



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Church closed for Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church closed for Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

No youth or children's Sunday school
 9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms
 9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303
 10:30am Worship only, sanctuary (no 8:10am worship)



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BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

December 21, 2025

Longest Night worship service this evening

5:00pm in the chapel

The joy of the holiday season can feel elusive and out of reach when you are grieving. Join us this evening at 5:00pm in the chapel for our *Longest Night* worship service, which 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).

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary

Emmanuel, God is with us! On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, join our Belmont UMC community at 5:00pm in the sanctuary as we end our adventing and celebrate the love of Christ entering into our world. We will worship by celebrating Communion together, singing Christmas carols, reading the Christmas story, and lighting candles to remind us of God's Spirit with us.

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.

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.

December holiday closings

The church will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 (reopening at 4:00pm for the Christmas Eve service), as well as Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26.

Gifts for the journey: Supporting families in rural Mexico

January 16-23, 2026, Belmont UMC will lead a mission team to Mexico to work with Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE), a ministry founded by the Methodist Church of Mexico in 1977 to combat hunger and poverty in rural communities. Just as the Wise Men followed the star to bring their gifts to Jesus, you are invited to share gifts with families in rural southern Mexico.

Instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we are collecting toothbrushes, travel-size toothpaste, Band-Aids, and small tubes of antibiotic ointment.

On January 11, our children will present the collected gifts, which will then be delivered by our Mexico mission team members. Donations can be dropped off in the suitcase located in the Faith Finders Hall.

Save the date!

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 28
and JANUARY 4**

No youth or children's
Sunday school
10:30am Worship only,
sanctuary (no 8:10am worship)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
8:10am and 10:30am
Foundations of Faith sermon
series begins,
chapel and sanctuary
9:15am Children's Sunday
school resumes,
213, 217, 220, and 306
11:45am Centennial Campaign
luncheon, Community Center

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.



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Year-end giving

For a gift to be counted toward your 2025 giving for tax purposes, please bring it to the church before noon on Wednesday, December 31 (the building will close at 12:00pm), give online at belmontumc.org/give by 11:59pm on December 31, or mail it to the church (envelope must be postmarked by December 31). Thank you for helping us finish the year strong!

Save the date for our Centennial Campaign luncheon on January 11 Sunday, January 11, at 11:45am in the Community Center

Nearly 100 years ago, Belmonters laid the cornerstone of our beautiful sanctuary with faith and hope for the future. While our buildings have served us well, they are now costly to maintain and no longer fully meet the needs of our ministry today or tomorrow. We believe our facilities should reflect who we are as a community - welcoming, functional, and open to all - while preserving what is sacred and preparing Belmont for future generations of ministry.

On Sunday, January 11, you are invited to a special congregational gathering to learn more about Belmont's Centennial Campaign and our hopes for the next century. We will share plans to restore and preserve our historic spaces, eliminate debt, and reimagine our campus for faithful, vibrant ministry in the years ahead.

Join us after worship from 11:45am-1:00pm in the Community Center. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Watch for an email invitation in the coming weeks to sign up and be part of laying a strong foundation for Belmont's future.

WNAB needs your to-go containers!

Have you been saving your stout to-go containers "just in case," and now they're taking over your pantry? Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) - our mid-week fellowship dinner and program - would love to relieve you of your burden!

If you'd like to donate your pint, quart, or clamshell containers so leftovers can go home with people instead of into the trash, please bring them to church and place them in the box labeled WNAB TO-GO CONTAINERS in the church foyer near the Iris Room Kitchen.

And save the date - WNAB will resume on January 14!

Putting love into action: Seekers serve at Second Harvest



Earlier this month, members of the Seekers Sunday School class volunteered at Second Harvest. They sorted 8,790 pounds of donated food, representing 6,780 meals for our neighbors in need. What a beautiful example of putting love into action! Photos by Paula Gaddis.