

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JULY 22
9:15 a.m. *Where in the world is John Wesley?* Parker Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Team, 124

MONDAY, JULY 23
6:30 p.m. UMW Abigail Circle, Iris Room

TUESDAY, JULY 24
2:00 p.m. Wedding policy discussion group, 124

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall
6:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Team, 201

THURSDAY, JULY 26
8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 206

SUNDAY, JULY 29
9:15 a.m. *Where in the world is John Wesley?* Parker Hall

Sent to work with children

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in the reading program that first summer while volunteering at 61st UMC. That's how I learned about the broader mission of Project Transformation to engage young adults in purposeful ministry and leadership, supporting children through holistic development and increasing connections between the churches hosting the programs and the communities they serve. PT requires parents and guardians to participate with their students in "family nights" several times a year. That's surely part of the reason they have such a phenomenal success rate in TN...99% of the kids they serve improve or maintain their reading levels; 84% of their alumni interns are active in ministry or service and 1800+ volunteers serve 8000+ hours each year.

When Project Transformation began an after school program at Antioch UMC 3 years ago, I was excited to join them as a volunteer. I've participated in Bible studies for my entire adult life, and if there's one thing I've learned, it is that Jesus asks more of us than simply believing the good news. He calls us to action, to make this world a better place. Volunteering with Project Transformation is one way I try to answer that call. I'm grateful for the support PT receives from Belmont UMC. I'm also amazed by the many other ways our church responds to Jesus' call through social service and social justice opportunities. What a privilege to be part of such a vibrant, service-focused church community. And, what a blessing it is for me to be a small part of the success stories of the children served by Project Transformation.

Upcoming Worship Services

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 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



Shipwrecked and snakebitten in Malta.
(Acts 27-28:7)

Eakin food drive

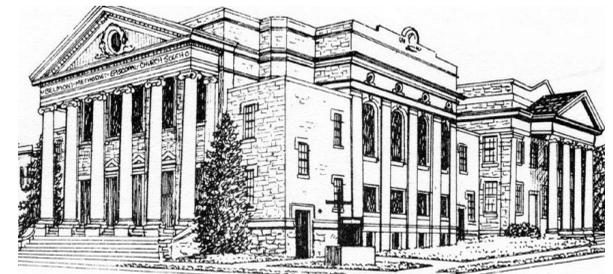
There are only three more weeks before Metro schools will be back in session, so let's fill up the food donation box and stock Eakin Elementary's food pantry to start the new year. Also, we are looking for one or two families to help bag up the groceries five times per year. If you are willing to help, contact Joan Brasher (joan.brasher@vanderbilt.edu).

UMCOR school kits

Items are still needed for UMCOR school kits. Donation baskets are located in the Iris Room entrance area, foyer, and narthex. Go to belmontumc.org for a complete list of items needed and mark your calendar for August 12 when we will assemble the kits in Parker Hall during the Sunday school hour.

Belmont United Methodist Church News

July 22, 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

Congratulations to
Kates, Matt, and Philip Potempa on the birth of their son and brother, Patrick Magnus Potempa.

Memorials
BOBBY ALAN GILLAM
HEATH JIMMERSON
(James Jimmerson's nephew)
BARBARA MINTER
Donor:
Shirley Dodson

Sent to work with children

by Celia Joyner

For about 13 years, I have had the joy of volunteering in after school mentoring and tutoring programs. I love working with children. They bring such energy and excitement to our time together. And, there is such a wonderful variety of volunteer opportunities in children's programs. In 2012, I learned that a Texas-based organization, Project Transformation, would be introducing a summer reading program in the Nashville area. I participated

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Save the date for the 2018 All-Church Retreat!



Belmont UMC'S 40th All-Church Retreat will take place September 28-30. Kara Oliver and Stephen Bryant will lead us in "Growing in Love of God and Neighbor Through Listening." Make plans to join us

as we continue our tradition of nurturing, bonding, and spiritual growth in the beautiful mountains of Beersheba Springs. For more information, contact Jefferson Furtado (jefferson@belmontumc.org).