

## This week at Belmont UMC

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Wednesday night  
community meal,  
Community Center  
6:00pm *Advent: Receiving  
Jesus in His Fullness* study, 124  
6:00pm Knitting and crafting,  
120  
6:00pm Chapel Choir rehearsal,  
sanctuary  
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00pm Feast of Lights,  
sanctuary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 Charge Conference,  
Parker Hall  
11:30am *Fellowship in the  
Foyer*

## BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

December 7, 2025

## Make your 2026 pledge today

Many thanks to everyone who has already submitted a pledge for 2026 and committed to investing in Belmont UMC and God's kin-dom.

If you haven't turned in your pledge yet, we hope you will. Your pledge directly supports the programs and ministries that shape our life together: vibrant worship, growing children and youth ministries, meaningful adult discipleship, pastoral care, music and the arts, community outreach, and the day-to-day support that keeps our ministries running. Your commitment also allows us to maintain our property, care for our staff, and expand ministries that meet real needs in our congregation and community.

If you feel unsure about what you can give, please know that any amount is a meaningful contribution to the shared ministry we offer together. Pledge cards are available in the pews, or you can pledge online at [onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/form/pledge/2026](https://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/form/pledge/2026).

If you have questions or want to talk through giving options, reach out to Carrie Sherrill ([carrie@belmontumc.org](mailto:carrie@belmontumc.org)).

## Join us for Advent Family Craft Night this evening

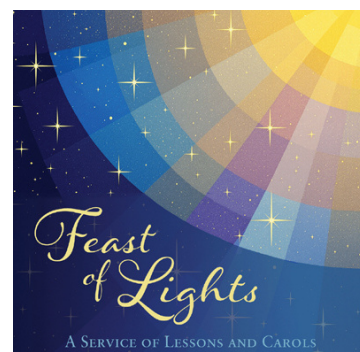
5:00pm in the Community Center

This evening, join us from 5:00-7:00pm 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. For details, go to [belmontumc.org/craft-night](https://belmontumc.org/craft-night).

## Feast of Lights is this Saturday!

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

Join us this Saturday, December 13, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary for the Feast of Lights! 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. Go to [belmontumc.org/feast-of-lights](https://belmontumc.org/feast-of-lights) to learn more.



## Christmas Miracle Offering will support HERO

Each Advent, Belmonsters 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.

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](https://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.

## New members and baptisms

We are thrilled to welcome Parker Bowland, Harper Hillenmeyer, Oliver Martin, and Lindsay Sheehan who joined the Belmont UMC family on November 23, 2025, and Praveen Bhavé, who joined on November 30, 2025!

Also, Parker Bowland and Lindsay Sheehan received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 23, 2025.

# Save the date!

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00pm Amanda Dembiec  
Christmas concert, sanctuary

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:15am Intergenerational  
Christmas celebration,  
Parker Hall  
5:00pm *Longest Night* worship  
service, chapel

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

## Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy  
is extended to*

Barbara and Joaquin Garcia in  
the death of Barbara's brother,  
Roy Pruitt Phillips.

Family and friends of Mary  
Wayne Mader.



Belmont UMC is a member of the  
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## WNAB program offerings this week

**Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00pm in rooms 124 and 120**

Join us this Wednesday, December 10, for two great Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) programs!

Rev. John Collett will conclude *Advent: Receiving Jesus in his fullness*, at 6:00pm in room 124. The focus this week will be on Jesus as the embodiment of God, and will center on the divine nature of Jesus, Christ from above. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/advent-study](http://belmontumc.org/advent-study).

Also at 6:00pm, in room 120, you are invited to an evening of knitting, crafting, and good company! Bring your own supplies and settle in for a cozy night of creativity. It's also the perfect time to work on hats and scarves for our Knitting Tree! Learn more at [belmontumc.org/knitting-and-crafting](http://belmontumc.org/knitting-and-crafting).

## 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 this week. Just be sure to label them FEAST OF LIGHTS RECEPTION.

Thanks for helping make this beloved tradition a sweet success!

## Join us for Charge Conference next Sunday

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

Make plans to join us for the Charge Conference and Administrative Board meeting next Sunday, December 14, at 11:30am in Parker Hall! There's a lot happening at Belmont UMC, and this is your chance to hear about the renovation and restoration plans for our properties as we prepare for the future. It's also the one-year anniversary of our Strategic Plan - come learn what's been accomplished, what's still ahead, and the vision for ministry, the Golden Triangle, and the Weekday School.

*Lunch reservations are due by tomorrow, Monday, December 8; payment is required by credit card at the time of registration in Realm. Visit [belmontumc.org/charge-conference](http://belmontumc.org/charge-conference) to learn more or reserve your spot.*

## Honoring heritage: A lesson in Okanagan (Syilx) tradition

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Belmont Weekday School (WDS) Director Kerry Galvin taught a special lesson to our Preschool and Pre-K classes about her Okanagan (Syilx) family and cultural traditions. She shared that Native Americans are the first people of this land and showed the children where her family originates in the mountain and lake regions of British Columbia.

Kerry brought photos, family artwork, beadwork made by her mother, and a handmade quilt to help students experience the colors, patterns, and stories in these traditions. She also played traditional music and a lullaby written by her mother, showing how music connects, grounds, and expresses gratitude in Native cultures.

The children learned that Native people - and Kerry's own family - continue to carry these traditions forward today.



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*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.*