

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry lunch, Parker Hall
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 24

6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee, 202
6:00 p.m. Music Committee, 201
6:30 p.m. UMW Abigail Circle, Iris Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. *Exploring Spiritual Guidance @* Donna Harrison's
4:00 p.m. *The Mystic in You* book study, 124
4:00 p.m. Flu vaccines, Community Center
5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, 201
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 27

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213
All-Church Retreat @ Beersheba Springs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

All-Church Retreat @ Beersheba Springs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

All-Church Retreat @ Beersheba Springs
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

Additional parking available on Sunday mornings

On Sunday mornings, Belmonsters have the option of parking in the lot on the corner of Acklen and 20th Avenues (located diagonally across from the playground) from 7:00 a.m. until noon. Please note that the entrance to that parking area is on 20th Avenue.

Upcoming Worship Services

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 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 chapel.

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 chapel

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for September: Kairos, Graham-Inquirers, Delta



Menu for September

26: Adults and youth:
Citrus-marinated chicken with honey gastrique, broccoli/cauliflower salad, lemon/spinach risotto, and dessert.
Vegetarian option: Barley/quinoa stuffed bell peppers. *Children:* Chicken alfredo pasta.

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their rent has just increased. Like many of us, the family enjoys the diversity of Nashville. As Fadumo says, "It gives the children a sense of home and opportunity."

The Habitat for Humanity home is located near Ewing Drive and Brick Church Pike in an area where Belmonsters have worked in the past. The work will take place from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; breakfast and lunch will be provided. Volunteers must be 16 years and older. To register, contact Patrick Pitts (p_a_pitts@yahoo.com).

Belmont United Methodist Church News



September 23, 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 Sally Wright, Jeanie, Steve, Allie, and Grace Rutland, and Nancy, Gawain, Atticus, and Grady Gilkey in the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather, Hugh Wright.

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Belmonsters have a chance to make a difference in the lives of a Nashville couple who fled civil wars in Somalia some 15 years ago. A Habitat for Humanity build on October 13 will benefit Hassan Mohamed and his wife Fadumo Aburahaman who separately fled their native country and arrived in the United States between 2003-2005.

The couple has five young children, one with special needs, and Hassan works two jobs, as a plasma technician and Uber driver to support their family. The family's current apartment is too small, and

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Update and request from the Finance Committee

Belmont UMC is having a good year financially, meeting our operating budget plans. Operating fund income has been in good shape until August, and we have paid \$60,000 more towards our conference askings at the end of August this year than we had last year. Summer is normally a slower time at Belmont, financially, and this year we saw a dip in contributions in August. *It would be helpful if each Belmonter would review*

your plan for giving to Belmont. If you slipped behind this summer, please consider catching up in September. We will send out statements at the beginning of October with each person's details, and you can check your giving record and pledge status at any time through Realm at on-realm.org. Thanks for continuing to support Belmont in so many ways, including financially.
- John Pearce, Finance Chair

Your Spiritual Core A message from Pastor Paul

How do our souls fare when we spiritually segment our lives? At times, we all slip into spiritually bifurcated living, reducing faith to certain manageable corners of our lives. Christ longs to bring peace to our relationships, schedules, parenting, fractures, purchases, politics, and entertainment. Indeed, in time the

condition of our soul will spill into our living. Now our legalistic friends find verses for every situation, but Jesus offers parables that speak to truths deeper than our rules. Come, let us tend our souls and think about living with undivided hearts as we explore Matthew 12:31-37, 13:31-33, 44-46, 51-52.