

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:45 a.m. Golden Triangle Committee, 202  
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. Homeplace Board, 201  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 p.m. Belmonters for Inclusion, 202

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. *Exploring Spiritual Guidance* @ Donna Harrison's  
4:00 p.m. *The Mystic in You* book study, 124  
5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center  
5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226  
6:00 p.m. Hospital Visitation Team, 201  
6:00 p.m. Welcoming Team, 202  
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall  
6:00 p.m. Youth discussion group, 3rd floor  
6:15 p.m. Children's choirs, Faith Finders hall  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

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onto a better activity, benchmark, obligation, or story with bells, chirps, and beeps. Sunday, we will consider how Moses turned aside from his workday and through worship found his true vocation. (Exodus 3:1-12) We will explore how Jesus stepped away from life's pressing demands, seeking the deserted places so that he might truly live. (Mark 1:35-37)

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Jim Robinson 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 September: Kairos, Graham-Inquirers, Delta



**Menu for September 19: Adults and youth:** Pasta Bolognese, Italian salad, green beans with garlic, tomato, and mushrooms, and dessert. **Vegetarian option:** Summer vegetable penne. **Children:** Spaghetti with marinara sauce.

### Special September giving: Focus on Mexico

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and composting commodes. Dependable transportation is vital to all of these. New missionaries Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena, who visited Belmont in April, say that new trucks to replace old ones are critical to GYTTE. The trucks could be used to transport materials, workers, milk for sale, and much more.

The Outreach Committee hopes to raise \$5,000 from your donations this month for Malawi and another \$5,000 for Mexico. The monies could go a long way toward making Nan and Miguel's dream of a new truck a reality.

# Belmont United Methodist Church News

September 16, 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

ELIZABETH BARRETT  
(Pat Barrett's mother)

### Donors:

Beverly Job  
Graham Inquirers Class  
Simplicity Class

BOB SEIDEL

### Donors:

M. B. Barrow  
Graham Inquirers Class

## Way Forward listening sessions to begin next month

Beginning in October, 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 Sun-

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## Special September giving: Focus on Mexico

Belmont UMC is continuing its special giving focus in September aimed toward funding ministries in Malawi and Mexico. Last week, we highlighted the many ways Belmont is connected in Malawi. This week, we look at how your contributions could help the Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE) program in Mexico.

GYTTE operates the Tree of Life Center near the village of Tlancualpican in south central Mexico. It operates a wide variety of developmental projects, including training and teaching residents of local villages



in health care, emphasizing pre- and post-natal care, economical and sustainable building of homes, sustainable agriculture,  
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## Your Spiritual Core Message from Pastor Paul

During the first week of class at a large university, one of my son's friends shared on Snapchat how feeling turned around and pinched for time, she half-jogged-half walked for ten min-

utes in the wrong direction, arriving at her second class about five minutes late. Mark 5 tells us the crowd "pressed in on Jesus". The world presses us, scrolling us

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## Connect with Belmont through Realm!

Our new church app, *Realm Connect*, helps us to connect to each other. Did you know that your small group can plan events, have a chat, take attendance, and plan events? Want to write a member a note of encouragement or thanks? Connect by using Realm. Don't delay, the Church Life app will no longer be supported after September. Download the Realm Connect app today!

Just a reminder, when you log on you will need to update your privacy setting to your level of comfort. The default setting is for only staff and group leaders to see your information. If you'd like other members to see your contact and group information, you will need to update those settings. We encourage you to share your information and connect!

## Golden Triangle Fellowship returns to chapel

Once, after I attempted to say "Good morning" in Karen, one of our Golden Triangle Fellowship (GTF) congregants said, "a big smile goes a long way!" As you may have noticed, our GTF congregants are worshipping in the chapel again. A few years ago, the Karen language service moved to the Community Center to be in compliance with the fire code capacity laws. Currently, our GTF congregants fit within the chapel seating capacity and the members are overjoyed to again worship in that beautiful space. This move increases our opportunities for interaction, helping us practice two of our four core values - hospitality and diversity! Next Sunday, try saying "Gho ler ghay" ("Good morning") or just offer your warmest smile! - Pastor Paul

## Volunteers needed for Habitat For Humanity build

On Saturday, October 13, Belmont UMC is scheduled to help with a Habitat for Humanity build. Seven churches from our conference have joined together to build a brand new home for a family of seven in the Park Preserve community in North Nashville. The house should be in the finishing stages by then, so we will be doing interior trim, painting, and/or landscaping.

Volunteers must be age 16 or over, and construction experience is not necessary.

For more information or to signup, please contact Patrick Pitts (p\_a\_pitts@yahoo.com or 615-260-5586).

## Flower fun

Are you interested in using flowers in your home or in the church? Join Belmont UMC's Altar Guild for our annual meeting to learn about both! On Saturday, October 20, we will gather at Susan Bradford's home located at 101 Savoy Circle (gate code#1111), at 9:30 a.m. Lori Shulman, a delightful and talented arranger, will share tips about using flowers in your home. We'll share light refreshments and some information about the Altar Guild. Please contact Susan (615-708-6504 or susangbradford@comcast.net) if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome!

## Blessing of the Animals

Our pets bring us great joy and love. On October 6, join us as we offer our thanks to God for all of the amazing creatures of the earth and to give particular thanks for the pet you love most dearly. We'll offer a simple blessing for each animal and have a lot of fun bringing our pets to church. Join us at 10:00am on Saturday, October 6, outside of the Community Center.

## UMW Anna Circle meeting news

The Anna Circle's September meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 18, at the home of Dot Ann Barrick.



## Youth choir is out of the gate!



August 17-18, our fantastic group of youth and chaperones spent the weekend getting the Open Door Singers youth choir off and running for this year. In addition to productive rehearsals, they got started on eight pieces of music for worship this fall. The group also got to know each other through organized games, recreation, and conversation. If you're in 7th-12th grade, it's not too late to join us! Regular rehearsals are on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

## Assistance needed in Golden Triangle Sunday school class

A volunteer is needed to help with the 7th-12th grade Golden Triangle Sunday school. The class, which meets in room 301 from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m., usually consists of 10 participants, mostly boys. We study scripture or hymns that students illustrate with art or in making altars. Help is also needed periodically to help them learn to sing hymns.

If interested, you are welcome to attend a session or set a time to be shown what is needed. For more information, please contact Beverly Lovell (615-834-7058, 615-719-1977, or bill.lovell@tnumc.com).

## Spiritual retreat at St. Meinrad

Join us October 11-12 as we travel to Indiana for an overnight spiritual retreat at St. Meinrad, a Benedictine monastery. Allow your mind to be still and rest in the love of God. We'll leave Thursday morning and return Friday afternoon. Space is limited. Contact Heather Harriss to reserve your space. For more information about St. Meinrad, go to [saintmeinrad.org](http://saintmeinrad.org).

## Way Forward listening sessions to begin next month *Continued from page 1*

days from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Please note that these sessions are not presentations, but rather an opportunity for YOU to express your opinions and concerns as well as to pray with delegation members. Listening session dates and locations are:

October 14 - Manchester First UMC; October 21 - First UMC Cookeville and Donelson Heights UMC; October 28 - Columbia First UMC; November 4 - Clark Memorial UMC; and November 11 - Madison Street UMC.

For addresses and additional information, go to [tnumc.org/delegates](http://tnumc.org/delegates).