



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00pm Junior high boys basketball practice, Community Center
6:30pm Executive Committee, Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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 29

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
12:00pm *Exploring the Pathway*, Zoom

6:00pm Youth girls basketball practice, Community Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

10:00am January mini retreat, Prayer Room
7:00pm Nordic Choir concert, sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream
8:45am Children's Chimes, 217
9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms
9:15am *Come and See*, Iris Room
9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303
9:15am Children's Sunday school, 213, 217, 220, and 306
10:30am Worship with Communion, 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

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2026

Extending support through the Homeplace Legacy Fund

For more than three decades, Homeplace was a true home for four women with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), supported by Belmont United Methodist Church, caregivers, and friends. When the residence closed in 2021, its mission continued through the Homeplace Legacy Fund, established to honor the women who lived there and extend their legacy of care.

The fund provides small grants to individuals with IDD and their families for special needs that go beyond daily living expenses - supporting opportunities that enhance quality of life and encourage greater independence. The Homeplace Legacy Fund honors a legacy of care while looking ahead - offering support, one practical step at a time. Learn more at belmontumc.org/homeplace-legacy-fund.



Exploring the Pathway this week

Wednesday, January 28, at 6:00pm in room 124 and Thursday, January 29, at 12:00pm on Zoom

This Wednesday, January 28, our four-week series *Exploring the Pathway* continues with "Exploring the Equipping." This 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, a booklet to help you reflect individually and share in community, 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.

January mini retreat

Saturday, January 31, at 10:00am in the Prayer Room

The focus of our mini-retreat this Saturday, January 31, 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 26.

Nordic Choir concert this Saturday!

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.



Save the date!

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy
is extended to*

Chris and Barry Steele in the
death of Barry's brother,
D. Wayne Steele.

Andrea and John Brooks and
family and Patty and Bill
Harbison and family in the death
of their sister and cousin,
Betty Brooks.



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February Communion offering will support O.N.E./Barnes Scholarship

Your Communion offering next Sunday, February 1, will support the O.N.E. Barnes Scholarship. Founded by Rev. Bill Barnes, this scholarship has been a meaningful part of Belmont United Methodist Church for more than 30 years, providing financial assistance to individuals in the Nashville area pursuing higher education. Thank you, Belmont, for your faithful support of students over the years - we are grateful and look forward to your continued generosity.

Currently, twelve students are receiving scholarships at universities in Tennessee, Illinois, and Oregon, pursuing a wide range of majors. An educational quote from Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson invites us to reflect on hard work and purpose: *When you're trying to figure out what you want to do with your life, the key question is, what am I willing to work for? What motivates me? What am I passionate about?* She also emphasizes the importance of education for democracy - helping individuals understand issues, speak out, and discern truth from fiction. May these words inspire and guide students as they pursue their education and future callings.

Save the date for Parent and Child Music

Saturday, February 14, 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.

Parent and Child Music is a fun, musical time with young children and the parents, friends, nannies, and grandparents who love them. At Parent and Child Music, we sing fun songs and songs of faith appropriate for infants through preschoolers. We also play musical instruments, dance, use scarves, have puppets, and read stories. Belmonsters and folks from the community are welcome!

For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

Benefit concert for CATHARSIS Nashville

Sunday, February 22, at 4:00pm in the sanctuary

On Sunday, February 22, join us in the sanctuary at 4:00pm for a benefit concert supporting CATHARSIS Nashville, a nonprofit healing center and community café offering high-quality, holistic mental health care at rates clients can afford. The concert will be performed by husband-and-wife duo Dr. David Thornton and Dr. Laura Rosser Kreiselmaier, who both enjoyed careers as professional musicians before becoming Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

Make plans to join us for an eclectic evening of music ranging from musical theatre to spirituals to the Beatles - plus Laura's "famous" audience-request medley of hymns. Learn more at catharsisnashville.org.

Winter wonders in Belmont's Weekday School

Winter has brought many opportunities for hands-on learning in Belmont's Weekday School, and it has been a joy to watch the children explore the season in meaningful ways. From dramatic play snowball games and experimenting with ice to creating penguin crafts and discovering snowflakes, our classrooms have been filled with curiosity, creativity, and excitement. It has been so fun to see the children engage, imagine, and learn together through these winter-inspired activities.

Be sure to check out our Pre-K 2 snow hat art, displayed on the foyer bulletin board.

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.