



This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations
Committee, Zoom

6:00pm Junior high boys basketball
practice, Community Center

7:00pm Senior high boys basketball
practice, Community Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night community
meal, Community Center

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

6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal,
choir room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal,
226

6:00pm Youth girls basketball practice,
Community Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00pm Room in the Inn,
Community Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

8:45am Children's Chimes, 217

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

5:00pm Advent Family Craft Night,
Community Center

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2025

Christmas Miracle Offering: A birthday gift for Jesus

Each Advent, Belmonters join together to give a special birthday gift to Jesus — our Christmas Miracle Offering. This year's offering will support the Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) for Metro Nashville Public Schools.

HERO helps students experiencing homelessness stay in school and succeed, providing resources and support as they move from high school to college. Over 4,000 students in MNPS are navigating homelessness each school year. Our offering will help cover unexpected expenses like dorm supplies, fees, or laptops — costs that can keep students from taking that next step toward their dreams.

One HERO student, Mar'Quaile, went from homelessness to college with the help of HERO's support. You can read his inspiring story here on our website at belmontumc.org/christmas-miracle-offering.

Your gift to the Christmas Miracle Offering helps make stories like Mar'Quaile's possible.

Want to do more? Belmonters also volunteer with HERO on the first Monday of each month. Contact Gretchen Napier (gretchennapier1@gmail.com) to join in.

Let's come together this Christmas to honor Jesus with a gift of hope and love.

Advent: Receiving Jesus in his fullness begins this Wednesday

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

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

This Wednesday, December 3, the focus will be on Jesus' coming as a baby — fully human in every way. An early church teacher wrote, "He became as we are that we might become as he is," and Hebrews 2:17 reminds us, "He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest." This session explores the human side of Jesus, often described as "Christ from below."

Advent invites us to prepare our hearts to receive Christ in the fullness of who he is — son of man and son of God. Learn more at belmontumc.org/advent-study.

Hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels

Saturday, December 6, at 2:30pm at Mary, Queen of Angels

This Saturday, December 6, 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) for singing from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm. Learn more at belmontumc.org/hymn-sing.

Advent Family Craft Night is next Sunday!

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!

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Church closed for Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
2:30pm Hymn sing at
Mary, Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
5:00pm Advent Family Craft
Night, Community Center

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

Moved or changed numbers?

Have you moved recently or changed your phone number or email address? You can update your information through your Realm account, or contact Anne Hoback at 615-383-0832 or ahoback@belmontumc.org.



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Make plans to join us for the 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.

Cookies needed for Feast of Lights reception

We need cookies for the Feast of Lights reception on Saturday, December 13 - and lots of them! Our goal is 60 dozen, and we're asking each volunteer to bring at least 3 dozen. You can drop off your cookies in the Iris Room kitchen anytime during the week of December 8-12. Just be sure to label them **FEAST OF LIGHTS RECEPTION**.

Thanks for helping make this beloved tradition a sweet success!

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 Monday, December 8; payment is required via credit card upon registration in Realm. Go to belmontumc.org/charge-conference to make your reservation.

Amanda Dembiec Christmas concert

Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm in the sanctuary

Christmastime is almost here, and we look forward to enjoying seasonal piano music performed and arranged by Amanda Dembiec.

Amanda will share new arrangements along with treasured favorites. Save the date, and take a break during the holiday season to rest in the beauty of our sanctuary for a splendid hour of Christmas music on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm.

Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one

On Sunday, December 14, the sanctuary and chapel will be adorned with lovely poinsettias (\$12 each) given in memory or honor of loved ones. Place your poinsettia order by next Sunday, December 7, by emailing Anne Hoback (ahoback@belmontumc.org).

Calling all knitters and crocheters!

Many of us learned to knit at the All-Church Retreat, while others have been knitting or crocheting for years. Now it's time to put those skills to work! In January 2026, the Children's Ministry will again host a Knitting Tree on the corner of 21st and Acklen Avenues. Our children will add Belmont UMC tags and warm wishes to handmade hats and scarves, which will be displayed outside the church for neighbors in need to take—free of charge. Learn more at belmontumc.org/knitting-tree.

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.