



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00pm Junior high boys
basketball practice,
Community Center
6:30pm Executive Committee,
Zoom
7:00pm Senior high boys
basketball practice,
Community Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Church closed for Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Church closed for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Church closed for Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:10am Worship with Communion,
chapel/live stream
9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms
9:15am Young adult Sunday
school, 303
9:15am Children's Sunday school,
213, 217, 220, and 306
10:30am Worship,
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



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Reconciling Ministries Network.

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 23, 2025

"Our Money Story"

Today, we dedicate our 2026 pledges, our prayers, and our stories, trusting that God will use them to restore hope and love through Belmont United Methodist Church.

Your generosity is already at work. It sings through our choir, fills classrooms with laughter, and extends care to our neighbors near and far. Each pledge and offering is part of the larger story God is telling through us, a story of grace that multiplies and love that lasts.



Upcoming holiday closings

The church will be closed this Wednesday, November 26, Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Update from Ebenezer UMC on 2024 Christmas Miracle Offering

Last Christmas, Belmonsters generously opened their hearts and wallets to a Christmas Miracle Offering for La Placita at Iglesia Metodista Unida Ebenezer (Ebenezer UMC). The vision of La Placita is a gathering place for not only the Spanish-speaking congregation in West Nashville, but also for members of the broader Nashville community.

This vision is being realized thanks to your gifts, which totalled some \$41,000. Teens are receiving leadership training on topics like financial literacy. Elementary-aged Ebenezer members are working on literacy as are their parents in weekly English classes. Food needs are being addressed through faith-based partnerships. All of these activities are possible, in part, thanks to Belmont funds that have been allocated toward a professional community developer who is also working to raise money for Ebenezer. In addition, Belmont funds have helped to pay for a part-time staff member to manage child/youth programs and assist Pastor Myriam Cortes in daily activities at the church.

Deadline to order a wreath in honor or memory of a loved one is today

Next Sunday, November 30, Belmont UMC will celebrate Hanging of the Greens by placing twenty-one Fraser Fir wreaths (\$27 each) on the exterior doors of the church in memory or honor of loved ones. *The deadline for ordering is today, Sunday, November 23.* Place your order by emailing Anne Hoback (ahoback@belmontumc.org).

Advent: Receiving Jesus in his fullness

Wednesdays, December 3 and 10, at 6:00pm in room 124

The Advent season – the beginning of a new Christian year – begins next Sunday, November 30. On Wednesdays, December 3 and 10, Rev. John Collett will lead two Advent-themed sessions at 6:00pm in room 124.

On December 3, the focus will be on Jesus' coming as a baby. This session will explore the human side of Jesus, often described as "Christ from below." On December 10, the attention will turn to Jesus as the embodiment of God. This session will highlight the divine side of Jesus, or "Christ from above."

Make plans to join us as we prepare our hearts to receive Christ in the fullness of who he is. Learn more at belmontumc.org/advent-study.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 3 AND 10

6:00pm *Advent: Receiving
Jesus in his fullness*, 124

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:00pm Advent Family Craft
Night, Community Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00pm Feast of Lights,
sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:30am Charge Conference,
Parker Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00pm Amanda Dembiec
Christmas concert, sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00pm *Longest Night*
worship service, chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight and Communion
service, sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church offices closed for
Christmas

Save the date for Advent Family Craft Night!

Sunday, December 7, at 5:00pm in the Community Center

On Sunday, December 7, from 5:00-7:00pm, join us in the Community Center for our annual Advent Family Craft Night. This church-wide event is open to all ages - everyone is welcome! Please note that childcare will not be provided, as families are encouraged to attend together.

This year, we will incorporate some elements of a church tool called "Messy Church," where we gather in the Community Center for a 15-minute interactive time of worship, enjoy a pasta bar dinner around the tables, and rotate through various craft tables! Donations for dinner are requested to help cover costs.

If you have a fun and easy craft idea (think themes of light, evergreens, the Nativity!) to help kick off Advent and are willing to teach others, please contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org) to discuss details and reserve a craft table!

Feast of Lights

Saturday, December 13, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary

Belmont UMC's annual Feast of Lights will be held on a new day and at a new time this year - Saturday, December 13, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. Although the timing has changed, the service still follows the traditional Lessons and Carols format conceived in the late nineteenth century, telling the Christmas story through a beautiful sequence of readings, prayers, and music.

Led by Belmont UMC's Music Ministry, the Feast of Lights features the Sanctuary Choir, Open Door Singers, and Chapel Choir, accompanied by organ and orchestra. The Carillon Ringers, one of our bell choirs, will also offer music of the season.

For more than 70 years, this beloved service has ushered in the joy and wonder of the season. Make plans to attend. Preschool childcare will be available.

Charge Conference is December 14

Sunday, December 14, at 11:30am in Parker Hall

Our annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, December 14, immediately following worship in Parker Hall and via Zoom.

Reservations are due by Sunday, December 7; payment is required via credit card upon registration in Realm. Go to belmontumc.org/charge-conference to make your reservation.

Coat collection for UniCycle and HERO

Belmont UMC is partnering with UniCycle and the Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) to support students in a simple, meaningful way this winter.

Donate your outgrown or unneeded coats - sizes 3T through adult - during November and December. New coats are welcome, too! A collection box will be available in the Iris Room entrance area. Learn more at belmontumc.org/coats.

Help welcome Belmont's newest blessings!

We're so excited to welcome new babies into our Belmont UMC family and to surround them with love and prayers! We also want to support these families in practical ways - like providing dinner as they adjust to life with their newest addition.

Would you like to join a rotation list to take a meal to a family with a new baby? Home-cooked food isn't required—just something delicious and ready to eat!

If you'd like to be "on call" to deliver a little relief and joy, please contact Amy Cooper with any questions or to have your name added to the list.

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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.