

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 6
11:30 a.m. Administrative board/potato bar fundraiser, PH
3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

MONDAY, MAY 7
2:00 p.m. UMW Lydia and Sarah Circles, Iris Room

TUESDAY, MAY 8
6:30 p.m. Belmonters for Inclusion, 202

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
2:30 p.m. *Ministry with the Forgotten*, 124
5:15 p.m. Music Banquet, Community Center
Make meal reservations by 9:00 a. m. Monday
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MAY 10
8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 124
10:00 a.m. 2nd Thursday Book Group @ Donna Harrison's

Where in the world is John Wesley?

In preparation for this epic adventure, we are collecting some things to get ready to travel around the globe with our faithful companion, flat John Wesley. We need your maps, suitcases, travel guides, and flags from different countries. Every trip is made better by good snacks, so help us stock our shelves with individual packages of Kroger pretzels, BoomChika popcorn, goldfish, rice-crispie treats, and nutrigrain-type cereal bars. Boxes for donations will be located in the foyer. Then, on Saturday June 2, join us in Parker Hall at 10:00 a.m. as we transform Parker Hall into our world travel station. Don't miss this epic *all ages* Sunday school class in June and July.

Thanks, Belmont UMC!

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$5,553 for the Brighter Days program.

Congo Women Arise benefits from Lenten Offering

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deliver healing therapies to women who have been victims and survivors of the war, specifically those who are rape survivors. You can continue to stay close to this important organization and action at congowomenarise.org.

Upcoming Worship Services

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 13, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Sandy Sakarapanee preaching 10:30 a.m. worship in the Community Center.

8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel
9:15 a.m. - Sunday school
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the CC

Scripture lessons: Acts 1:1-11

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for May: Simplicity, Covenant, Seekers

Ascension Sunday

Next Sunday, May 13, the 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services will be a musical celebration of Christ's ascension. The Sanctuary Choir will offer a series of anthems, the Carillon Ringers will play, and Paul Purdue will preach a short homily in celebration of this holy day. Ascension Day (May 10) begins a period of waiting for the followers of Jesus. The Risen Christ who has been present since Easter, departs to return to the heavens to the One who sent him into their midst in the first place. Christ leaves with the promise of the Spirit to come to empower his followers. The story of Ascension Day challenges us to seek the presence of the Risen Christ in the here and now.

Communion offering

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self-funded without conference apportionment. Additionally, the total offering for the Golden Cross Foundation will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor.

Belmont United Methodist Church News

May 6, 2018



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.

Joys and Concerns

Out of the hospital

Nancy Young

Christian sympathy is extended to Sophie and Sam Feather-Garner in the loss of their mother, Susan Russell.

The Music Banquet is this Wednesday!

Get ready to make a joyful noise at the 2018 Music Ministry Banquet! Join us as we celebrate the contributions of all who participate in the music ministry. There will be delicious food, fun, and special awards, including the coveted "Bust of Beethoven." Recognition will be given to our 6th graders and upcoming high school graduates as they prepare to move into to their new phase of service.

The banquet will be held this Wednesday, May 9, at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Center. *Meal reservations are due by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, May 7, and may be made online at belmontumc.org or by calling 615-383-0832.*

Communion offering will support Golden Cross Foundation

Today, please support the Golden Cross Foundation with your Communion offering. Golden Cross Sunday has been a Mother's Day tradition in Tennessee Conference churches for almost 50 years.

This offering helps expand older adult ministries and serve persons with disabilities in the Tennessee Conference. Last year, the Golden Cross Foundation awarded a grant to our very own Martin Methodist College to fund a rural health initiative where MMC nursing faculty and nursing students take health care to rural, el-

derly members of United Methodist churches and provide various intervention services. "This is the largest grant the foundation has ever awarded but it is funding a wonderful program that will have a dramatic impact on the health of the elderly in underserved areas," said Charlie Hewgley, chairman of the Golden Cross Foundation. "We are hopeful this grant will serve as a keystone for other organizations to join our mission in serving older adults through this rural health initiative and ministry." The Golden Cross Foundation is

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Congo Women Arise benefits from Lenten Offering

by Sarah Miller

Thank you, Belmont UMC members and visitors, for your great gift of love and support for the UMC partnership Congo Women Arise. During our Lenten season of prayer,

reflection, and growing closer to God, our congregation collected \$4,736 to help in the construction of the Mama Lynn Center for Congolese women. This will

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Congratulations to Belmont UMC's Youth High School Class of 2018!

Nu Nu Aung will graduate from John Overton High School in May. She's planning to go to Nashville State Community College with an interest in studying nursing. She is a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Journey (after school program).

Ethan Bagwell has been a member of Belmont UMC his entire life. He has been active in the Joyful Noise Singers, Music Makers, Chapel Choir, and Open Door Singers, as well as Wesley Ringers. He played church basketball from 7th-12th grade and was "Mildred" in a famous All Church Retreat skit. Ethan is graduating from Martin Luther King Jr. Academic High School and will attend college at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH, and intends to major in Graphic Design.

Max Beavers is currently a student at Franklin Road Academy and plans to attend Vanderbilt University - School of Engineering in the fall. Max has participated in youth choir and UMY at Belmont United Methodist Church since the 8th grade and found the choir tours each summer and two summers with ASP especially meaningful. At FRA, Max is a member of the National Honor Society, plays the trumpet in the Jazz Ensemble and is a member of the golf team. In addition, Max has played travel and club lacrosse since 5th grade. He appreciates the encouragement received at Belmont and looks forward to the journey ahead.

Lauren Cato will graduate from Father Ryan High School where she is a member of National Honor Society, a peer mentor and captain of her lacrosse team. She has been a member of BUMC since baptism and has enjoyed participating in youth group, bells, choir and particularly loved church basketball with her friends and coaches. She is attending The University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall with her twin brother, Sean, following the footsteps of their older brother, Ian.

Sean Cato will graduate from Father Ryan High School where he is a member of the lacrosse team and assistant captain of the hockey team. He has been a member of BUMC since baptism and has enjoyed participating in youth group, choir and loved playing church basketball. He is attending The University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall with his twin sister, Lauren, following the footsteps of their older brother, Ian.

Hop Deppen will graduate from Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and plans to attend Xavier University in the fall. He has been a member of Belmont since 2006 and has most enjoyed all church retreats and hanging out with great friends in UMY. Hop has played high school and travel ice hockey throughout high school.

Madison Henry is currently a student at Hillsboro High School and plans to attend The University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall. Belmont UMC has been a steady influence on her since she was born. She was baptized by her grandmother in the sanctuary. She has made many memories at All Church Retreats, mission trips, participating in choirs, handbells, and youth. She's enjoyed working at Dulce Desserts, making wedding cakes and cupcakes. During school, Madison has been a part of the Hillsboro High Cross Country Team, International Thespian Society, Hillsboro Players, National Honors Society, DECA, International Baccalaureate Certificate Program, and Interdisciplinary Science and Research program through Vanderbilt. She has had a wonderful time thriving at Hillsboro High School and being part of the community at Belmont UMC.

Mikayla Jackson is currently a senior at Brentwood High School and plans to attend Columbia State University in the fall. Mikayla has participated in Brentwood's marching and concert bands, theatre class, and is a part of theatre production. Mikayla has been an honor roll student throughout her high school years and was awarded Student of the Year in Science her sophomore year. She has been an active member of Belmont since 8th grade, and she has enjoyed being part of the church basketball team, choir tours, and ASP service project.

Caroline Knowles is a senior at University School of Nashville and will be attending Vassar College in the fall. She has been a member of the choir and youth group since 7th grade when the Catos encouraged her to join in the fun and fellowship. She enjoys working with children and has been a summer camp counselor as well as a regular weekly volunteer with Brighter Days at Edgehill UMC and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Carter Lawrence Elementary.

Isabelle Helena Love Kohler will graduate from Harpeth Hall School and will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in the fall. She enjoys science and math and will be pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering as a member of the University Academic Scholars Program. During her time at Harpeth Hall, Isabelle participated in the Harpeth

Hall Playmakers. Recently, as part of the cast of Animal Farm, she competed in the Southeastern Theatre Conference One Act Competition. For her hard work, she was named to the All-Star Cast. In addition, the troupe received Best Political Theatre for their performance.

Gay Ler will graduate from John Overton High School and is planning to go to Tennessee Technology School. He wants to study mechanics. He loves joining Belmont Youth Midweek program as part of his weekly activity. It helps him make good friends and develops his communication skills. Gay Ler has been a member of GTF since 2008.

Nae Wei Maung will graduate from Cane Ridge High School. She has been a member of GTF since 2010. Nae enjoys being involved in the Golden Triangle youth. She is a good soccer player and is now an active member of the Cane Ridge school soccer team.

Trinity McClearen is currently a student at Nashville School of the Arts and will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the fall. Trinity is a third generation Belmonter. She has played on the church basketball team for 3 years and has really gotten to love basketball and has improved a lot. She has participated in 2 choir tours, ASP, and a mission trip to Mexico.

Kaitlyn Nicholls will graduate from University School of Nashville and plans to attend University of Tennessee Chattanooga in the fall to study International policy. She has participated in choirs at both BUMC and USN and is an active Girl Scout, anticipating the completion of her gold award prior to graduation. She has played Lacrosse, basketball and soccer for school and now enjoys yoga. Her travels have taken her to France, Japan and Australia almost entirely due to earned scholarships, and her studies abroad will continue through UT Chattanooga. She cares deeply for her community and has enjoyed giving back locally, nationally, and internationally through acting, church choir, Appalachia Service Project, Girl Scouts, Sister Cities, and mission trips.

Claire Marin Oliver will graduate from Culver Academies in Culver, IN. During her time at Culver she participated in four sports and played violin in the school orchestra. In her senior year, she served on the Honor Council. Her desire to work in the medical field has been confirmed volunteering at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and completing an Honors in Wellness her senior year.

Henry Rhodes will graduate from Montgomery Bell Academy and plans to attend Belmont University in the fall to study Music Business. Henry has been a member of Belmont UMC his whole life and has especially enjoyed being in the youth choir and playing church basketball. At MBA, he has been in the Chamber Choir, the Headmaster's Choir, the Middle Tennessee and All State Honors Choirs, performed in several plays, and worked with the Endada arts festival. Henry also participated in basketball, baseball, and rock climbing.

Allie Rutland is currently a student at Lipscomb Academy High School and will attend Furman University in Greenville, SC, in the fall. Allie is a fifth generation Belmonter; so it's fair to say that Belmont has played a prominent role in her life. From playing church league basketball to singing in the choir and serving on the youth leadership council, Belmont has had a tangible impact on her life. At Lipscomb, Allie has been involved in Mock Trial, softball team, track and field, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, and The Lipscomb Academy Chorale.

Fletcher Sanderson will be attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville this upcoming semester, where he will be studying Aeronautical Engineering. He has been at Belmont all his life and has been involved in just about every aspect of the church available to him, from the Administrative Board to the Music Ministry. In his free time, he enjoys acting in his school's drama department, building robots, and practicing guitar.

Desmond Donques Shulman (Don) will graduate from John Overton High School. He loves working with children, so this fall he hopes to work in a preschool program while attending Tennessee College of Applied Technology to become a paraprofessional and be certified in early childhood education. Don has been part of the Belmont UMC community for two years, where he participated in youth group and choir. Don also volunteers during breaks at Susan Gray School, helps with a T-ball team at McCabe, roller skates, plays RBI baseball, and works as a valet at the Hutton Hotel. This summer, you will find Don working with horses and campers at Camp Whippoorwill.

Daniel Stephens is currently a student at University School and plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in the fall. Daniel has been a member of Belmont UMC since he was in kindergarten. He is active in youth group, Open Door Singers, and the church basketball league.