



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center
6:00pm Music Makers Cocoa
House, Parker Hall
6:00pm Valentines for the
homebound, 120
6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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,
sanctuary/live stream
11:30am Ministry Council, 124
1:30pm Carillon Ringers
rehearsal, 226

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 8, 2026

Shaping the next 100 years - we want to hear from you!

As we approach the 100th anniversary of our cherished sanctuary, Belmont UMC is preparing for a future of greater impact for the next generation. To guide this vision, we've partnered with Horizons Stewardship for a feasibility study ahead of a fundraising emphasis, the Centennial Campaign, scheduled for later this spring.

We value your input in this process. Please scan this QR code to complete the anonymous online survey by 12:00pm on Tuesday, February 10. Before doing so, please review our case statement, *The Centennial Campaign: Laying a Firm Foundation for the Next Century*, which outlines the campaign's purpose and can be found at belmontumc.org/centennial-campaign. The statement is also embedded in the survey. Your feedback will help Horizons guide our church.



Valentines for our homebound

Wednesday, February 11, at 6:00pm in room 120

Share the love this Valentine's season! Join us in room 120 this Wednesday, February 11, as we make Valentines for our homebound members. Enjoy good company, meaningful connection, and a little creative fun with guidance from Julie Gammill Gibson. Supplies will be provided.

Join us for Parent and Child Music this Saturday!

Saturday, February 14, at 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to join us on Saturday, February 14, at 10:00am in room 213 for Parent and Child Music! We'll sing, play instruments, read stories, and dance together as we celebrate God's love. Learn more at belmontumc.org/parent-child-music.

Post-Helene Recovery Meeting

Monday, February 16, at 2:00pm in room 120

Join us on Monday, February 16, at 2:00pm in room 120 for a conversation about how Belmont UMC can support ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. We are grateful to welcome Pam Carter, Western North Carolina Disaster Coordinator (and spouse of Bishop Kenneth Carter), who will share updates and help us explore meaningful ways to partner in the rebuilding work. As part of our commitment, this year's Belmont UMC Lenten Offering will be dedicated to post-Helene recovery. Come learn how we can put our prayers into action and walk alongside our neighbors in need. Everyone is invited.

Administrative Board meeting rescheduled

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

Our Administrative Board meeting originally scheduled for February 8 has been rescheduled for *Sunday, February 22, at 12:15pm* in Parker Hall. Curious about what happens at Administrative Board meetings? All are welcome to attend!

You're encouraged to support our immigrant community by purchasing lunch from the Mercadito happening in the Community Center that day. Information about the Mercadito can be found at belmontumc.org/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.

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:00pm Ash Wednesday
worship, sanctuary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am Lenten Friday morning
Bible study begins, 120

Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy
is extended to*

Beverly Job, Ann and Randy
Fullerton and family, and
Debbie Job in the death of their
brother and uncle,
Rev. Clifton Ellerbeck.

An invitation from GIFT

The GIFT (Growing in Faith
Together) Sunday school class
is kicking off the year with a
social event! Please join them
for fellowship at East Nashville
Beer Works next Sunday,
February 15, at 5:00 pm. This is
a great chance for new folks to
connect, and all are welcome -
including kids!



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the
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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. Learn more at belmontumc.org/homeplace-legacy-fund.

The Mama Lynn Center: A partnership of hope and education

For more than seven years, Belmont UMC has been a faithful supporter of the Mama Lynn Center in the Congo, a program dedicated to serving abused women and their families. Through this partnership, Belmont has helped provide essential resources such as sewing machines, cooking supplies, and medical care - tools that restore dignity, independence, and hope to those rebuilding their lives.

In recent years, the Mama Lynn Center identified a new and pressing need: education. Leaders at the Center requested assistance in building a schoolhouse on their campus so that qualified students could receive a high-quality high school education. The proposed schoolhouse included three classrooms and was intended to expand opportunities for young people connected to the Mama Lynn program. Belmont and other donors responded generously, giving more than \$60,000 to construct and furnish the three-classroom building.

The completed Mama Lynn School House now stands as a joyful sign of partnership and shared mission. Students expressed their gratitude in song, reminding us what can happen when compassion and faith come together to change lives. See photos and read the full article at belmontumc.org/mama-lynn-schoolhouse.

Calling all Sunday school classes: Fill a basket, fund a trip!

Calling all Sunday School classes! On Sunday, March 1, the youth will host a benefit dinner, concert, and auction to help fund their summer trips - and we need your help! Each class is invited to contribute a themed basket (examples: movie night, self-care, coffee lover) with a value of \$150-\$200.

Baskets are due by February 26. Sign your class up at belmontumc.org/baskets. To learn more about the benefit or purchase tickets, go to belmontumc.org/youth-benefit. Thanks for your generosity!

Ebenezer, Belmont share worship

by Jane DuBose

We've all heard the phrase, "the church is not a building," but we experienced it in the best possible way last Sunday, February 1, when Belmont UMC hosted more than 30 members of Iglesia Metodista Unida Ebenezer.

The West Nashville UMC congregation lost power during the ice storm and was later flooded, making the sanctuary unusable. When Pastor Myriam Cortes began thinking of ways to keep her congregation together, she was drawn to Belmont, one of Ebenezer's partner churches. "You hear so much at Belmont about what Ebenezer needs, but you don't get a chance to meet us," she said.

So, we were able to share hugs, break bread during Communion, open Sunday school classes, pray and laugh together. The bonds the two churches share through language classes and children's programming got even stronger. Cortes served Communion with Pastor Paul and shared the bi-lingual benediction. "Vaya en paz," she said - go in peace until we meet again.

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.