

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

11:00 a.m. UMW Anna Circle @ Dot Ann Barrick's home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:00 p.m. *The Mystic in You* study, 124

6:00 p.m. Hospital Visitation Team, 201

6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:45 a.m. UMW *Days for Girls* event, Parker Hall

11:45 a.m. Youth service project @ Open Table Nashville

3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226

4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

5:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

Calling all Belmont UMC women!

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making the kits and we look to expand our group. So join us for a \$10 buffet lunch immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Parker Hall to learn more about this exciting project. Please make a lunch reservation with Anne Hoback by calling 615-383-0832 or anne@belmontumc.org. We will be collecting girls cotton underwear sizes 10,12 & 14, hotel sized soaps, and gift cards to JoAnn's for fabric. We will also collect disposable feminine pads for local schools as they are needed for girls to attend full time.

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the processing costs that the church pays for credit card gifts. If you don't have a Realm login for the app, or if you have any other questions about ways to give, contact Mark Hage-wood (mark@belmontumc.org).

Upcoming Worship Services

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 21, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Sandy Sakaranpanee 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

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Sunday school classes collecting the offering for October: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult

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Jesus warns us to be on guard against all kinds of greed. Greed is a deep spiritual problem - it speaks of our hopes, our plans, and our dreams. It's a clamor for more: striving, clothes, meals, bigger garages, barns, businesses, or houses. In essence, we become possessed by our possessions. We hope stuff will make us happy. Instead, Jesus speaks of being rich towards God - of building treasures in heaven and warns that our heart follows our treasures. Don't hope in treasures; inherit a kingdom. Now, this is not a word to the poor or an abandonment of good business, but a word of caution about our hearts and where we place our hearts. We can't hope in consumption and love. Wesley taught that you should earn all you can by honest means, save all you can, and give all you can for it was God's before and will be again.

Way Forward listening sessions

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as they prepare to attend the Special Session of General Conference February 23-26, 2019. For a complete listing of dates and locations, go to belmontumc.org/way-forward-listening-sessions.

Belmont United Methodist Church News

October 14, 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

Bob Kohler

Christian sympathy is extended to Barbara and David Venrick and Thomas Trainor in the loss of their daughter and mother, Marcie Venrick.

Memorials

HUGH WRIGHT

Donors:

Sydney & Arthur Asbury
Richard Neal Batson
Anita Brooks
Wendy & Sam Buchanan
Mickey & Jim Ely
Helen Ewers
Dottie & Robert Fidler
Susie & John Fleming
Erica & Bill Gerth
Jean Gould
Lisa & Eddie Gwock
Beverly Mintmire & Hatton Hardison
Evelyn Doxey & Danny Hazlewood
Nancy & David Hazlewood
Celeste & Berry Holt
Patricia & Scott Hubbard
Tandy & David Jarvis
Sally & Tom Kanady

New sermon series: Jesus, _____, and Hope

There is a deep longing for the bread of hope . . . even in the inevitable moments when all seems hopeless, people know without hope they really cannot live. Many continue to knock on the door of the church, even after the church has so bitterly disappointed them, because they know the bread of life is there. The church today is challenged to proclaim God's Son, Jesus Christ, to be the hope of all people in all their complex personal and social problems. Many are perplexed by the uncertainties of life, confused by the disappointments, and disillusioned by the ambiguities of

history. We must provide them with the fresh bread of hope and imbue them with the conviction that God has the power to bring good out of evil. "See Christ working through our prophetic zeal, fellowship of love, insistent advocacy, and our ardent love for truth, justice and peace... We must lead them to Christ." (from Martin Luther King, Jr's *The Knock at Midnight*)

Do you long for hope? Beginning on October 21, we will think about *Jesus, _____, and Hope*. Our Lord brings hope to our finances, children, community, society, and rifts. - Pastor Paul

Calling all Belmont UMC women!

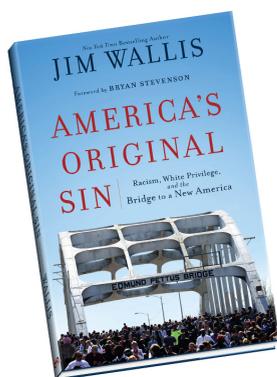
Next Sunday, October 21, join the women of the church to learn more about ways to be involved with *Days for Girls*, an organization which makes sustainable hygiene kits for women

worldwide. Cas Wucher, a local representative, will speak to us about the organization and ways to be involved. Currently, there is a small group of Belmonters

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"America's Original Sin" book discussion

The Lydia and Sarah Circles of the United Methodist Women invite you to join them in a review of and discussion about Jim Wallis' "America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America". The first gathering will take place Monday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Parker Hall, with a second session on Monday, December 3. The November meeting will focus on an introduction to the material and additional resources. Copies of the book will be available in the church library (in Parker Hall) to borrow or purchase. The December meeting will provide for discussion generated by the reading and consideration of further steps.



Jim Wallis is the founder and leader of *Sojourners*, a magazine, movement, and global network whose mission is to put faith into action for social justice. Go to americasoriginalsin.com for additional resources.

Stock up early for the holidays!

This year's holiday mission sale of organic coffee, tea, chocolate bars, hot cocoa mix and olive oil, as well as Schermer pecan halves, pecan pieces and chocolate-covered and cinnamon pecans will take place on November 4 and 11 in the Iris Room.

Sponsored by United Methodist Women, the sale will be open between early worship and Sunday school, after Sunday school, and after the 10:30am worship service.

Purchasing Equal Exchange fairly traded items supports and empowers third-world farmers who otherwise do not receive a fair price for their crops because of conglomerates who can control pricing.

All profits this year will benefit the Mama Lynn Center and Heifer International

These items make wonderful gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends, and family members. They are also good items to stock up on for guests or for small gifts for those who host you. Stock your pantry now; all items keep or freeze well.

Belmonter Margaret Behm organizes 19th Amendment exhibit

The Nashville Public Library announced this month a plan for a permanent exhibit dedicated to the pivotal and dramatic role Nashville played in passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. Belmonter Margaret Behm organized the exhibit and just as NPL has done with its popular Civil Rights Room and Collection, the space, collections and programming will also explore how core themes, such as gender, race, class, money, states' rights, voter suppression and power in a democracy, are still with us today. The new space, which overlooks the Hermitage and the State Capitol where history was made, will be called Votes for Women: The Legacy of the 19th Amendment. The exhibit will be opened in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

It's time to sign up for Room in the Inn

Belmonters are already working hard to prepare for this year's Room in the Inn winter shelter program. Please join us in providing comfort and warmth to our unhoused neighbors every Friday during the cold winter months, November-March. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer or email Susan Utley (susanutley@comcast.net) or Nelda Schreiber (nvbs10@aol.com) for more details on how you can support this mission.



ONE HOPE

MANY HANDS | MANY STORIES
October 21 - November 18

After speaking of the rich variety of individual expressions, Paul reminds us that we are "one body, with one spirit, one baptism, one faith, called into one hope. One Lord gives each one of us grace, so that we can help each other do ministry by serving and building each other up." (Ephesians 3-4 adapted) We are a church with many serving hands, many empowering stories, animated by a common hope. Please be in daily prayer about your financial support of God's work through Belmont UMC as we begin our 2019 stewardship campaign on October 21.

Multicultural Fellowship

Multicultural Fellowship will meet on Sunday, October 28, for a covered-dish meal at 11:30 a.m., followed by a meeting with leaders of Belmont UMC's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Our focus will be on ways in which we can work together as a group to be more welcoming to the immigrant community. Since United Methodist Women share these concerns, they are also cordially invited to join us.

Way Forward listening sessions

The Tennessee Conference delegation is hosting multiple listening sessions this fall to hear from you
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Support our ministries through eGiving

Want to support the ministries of Belmont UMC, but don't carry cash or checks to church on Sundays? We have you covered! You can make a one-time or recurring donation at belmontumc.org/give, through our new app, *Realm Connect*, or by texting BELMONT to 73256. You now have the option for donating a little extra to offset
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Welcome Ministry begins

When you first came to Belmont UMC, were you greeted and guided to a class or worship? Did you have to find your own way? Belmont UMC is known to be a friendly and welcoming congregation, but there is more that can be done other than smiling and saying "Welcome!" Providing intentional hospitality is the focus of Belmont UMC's new Welcome Ministry that's being developed this fall. Everyone in our congregation is vital to the process of welcoming guests and incorporating new members into the life of our church, whether it's by face-to-face greeting, making phone calls, writing personal notes, inviting someone to share a meal, or being a Fellowship Friend. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or contact Jim and Starr Strickland (starrjim@bellsouth.net) or Jefferson Furtado (jefferson@belmontumc.org).



BELMONT UMC WELCOME MINISTRY

Yes, I want to participate in Belmont UMC's Welcome Ministry:

___ as a greeter on Sunday mornings at ___ 8:00am
___ 9 - 9:30am ___ 10 - 10:40am ___ 11:25 - 11:50am

___ by writing notes and/or

___ making phone calls to guests and new members

___ by serving as a greeter for special services and events

___ by being a Fellowship Friend/Shepherd with new members

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____