), please notify Clay so he can continue to manage administrative tasks effectively.

# Save the date!

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

All-Church Retreat at  
Beersheba Springs Assembly

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
Parent and Child Music, 213

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
11:30am ENCORE  
Lunch and Learn, Parker Hall

**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



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## Sunday morning learning opportunity

Our *What if the Bible is still Good News?* class concludes next Sunday with "What if the Bible is something that gives us hope?" Join us in Parker Hall at 9:15am. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/good-news](http://belmontumc.org/good-news).

## ENCORE Lunch and Learn: Remembering with Intention: A Guide to Meaningful Services

**Sunday, October 26, 11:30am in Parker Hall**

On Sunday, October 26, join us in Parker Hall following worship for our next ENCORE Lunch and Learn. Pastor Paul and Pastor Heather will discuss Moses' obituary in the book of Deuteronomy and share other scriptures and stories that shape how we remember. Together, we'll reflect on the ways we hope to be remembered.

Lunch will be provided by Panera for \$10 per person. Reservations are due by Sunday, October 19.

## Help complete the Mama Lynn Center schoolhouse

The Mama Lynn Center, a refuge for women who have been abused and abandoned, provides safety, skills training, and hope. The center is building a three-room schoolhouse, but more funds are needed. An anonymous donor will match gifts up to \$12,000 through October 19. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/mama-lynn-schoolhouse](http://belmontumc.org/mama-lynn-schoolhouse). Give online at [onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/](http://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/form/give/) Mama-Lynn or by check with "Mama Lynn Center" in the memo line.

## Honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements in worship are given in honor or memory of people 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](mailto: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 as well as add beauty to our worship service.

## Earth Care at Your House of Worship conference

**Saturday, November 1, 8:30am-12:30pm at Second Presbyterian Church**

On Saturday, November 1, from 8:30am-12:30pm, Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light will host the *Earth Care at Your House of Worship* conference at Second Presbyterian Church (3511 Belmont Boulevard). The cost is \$20. Learn more or purchase tickets at [belmontumc.org/earth-care](http://belmontumc.org/earth-care). For questions, contact Rev. Paul Slentz at [pslentz53@gmail.com](mailto:pslentz53@gmail.com).

## NOAH candidate forum

**Sunday, November 9, 3:00pm at Scarritt-Bennett**

On Sunday, November 9, from 3:00-5:00pm, Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) will host a general election candidates forum for the winners of the upcoming primary. A strong turnout will make a statement to our candidates that we care about the future of our community! This is a great opportunity to exercise our power as we raise our voices and our concerns.

This forum will take place at Scarritt-Bennett and be available via livestream. To 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.*