

## This week at Belmont UMC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Blessing Breakfast, PH  
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 10

2:00 p.m. UMW Sarah and Lydia Circles, Iris Room  
6:15 p.m. Advocacy Ministry Team, 201

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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. Walking the Labyrinth, TBA  
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations 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 13

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

3:00 p.m. Visitation for Bob Seidel, Iris Room  
4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life for Bob Seidel, sanctuary

### 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  
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ences grew from the flower bed. Picture how the Belmonters got to those adventures, through donations such as yours. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for each of these ministries, with all proceeds going directly to each.

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 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 Community Center.

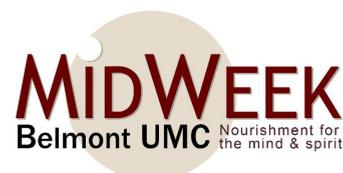
8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel

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 12: Adults and youth:** Teriyaki chicken with onion, mushrooms, and peppers, steamed Basmati rice, ginger-braised red cabbage, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Teriyaki tofu. *Children:* Teriyaki chicken skewers with buttered rice.

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conclusion that this is our mandate as followers of Christ. It acknowledges our commitment to, and advocacy for, the just and moral treatment of refugees and immigrants. This pledge may be expressed by our monetary, legal, physical and spiritual assistance and support.

View or download a copy of the signed resolution at [belmontumc.org](http://belmontumc.org).

May Jesus say about us "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me in!"

# Belmont United Methodist Church News

September 9, 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

*Out of the hospital*

Sue Mather

*Christian sympathy is extended to* Katelyn and Ashley Williams, Jud Burroughs, John Burroughs, and Al Regen in the death of their mother, sister, and step-daughter, Peggy Williams.

## Standing in solidarity with immigrants and refugees

At its August 26 meeting, Belmont UMC's Administrative Board unanimously endorsed a Resolution declaring that this church and this congregation stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees.

The Resolution begins by citing Old and New Testament scriptures, the Methodist Book of Discipline, the writings of our Bishop, Belmont's own mission statements, Belmont's proud history of nurturing immigrants and refugees, and the advocacy ministry team's

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## Belmont UMC giving focus in September is Mexico and Malawi

In April we supported our neighbors in Nashville through an offering to Brighter Days, an after-school program in the Edgehill neighborhood. In September, we will share our love with neighbors in Mexico and Malawi. You can imagine how our gifts, prayers, and service will get on planes and buses to visit and support the organizers of those beloved ministries.

In the past three decades, Belmont UMC has had a partnership ministry with the growing UMC in Malawi. Daniel Mhone, a co-superintendent of the provisional conference there, speaks gratefully and energetically of our pioneering partnership which has grown the seedling, budding, and flowering ministries of many areas of life: Malawi UMC inception, construction of church buildings and parsonages, vehicles for traveling to far-flung worship locations, farming, women's empowerment, youth



empowerment, nursery schools, borehole wells, food for nursery schools, food relief during famine, our missionary family the Olivers, Volunteers In Mission trips for adults and youth, and so much more.

On September 9, 16 and 23, you will hear church members speak of the rewarding experiences they have had in Malawi and Mexico (which we will focus on next week). As you hear their stories, remember that the beautiful flowering of the experi-

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## Meet our Confirmands!

**Lily Acevedo** is a 7th grader at Valor Collegiate Academy. She possesses a dry sense of humor, a curious mind, a compassionate heart and a strong sense of justice. If you get to know her, you'll become a better person. Guaranteed. Lily's Confirmation faith friend is Mary Kaye Jordan.

**Lucy Cramer** loves all things and all beings, with animals occupying a special place in her heart. She is playful and prayerful; persistent and a perfectionist; and plays the piano. She also loves to read, challenge her dog to tug-of-war, and care for her flock of backyard chickens named for strong women leaders of past and present. Lucy's Confirmation faith friend is Rev. Pamela Hawkins.

**Audrey Flatt** is the youngest of the four Flatt children, all of whom have attended Belmont United Methodist Church. She is a 7th grader at University School of Nashville and an active Girl Scout. Audrey enjoys singing, drawing, and horseback riding. She spends her free time with her cat, Oyster, and her pony, Buddy. Audrey's Confirmation faith friends are Rick Keuler and Kyla Terhune.

**Carter Geise** is a 7th grader at J. T. Moore Middle School. He is the Troop Historian in Boy Scout Troop 217 and is working on completing his Second Class Rank. When he's done with his homework, he likes all things technological and especially playing Xbox. He also plays soccer, loves camping and enjoys riding horses. He gives a "shout-out" to his twin siblings, Molly & Ben, who are 4th graders at Glendale Elementary. Carter's Confirmation faith friends are Jim and Starr Strickland.

**Hank Getsay** is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Valor Flagship Middle School. Hank likes basketball, video games, funny socks, and hanging out with friends. He can often be found playing with his dog, Gryffindor. He is glad to be part of a new church community. Hank's Confirmation faith friend is Ryan Archer.

**Alex Henry** is a 7th grader at J. T. Moore Middle School, where he plays lacrosse and is involved in the drama program. He has two older siblings, Joe and Kate, and his parents are Mollie and David. His favorite color is red, and he really loves waffles. Alex's Confirmation faith friend is Michael Stephens.

**Liam Kohler** Liam Kohler is the son of Chris and EnaShea Kohler and grandson of Bob Kohler. He is a 7th grader at J. T. Moore Middle School where he participates in honors classes, plays saxophone in band, and is the starting varsity catcher for the baseball team. At Belmont UMC he has actively participated in choir and hand-bells. For fun Liam likes to play baseball, basketball and football, as well as multi-player online gaming. Liam is caring by nature and loves to have fun with his peers. Liam's Confirmation faith friend is Randy Morgan.

**Carter Oliver** is in 7th grade at J. T. Moore Middle School. The activities that can lure him away from gaming at the computer that he and Jeff built together are lacrosse, playing bass and any opportunity to go get sushi or Chipotle. Carter is outgoing and a really funny guy. He looks forward to youth choir and youth group this year. Carter's Confirmation faith friend is Stephen Bryant.

**Evan Riley** is the son of Kristen and Steve Riley, brother to Will and Sarah. Evan is in the 7th grade at Station Camp Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball, swimming and spending time outside. Evan's Confirmation faith friend is Brian Keller.

**Will Riley** is the son of Kristen and Steve Riley, brother to Evan and Sarah. Will is in the 7th grade at Station Camp Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer, reading and spending time with friends and family. Will's Confirmation faith friend is Andrew Jordan.

**Camille Spence** hardly goes anywhere without a book! She is a good big sister. She loves hanging out with her friends and likes to relax and watch Netflix when she is not focused on studying. Camille's Confirmation faith friend is Katy Hines.

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## Your Spiritual Core

all your heart, your mind, your soul, and your being

When our lives move at a rapid pace, we can lose touch with our souls and God within us. Busy with activities and bombarded with messages we forget about our spiritual fitness. "While physical (financial, academic, and artistic) training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything." (1 Timothy 4:8) Through the practices of daily sabbath, study, communal worship, prayer, community, and service, we grow as disciples. Our souls blossom when we connect with God, connect with a community, and find our distinctive place of service. On September 16, we will begin a five-week series, *Your Spiritual Core*, that will consider: How daily sabbath helps cure distracted living, thinking about life spiritually, how prayer centers your soul, why we need spiritual teammates, and how daily practices builds up spiritual integrity. - Pastor Paul

## New Intern to Young People

Meet Ben Grayer! Ben is originally from Clarksville, Tennessee, but currently he is a senior at Martin Methodist College pursuing a degree in Church Vocations with an emphasis in Pre-Seminary. Ben is joining Claire Ward as an intern to young people for the 2018-2019 school year. He has worked with Project Transformation for the past three summers, and he joined our missions team in Mexico this past year, both of which have given him strong ties to Belmont UMC. He has a heart for young people, missions, and social justice. Ben plans to seek ordination in the United Methodist Church, and he is excited to spend the next year in ministry with our young people.

## Walking the Labyrinth with Keller Hawkins

This Wednesday, September 12, join us at 6:00 p.m. for a special program presented by Belmonter Keller Hawkins. In honor of Belmont UMC's significant role in Keller's life, the Hawkins family has donated a labyrinth to the church. On Wednesday, Keller will help us dedicate our new labyrinth. She will share its history and lead a guided meditation.

## UMW Sarah and Lydia Circle news

UMW Sarah and Lydia Circles will meet on Monday, September 10, at 2:00 p. m. in the Iris Room. Mary-Helen Marigza will present a program on the Mission U topic, Economic Inequality. If you are not in a UMW Circle, please feel free to visit this group.