



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00pm Junior high boys
basketball practice,
Community Center
7:00pm Senior high boys
basketball practice,
Community Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center
6:00pm Amanda Dembiec
Christmas concert, sanctuary
6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
1:00pm Celebration Ringers
rehearsal, 226
6:00pm Youth girls basketball
practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00pm Room in the Inn,
Community Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:30pm Golden Triangle
Christmas party,
Community Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:10am Worship with
Communion, chapel/live stream
8:45am Children's Chimes, 217
9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms
9:15am Intergenerational
Christmas celebration,
Parker Hall
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
5:00pm Longest Night worship
service, chapel

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

December 14, 2025

Christmas concert with Amanda Dembiec

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

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

This year, Amanda will share both new arrangements and familiar favorites. Take a break during the holiday rush and rest in the beauty of our sanctuary for a splendid hour of Christmas music on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm.



Deadline change for December 28 newsletter

Due to the Christmas holiday, the December 28 issue of the newsletter will be published earlier than usual. Articles, announcements, or calendar items for both the December 21 and 28 issues should be sent to Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org) by 2:00pm this Wednesday, December 17.

Christmas Miracle Offering: Helping HERO support students

Each Advent, Belmonters come 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 works tirelessly to ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness have what they need to succeed in school.

This year, funds collected will support HERO students who are making the incredible leap from high school to college - a milestone that often comes with unexpected expenses. Your donation will support needs such as a \$350 dorm deposit at MTSU for a 17-year-old McGavock High School student who is an unaccompanied homeless youth. She has a 3.26 GPA and will begin her studies at MTSU in the fall. Your gift also helps provide Uber rides to graduation rehearsal and the December ceremony for another unaccompanied homeless youth who graduated early with a 3.22 GPA.

Let's come together this Christmas to honor Jesus with a gift of hope and love. Learn more or give online at belmontumc.org/christmas-miracle. You can also give by check—please make it payable to Belmont UMC and write "Christmas Miracle Offering" on the memo line.

Longest Night worship service: A liturgy for the weary

Sunday, December 21, at 5:00pm in the chapel

The joy of the holiday season can feel elusive and out of reach when you are grieving. Next Sunday, December 21, at 5:00pm in the chapel, our *Longest Night* worship service will offer space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amid the twinkling lights and holiday hustle and bustle.

Bring your grief. Bring your weariness. Bring your fatigue—and allow yourself time to reflect and draw near to God.

For more information, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

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 December. New coats are welcome, too! Go to belmontumc.org/coats to learn more.

Save the date!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:15am Intergenerational
Christmas celebration,
Parker Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

*Church offices closed for
Christmas*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

*Church closes at 12:00pm
for New Year's*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

*Church closed for
New Year's Day*

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

*Church closed for
Martin Luther King, Jr Day*



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Our Intergenerational Christmas celebration is next Sunday!

Sunday, December 21, at 9:15am in Parker Hall

Next Sunday, December 21, join us in Parker Hall at 9:15am for a morning of fun, fellowship, cocoa (or coffee), and crafts! Last year's intergenerational Sunday school Christmas party was such a hit that we're bringing it back. All Sunday school classes—of every age—are invited. We'll have crafts, games, cozy drinks, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Please reach out to Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org) or Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org) if you'd like to help with setup or cleanup.

Winter season at the WDS: Cozy classrooms and creative minds

At the Weekday School (WDS), winter is a season of discovery, creativity, and togetherness as we settle into the cozy warmth of our classrooms. Our preschoolers are exploring the season through hands-on activities, sensory play, seasonal art projects, and stories that highlight the beauty of this time of year. Classrooms are learning about winter weather, arctic animals, and practicing songs for upcoming performances. Whether we're creating snowy art, talking about kindness and giving, or sharing meaningful moments with friends, winter at the Weekday School is a time of warmth and learning.

Please take a moment to enjoy the winter snow globes displayed on the bulletin board in the foyer. This month, our Early Learners 2 classroom is showcasing artwork created by their young artists. Their creativity and effort shine through each piece, and we hope these winter scenes bring a smile to your day!

Las Posadas: A tradition of hope in challenging times

Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm at Benton Chapel

On Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00pm, join NOAH's Immigrants' Rights Campaign for Las Posadas, a meaningful celebration of the traditional Latin American ceremony that honors Mary and Joseph's search for room in the inn. Unlike the original biblical account, Las Posadas ends with a hopeful twist: the innkeeper welcomes Mary and Joseph, symbolizing hospitality and compassion.

This year's gathering will be held at Benton Chapel (411 21st Avenue South) and holds special significance for immigrants facing threats from ICE and state actions. To learn more or register, visit tinyurl.com/s5zua96s.

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.

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. If you'd like to deliver a little relief and joy, please contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org). Learn more at belmontumc.org/welcome-blessings.

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.