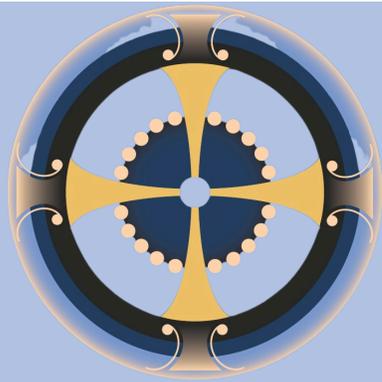


BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2026



This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2:00pm Post-Helene Recovery meeting, 120
6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom
7:00pm Senior high boys basketball practice, Community Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night community meal, Community Center
6:00pm Ash Wednesday worship, sanctuary
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
6:00pm Youth girls basketball practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00am Visitation for Betty Brooks, Iris Room
11:00am Celebration of Life for Betty Brooks, sanctuary
2:00pm Celebration of Life for D. Wayne Steele, sanctuary
3:00pm Reception for Steele family, Iris Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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
12:15pm Administrative Board, Parker Hall
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

Lent at Belmont UMC

This Lent, we'll be grounding ourselves in hope through Sanctified Art's *Tell Me Something Good* series, the theme for our worship throughout the season. From meaningful services to study opportunities, moments of reflection, and small groups, there are many ways to connect and grow in the weeks ahead.

Visit belmontumc.org/lent to find a place to join the journey - we'd love to walk it with you.



Ash Wednesday worship: The good news is . . . all are invited Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00pm in the sanctuary

Ash Wednesday is a holy time to remember our mortality, reflect on our priorities, and prepare our hearts for the six weeks of Lent to come. The cross of ashes imposed on our foreheads reminds us of our mortality and our sin, as well as God's forgiveness and love.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, join us at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for a 45-minute Service of Ashes for all ages. The service will include music by the Chapel Choir, and Heather Harriss will be preaching.

Plan to come for dinner in the Community Center at 5:00pm. Chapel Choir members may begin robing at 5:45. Warm-up will take place in the Chapel Choir room before joining the service already in progress. Joyful Noise Singers and Music Makers will meet in their choir rooms and join the end of the service for the imposition of ashes.

Post-Helene recovery meeting tomorrow Monday, February 16, at 2:00pm in room 120

Join us tomorrow, Monday, February 16, at 2:00pm in room 120 for a conversation about how Belmont UMC can support ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. As part of our commitment, this year's Belmont UMC Lenten Offering will be dedicated to post-Helene recovery. Everyone is invited. Learn more at belmontumc.org/helene.

Lenten Friday morning Bible study begins this Friday Fridays, beginning February 20, at 7:00am in room 120

Beginning February 20, start your Fridays in Lent with scripture, prayer, and thoughtful conversation. This early-morning Bible study, from 7:00-7:45am, will take place in room 120 and is designed to fit into your day while grounding you in the Lenten journey.

Our six-week Lenten theme, "Obstacles to Grace; Invitations to Grow," will guide our reflection. Learn more at belmontumc.org/friday-lent-study.

Mercadito next Sunday

Sunday, February 22, 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 on Sunday, February 22, 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. Learn more or purchase tickets at belmontumc.org/mercadito.

Save the date!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:00am Mercadito,
Community Center
12:15pm Administrative Board,
Parker Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

6:00pm Youth Benefit Dinner,
Community Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:00pm Seed and starter "Swap
and Share" Community Center
pre-event area
6:00pm Pickleball,
Community Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

5:30pm, Foundations course:
UM Social Principles, 120

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:00am Easter egg hunt,
Community Center

Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Martha, Rich, and Alice Littlehale
in the death of their father and
grandfather, Joe Boyd.



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Administrative Board meeting

Sunday, February 22, at 12:15pm in Parker Hall

The Administrative Board will meet next Sunday, February 22, at 12:15pm in Parker Hall. You're encouraged to support our immigrant community by purchasing lunch from the Mercadito. For those not eating at the Mercadito, light bites consisting of a meat and cheese tray, dessert, and coffee will be provided. We ask that you please still register for the meeting so we can have an accurate headcount for light bites. You can register at belmontumc.org/administrative-board-meeting. All are welcome!

Benefit concert for CATHARSIS Nashville next Sunday

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

Next 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.

Next step on Discipleship Pathways: Lenten Small Groups

Since the start of the year, we have been exploring Discipleship Pathways, our new framework for growing in love of God and neighbor. As we enter Lent, we're invited to take the next steps along this pathway together.

Lent is a season to make space for God through practices like scripture, prayer, and gathering in community—what John Wesley called the means of grace, the everyday ways God meets us.

One way to engage this season is by joining a Lenten Small Group. Four groups, led by Belmont lay leaders, will follow the devotional that accompanies our sermon series, *Tell Me Something Good*. These groups offer intergenerational connection, reflection on scripture, and encouragement for the journey. To learn more or sign up for a group, go to belmontumc.org/small-groups.

Youth Benefit Dinner, Concert, and Auction

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

Join us on Sunday, March 1, for a delightful evening of food and music to help raise money for our youth ministry summer trips, including a choir tour to Boston and the Appalachia Service Project. Tickets are \$40 each, with childcare available for children 8 and under for \$5. Tickets are on sale now through February 22 and can be purchased at belmontumc.org/youth-benefit. Come enjoy a delicious meal, beautiful music, and the chance to bid on exciting auction items!

Save the date for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 28, at 10:00am in the Community Center

Everybunny get egg-cited! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at 10:00am. Want to help make it egg-stra special? Somebunny needs you! To volunteer, contact Alyssa Curran (arabun1@gmail.com).

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.