

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JULY 1  
9:15 a.m. *Where in the world is John Wesley?* Parker Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 3  
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202  
6:00 p.m. Homeless Ministry Team, 201

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4  
*Church offices closed for Independence Day holiday*

THURSDAY, JULY 5  
8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 124

SUNDAY, JULY 8  
9:15 a.m. *Where in the world is John Wesley?* Parker Hall

## A note from Jin Kim

Greetings in the name of our Lord who strengthens us! Belmont UMC was the first American church I'd been appointed to. I'm sure I made mistakes while serving there, but you all covered my weaknesses with love and patience instead of judgment and criticism. When I first came to Belmont, I was spiritually exhausted and weak like a worn-out soldier on the battlefield because of my previous ministry. But Belmont embraced me with the true love of Christ. I was able to quickly transition because of your endless hospitality and thoughtful understanding. My wounds were healed by having fellowship with you and my drained energy was replenished by worshipping with you all every Sunday.

It was especially my joy and my privilege to serve our neighbors and community along with the Outreach team. It was a pleasure to work with these talented people, whose dedication and passion for ministry challenged, taught, and inspired me.

Thank you for sending me letters of encouragement. As I regard the Nashville Korean church, born in Belmont UMC, as my home church, I will always cherish Belmont as my mother church. I am proud to be a part of Belmont UMC and its history.

This new adventure gives me mixed feelings of hope for the future and fear of the unknown. God has graced me with hope, but I must confront my fear head-on. But, as the philosopher Kierkegaard once said, "Anxiety and worry can be a path that will lead us to Christ." Even now, my fear urges me to seek God's grace and presence. Please pray for me to not lose these feelings, that a guiding light that will show me the way to God.

I am always praying for you, Belmont UMC. From Jin, who is indebted in love to you.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 8, 2018**  
Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and  
10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Sandy Sakarapane 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

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for July: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult



Priscilla and Aquila: a couple of clergy plant churches in Corinth, Syria, Ephesus, and Rome. (Acts 18:1-5, 18:18-19, 18:26, 21:9 & Romans 16:3-5)

## Belmonters assist families from neighboring church

Last Sunday, June 24, eight attorneys, eight translators, and three notaries from Belmont UMC prepared power of attorney documents for the parents of eighteen children. These documents name a caretaker for the children should their parents be deported.

Their pastor thanked Belmont UMC for providing peace of mind to the parents in such a time when stress is high, making the families feel welcome, and creating a trusting environment for everyone.

# Belmont United Methodist Church News

July 1, 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

*Christian sympathy is extended to*  
Family and friends of Mary Belle Billingsley.  
Family and friends of Mary Chester.

### Memorials

BOBBY ALAN GILLAM  
BARBARA MINTER  
Donors:  
June & Ed Batsel

LINDA STRICKLAND  
(Jim Strickland's sister-in-law)  
Donors:  
Jean Gould  
Betty Jane & Larry Taylor  
Graham Inquirers Class

BOBBY TAYLOR  
Donor:  
Joe Montgomery

## Upcoming holiday closing

The church and its offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

## Communion offering will benefit the Benevolence Fund

Your Communion offering for the Benevolence Fund will be a witness of God's love to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are homeless or who struggle to meet their financial needs. Each month the Benevolence Fund provides: one-ride

and all-day bus passes, water and snacks for the homeless, gas for a person's car, and Kroger gift cards for groceries

When additional funds are available, it can assist with rent, utilities, medical bills, or other financial necessities.

## Belmont UMC welcomes new Children's Ministry intern

We rejoice as we welcome Sarah McWhirt-Toler this summer as our Children's Ministry intern. Sarah is a Belmont University and Vanderbilt Divinity graduate and teaches religion to children at Oak Hill School. She is a clergy leader commissioned on the deacon track and is looking toward ordination in June 2020. Sarah helps lead our Joyful Noise Singers children's choir and co-chairs the Administrative Board's Children's Ministry Visioning task force. Sarah has previously served as an intern at Belmont



*Sarah McWhirt-Toler*

UMC and is already at work! Sarah will work alongside Darren Wright, who leads our youth and children's ministry.