

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5  
11:30 a.m. Youth banquet, Community Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7  
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202  
6:00 p.m. Homeless Ministry Team, 201

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8  
9:00 a.m. Homeplace, 206  
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee, 201  
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12  
11:30 a.m. Welcome Team, Parker Hall

## Midweek dinners begin August 15!

**MIDWEEK**  
Belmont UMC Nourishment for  
the mind & spirit

Make your reservations now (online at [belmontumc.org](http://belmontumc.org), on the Sunday attendance pad, by calling 615-383-0832, or by emailing [ahoback@belmontumc.org](mailto:ahoback@belmontumc.org)).

## Children's Ministry updates

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patience we are hopeful by October/November these changes will feel like the new normal. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact Darren Wright, Pastor of Young People ([darren@belmontumc.org](mailto:darren@belmontumc.org)).

In August, we will be training our teachers on the changes, and Linny, our childcare coordinator, is building an online module so parents/guardians can learn about the changes (a link to that module will go out via e-mail once it's ready). A couple of things of note include the following:

-The church will be shifting to a new database, Realm, that will facilitate us offering better care for families. We encourage you to make the switch when we launch Realm in August.

-Sarah McWhirt-Toler and Chris Cropsey are co-chairing a committee formed by our Administrative Board to take a deep look at our hopes and dreams for Children's Ministry at Belmont UMC over the next 3-5 years. The team is comprised of people of various ages and perspectives and the work they have done thus far is fantastic. As the team puts together a report for the Administrative Board in the next couple of months, we'll be sure to keep everyone posted on their findings.

-For the Sunday school hour, we are going to have a new check-in/welcome desk for families on the 2nd floor.

-In addition to all children 6th grade and younger being checked in through our check-in/welcome desk (where you get your nametags), all children 4th grade and younger will be signed in and out of Sunday school and choir by an approved parent/guardian.

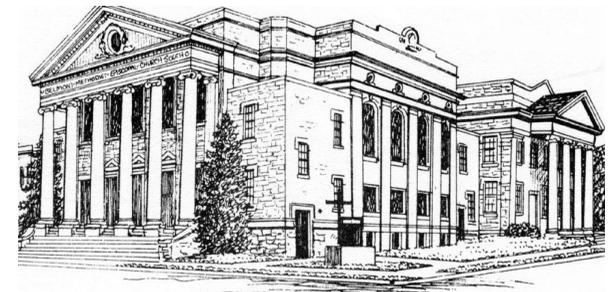
-Our childcare team is excited to begin implementing a curriculum for our youngest people focusing on the ideas God created and loves each and every one of us.

-We are adding a 2nd Godly Play classroom so that all of our children 2nd grade and younger will be experiencing Godly Play (a Montessori-based curriculum that centers children as participants in the story of God). Grades 3-6 will continue with age-appropriate curriculum that focuses on guiding our young people through the faith steps we developed several years ago in partnership with Ministry Architects.

-During children's programs at the church, we ask that all children 4th grade and younger always be accompanied to their designated drop-off/pick-up points by an approved parent/guardian.

# Belmont United Methodist Church News

August 5, 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

### Memorials

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## Midweek at Belmont carnival kick-off

Join us on Wednesday, August 15, at 5:15 p.m. for our Midweek at Belmont kick-off. This year, we'll be having a carnival, complete with burgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, a bounce house and more! It will be fun for the whole family! Also, church staff will be present to help all members set up their log-ins to our new church software, *Realm*. You won't want to miss this exciting celebration!



## Communion offering supports Camping and Outdoor Ministries

Your Communion offering supports conference askings for Beersheba Springs Assembly and Cedar Crest Camp, two centers owned and operated by The Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The mission of Camping and Outdoor Ministries is to provide sacred space away from the ordinary and to offer guests radical hospitality while providing the opportunity to discover and connect with God and each other so that persons

may go into the world and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Beersheba Springs Assembly, located in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, provides a mountain setting for small and large group retreats and events. It is also the location of Belmont UMC's annual All-Church Retreat. Cedar Crest Camp, located in Lyles, Tennessee, offers a summer camp program for children and youth, parent and child weekend retreats, family reunions, and other conference and community events.

## Children's Ministry updates

Our Children's Ministry team has spent the summer updating our Safe Sanctuary policy and our check-in/check-out process for our Children's Ministry programs. Our deep hope is that every child who enters our building will feel welcome, loved, and safe. We are

confident these changes move us closer to that hope. We also recognize it takes a village, and that some of these changes might be new for our families, so we invite everyone to work together as we do our best to live into these changes. With a little grace and

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## Children and Communion

by Sarah McWhirt-Toler

As we take time together to journey through our Communion liturgy this morning, we want to share a change for our families about how we celebrate Communion together. Children ages 3-5 will be brought back into the sanctuary from childcare to celebrate Communion with their families. If you have a child in childcare, watch for a staff member to bring him/her back into the sanctuary by the lectern doors (front left). Please meet your child there and receive Communion together as a family. After receiving, you can choose for your children to finish the worship service with you or rejoin the childcare staff. If you plan to keep your children with you, please sign them out when you pick them up before receiving Communion. We hope you will enjoy this time to experience God's love with your children!

## Church-wide mission project next Sunday

We have been collecting items for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) school kits. These kits will be sent to children in depressed areas of the world or children with needs after a natural disaster. Next Sunday, August 12, the kits will be assembled during the Sunday school hour in Parker Hall. Our goal is to collect enough items to assemble 200 kits.

This church-wide mission project is jointly headed by United Methodist Women (UMW) and Children's Ministry. In recent years, Belmont UMC children have enjoyed bringing school items and helping assemble the kits for their peers worldwide. Items must be plain or with cartoon characters. No religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please.

## Change in deadline for August 26 newsletter

The August 26 issue of the Belmont News newsletter will be published early. Items for the August 26 issue (as well as the August 19 issue) will be due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 14.

Send your articles, announcements, or calendar items for the newsletter to Angie Slade (aslade@belmontumc.org). Articles must be 150 words or less, in paragraph form and must include title/headline. Photographs must be high-resolution. Please indicate whether you want a byline.

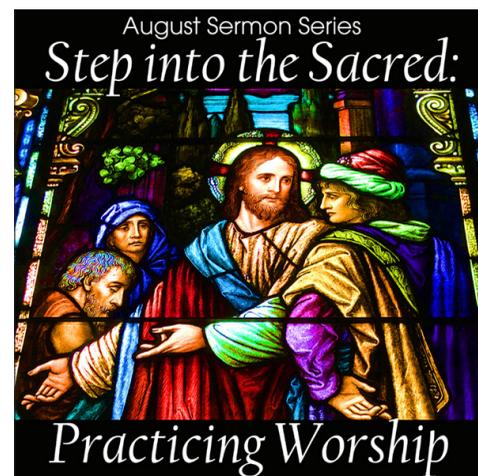
## Upcoming Worship Services

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 12, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Jefferson Furtado 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 August: Simplicity, Covenant, Seekers



We will consider our need for sacred space as we remember Martha and Mary. (Luke 10:38-42)

## Millers to speak about Malawi experience

On Sunday, August 19, Andy and Sarah Miller will speak at the Multicultural Fellowship about their recent experience as Volunteers in Mission in Malawi.

We will enjoy a covered dish meal in Parker Hall at 11:30 a.m., followed by the program. Everyone is welcome.

## Parent and Child Music resumes August 24

Calling all infants and preschoolers, and the adults who love and care for them! We hope you will join us on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in room 213 to sing songs of faith, dance, read books, and snack together. Parents, grandparents, and caretakers are all welcome!

## General Conference listening sessions

The Tennessee Conference delegation will host multiple listening sessions this fall to hear from you as they prepare to attend the Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis on February 23-26, 2019. All of these listening sessions with members of our General Conference Delegation are open to everyone and will take place on Sundays, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The delegates webpage and listening session dates and locations can be found at [tnumc.org/delegates/](http://tnumc.org/delegates/). You can also reach out to the delegates at [cowf@tnumc.org](mailto:cowf@tnumc.org).

## Expressions of Hope ministry needs

*Expressions of Hope*, a new ministry inspired by Judy Kohler's life, is underway. We want to grow this ministry and give pocket prayer shawls and cards with this butterfly graphic to many people—friends, neighbors, Belmonters, and more.



We need knitters and yarn scraps. Containers for yarn will be in the Iris Room entrance area soon. If you can help, please contact Laura Flippen Tenzel ([lauratenzel@att.net](mailto:lauratenzel@att.net)).

## The Mystic in You book study

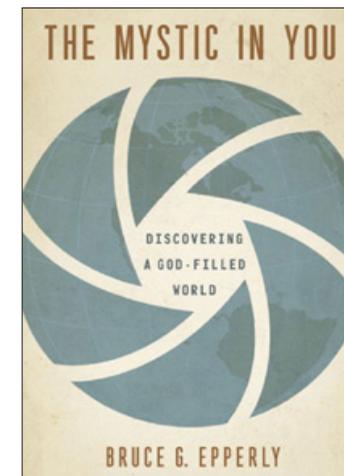
“What is a mystic?” Bruce Epperly defines mystics as people who see holiness in everyday life. Beginning August 15, join us on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. as we explore Epperly's book, *The Mystic in You*. This book study will conclude on November 14 (and we won't meet on Wednesdays when there is no Midweek dinner).

We can be mystics without leaving our families, disengaging from daily responsibilities, becoming a priest, or joining a monastic order. Epperly shows how we can experience the living God in the midst of daily life and never again take everyday events for granted.

Bruce Epperly introduces readers to twelve individuals or groups of mystics through the ages: St. Francis of Assisi, the desert mothers and fathers, Benedict of Nursia, the Celtic mystics, Hildegard of Bingen, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Brother Lawrence, the Baal Shem Tov, Howard Thurman, Etty Hillesum, Rumi, and Julian of Norwich.

Each chapter describes each mystic's life, spiritual experiences and worldview, and provides spiritual exercises to help us experience the mystic firsthand. Through his conversational, down-to-earth approach, Epperly inspires us to realize that we can encounter God wherever we are, whatever we are doing.

For more information, contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)).



## Save the date for the 2018 All-Church Retreat

Belmont UMC'S 40th annual 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](mailto:jefferson@belmontumc.org)).