



BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

January 18, 2026

This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church closed for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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, JANUARY 21

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal, Community Center

6:00pm *Exploring the Pathway*, 124

6:00pm Knitting and crafting, 120

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

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal,
choir room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

10:00am Prayer Portals

small group study, Zoom

12:00pm *Exploring the Pathway*,
Zoom

6:00pm Youth girls basketball
practice, Community Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00am January mini retreat,
Prayer Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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

11:00am Mercadito,
Community Center

1:30pm Carillon Ringers
rehearsal, 226

3:30pm Wesley Ringers
rehearsal, 226

4:30pm Open Door Singers
rehearsal, choir room

5:30pm United Methodist Youth,
Community Center

Upcoming holiday closing

The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, as we reflect on his call to serve others and to work toward a world rooted in peace and fairness.

Registration deadline for January mini retreat is tomorrow

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

The focus of our mini-retreat this 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."

The retreat will take place from 10:00am–12:00pm in the Prayer Room. Childcare will be available for those who RSVP to Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org) by tomorrow, Monday, January 19.

Exploring the Pathway this week

Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00pm in room 124 and Thursday, January 22, at 12:00pm on Zoom

This Wednesday, January 21, our four-week series *Exploring the Pathway* continues with "Exploring the Learning Pathway." The series introduces the three pathways - Learning, Equipping, and Forming - and explores how each helps us grow in love of God and neighbor.

We will use the Discipleship Reflection Guide, so be sure to pick one up in the foyer or download it from our website.

The series is also offered via Zoom on Thursdays at 12:00pm. For the Zoom link, contact Hunter Wade (hunter@belmontumc.org). Learn more at belmontumc.org/discipleship-pathways.

Join us for knitting and crafting

Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00pm in room 120

Join us this Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00pm in the library (room 120) for an evening of knitting, crafting, and good company! Bring your own supplies and settle in for a cozy night of creativity. All are welcome!

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.

CMO raises \$28,242 for HERO students

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our congregation, Belmont UMC raised \$28,242 through this year's Christmas Miracle Offering (CMO) to support the Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) for Metro Nashville Public Schools.

These funds will support HERO students who are making the incredible leap from high school to college — a milestone that often comes with unexpected expenses such as dorm supplies, university fees, or even specialized computers for certain programs. Thanks, Belmont!

Save the date!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00pm Luther College Nordic
Choir concert, sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

11:30am Administrative Board
meeting, Parker Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00pm Music Makers Cocoa
House, Parker Hall

Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy
is extended to*

Carolyn Jones in the death of
her brother Jerry Stuart.

Amy, Bill, William, and Elizabeth
Anne Cooper in the death of
their father and grandfather,
Thomas Cooper.



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Come and See begins next Sunday

Sundays January 25, February 1, and 8 from 9:15–10:15am in the Iris Room

Join us for *Come and See*, a special Sunday school class for visitors and newcomers! Gather with Heather Harriss, Hunter Wade, and other Belmonsters to learn more about Belmont UMC, United Methodism, and what it looks like to live out your faith.

We'll meet on Sundays January 25, February 1, and February 8 from 9:15–10:15am in the Iris Room (to your right as you enter from the parking lot).

Next Sunday, January 25, the topic will be *Why Belmont?* Share what brought you to Belmont and learn more about the United Methodist Church.

Join us for the ReMix Mercadito!

Sunday, January 25, at 11:00am in the Community Center

Mark your calendars and bring your appetite - our friends at ReMix are hosting another Mercadito (little market) right here in the Community Center next Sunday, January 25, from 11:00am–2:30pm.

This is more than just a food event - it's a delicious way to make a difference. Every dollar raised will support immigrant communities in Nashville, helping our neighbors thrive and feel welcome. Purchase tickets at belmontumc.org/mercadito.

Youth Benefit Dinner

Sunday, March 1, at 6:00pm in the Community Center

This year's Youth Benefit Dinner will be held in the Community Center on Sunday, March 1, from 6:00-8:00pm, so save the date! Join us for an evening of music, fellowship, dinner, and bidding on exciting auction items as we raise funds for our youth program's summer trips.

Your ticket will include access to the auction, a delicious dinner, and a fantastic concert featuring local artists and our own students. Ticket prices will be announced soon, and childcare will be provided.

You won't want to miss this special night! Learn more at belmontumc.org/youth-benefit-dinner.

Save the date for the Nordic Choir!

Saturday, January 31, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary

The Nordic Choir of Luther College (Decorah, IA), founded in 1946, enjoys national and international recognition as one of the premier collegiate choral ensembles in the United States. Under the direction of Dr. Andrew Last, the choir will be in concert at Belmont UMC on Saturday, January 31, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available in advance at tickets.luther.edu or at the door.



Honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements in worship are given in honor or memory of people who have made a difference in our lives. If you would like to honor or remember a significant person in your life in this way, please contact Janet Stewart (stewajr@gmail.com). Learn more at belmontumc.org/flowers.

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.