



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Church offices close at 12:00pm for New Year's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Church closed for New Year's Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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 28, 2025

Upcoming holiday closings

The church will close at 12:00pm this Wednesday, December 31, and will remain closed all day on Thursday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

In addition, the church will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 to 1:00pm in the Community Center. Lunch will be provided for all. Children in 3rd grade and up are encouraged to attend, and childcare will be provided for children in 2nd grade and younger. For more information - and to reserve your lunch and childcare by January 4 - visit belmontumc.org/centennial-campaign.

Introducing Discipleship Pathways

We will begin 2026 by exploring how we, as a community, can continue to grow in love of God and neighbor through our new framework for discipleship, *Discipleship Pathways*. Beginning January 11, both our sermon series and Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) programs will focus on the foundations of our faith: scripture, United Methodist theology and social principles, spiritual formation, and gifts for service. These foundations pave our path as we engage our minds on the Learning Pathway, our spirits on the Forming Pathway, and our hands on the Equipping Pathway. To learn more, go to belmontumc.org/discipleship-pathways.

Christmas Miracle Offering

This year's offering will support the Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) for Metro Nashville Public Schools. Let's wrap up 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.

Year-end giving

For a gift to be counted toward your 2025 giving for tax purposes, please bring it to the church before noon this 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!

New members

We're thrilled to welcome Tricia and Jeff Dunn to the Belmont UMC family! Tricia and Jeff joined on Sunday, December 21.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00am Parent and Child Music, 213

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:10am and 10:30am

Foundations 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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00pm Wednesday night community meal resumes,

Community Center

6:00pm Exploring Discipleship Pathways, 124

6:00pm Pickleball, Community Center

6:00pm Knitting and Crafting, 120

6:00pm Children's choirs resume, Faith Finders Hall

6:00pm Youth New Year party, 3rd floor

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

12:00pm Exploring Discipleship Pathways. Zoom

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00am Prayer Portals, Zoom

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00am Mini retreat, Prayer room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9:15am *Come and See* class for visitors and newcomers begins, Iris Room

5:30pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Community Center

Save the date for our next Parent and Child Music

Saturday, January 10, at 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to join us on Saturday, January 10, at 10:00am for Parent and Child Music! We'll sing, play instruments, read stories, and dance together as we celebrate God's love.

For more information, contact Amy Cooper, Director of Children's Ministries, Music, and Families (amy@belmontumc.org).

Prayer Portals small group study

Begins Thursday, January 22, at 10:00am on Zoom

Would you like to experience God and explore your own soul more deeply through prayer? *Prayer Portals* is a year-long small-group journey that invites you to explore twelve distinct forms of prayer. Each month, we'll reflect on and practice one form of prayer using the *Prayer Portals* journal by Danielle Shroyer (\$15) as our guide and companion.

Beginning Thursday, January 22, we will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am on Zoom.

Contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org) for more information and to register.

January mini retreat will focus on Begin Again

Saturday, January 24, at 10:00am in the Prayer Room

The focus of our mini-retreat on Saturday, January 24, will be *Begin Again*. We'll begin with the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he writes, "In Christ we are a new creation."

We'll spend time in silence, prayer, and ritual as we reflect on the habits and patterns we are ready to release. We'll also create visual prayers that reflect what beginning again looks like in January 2026.

The retreat will take place from 10:00am–12:00pm in the Prayer Room.

To learn more or to register, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

Come and See: A special Sunday school class for visitors and newcomers

Sundays, January 25, February 1, and 8, at 9:15am in the Iris Room

Join us for *Come and See*, a special Sunday school class for visitors and newcomers! Join Pastor Heather Harriss and other Belmonters to learn more about Belmont UMC, United Methodism, and living out your faith. We'll meet on Sundays, January 25, February 1 and 8, from 9:15-10:15am in the Iris Room (to your right as you enter from the parking lot). For more information, contact Heather Harriss, Senior Associate Pastor (heather@belmontumc.org).

Youth Winter Retreat

Friday, February 13 - Sunday, February 15 at Lakeshore Camp

The best weekend of the year for youth is coming up! From Friday, February 13 - Sunday, February 15, we'll head to Lakeshore Camp for our annual Winter Retreat - a weekend of fun, friends, worship, and resetting. The cost of the retreat is \$180 and includes all transportation, two nights of lodging, meals, programming, and a new t-shirt! Scholarships are available for anyone who may need one; just reach out to Emma Bushong, Director of Ministry with Young People (emma@belmontumc.org). Registration will open in Realm next Sunday, January 4, 2026.

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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