

This week at Belmont UMC

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:30 p.m. UMW Abigail Circle, Iris Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:00 p.m. *The Mystic in You* study, 124
 5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
 5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
 6:00 p.m. Exploring the Spiritual Gospel, 124
 6:00 p.m. Welcome Ministry Team, 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, OCTOBER 25

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213
 6:00 p.m. Youth No Doze

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

11:45 a.m. Multicultural Fellowship, Parker Hall
 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

Menu for October 24:

Adults and youth: Beef chili with toppings (Fritos, sour cream, cheese), cornbread and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Veggie chili. *Children:* Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches.

MIDWEEK
 Belmont UMC Nourishment for the mind & spirit

Upcoming Worship Services

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
 David Hollis 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 grew angry; NRSV says "indignant." Not too many places where we see Jesus angry. Is Jesus angry because the disciples are discouraging children's hope? Having a child is a hope filled act. Children are full of hope and, at times, fear. Our bishop said that the fruit we produce holds the seeds of coming generations. Hope is the seed we plant. Jesus corrects the disciples who seek to exclude those claiming Jesus' name without proper disciple credentials. Jesus corrects the disciples for excluding children. Jesus offers an inclusive reconciling work: bringing in strangers, loving enemies, and forgiving all. Jesus corrects the disciples who strive to be God's favorite people. Jesus fiercely warns us to protect children. Like the arguing disciples, we often try to hide agendas, values, sin and brokenness from God, but a hidden infection only grows. Jesus calls us to our divine parent with a child-like awe, wonder, love and need, and in the arms of God we will find healing. (Mark 9:33-41)

Belmont United Methodist Church News



October 21, 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

Dot Anderson

Memorials

HUGH WRIGHT

Donors:

Dottie Dudley, Kinnie Ford, & Harriet McCancey
 Eleanor & John Kennedy
 Larry Logan
 James McGinley
 Lucille Nabors
 Marie Nowell
 Gloria & Ray O'Steen
 Ann & William Ozier
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Palmer, III
 Georgeanna & John Payne
 Janene & Joe Pennel
 Billie Jean & Maurice Pinson
 Pat & Dwayne Sagen
 Nelda Schreiber
 Thomas Schwartz
 Lynda & Buford Suffridge
 Betty Jane & Larry Taylor
 Pam & Jim Terrell
 Martha & Bill Thetford
 Pat Ward
 Gay Wiggins
 Nancy & Elmer Young
 Pat Ziegler
 Friendship Class
 Belmont Weekday School

2019 Stewardship Campaign



MANY HANDS | MANY STORIES

"There is a deep longing for hope. Today, the church is challenged to proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of all people." (Martin Luther King's 1963 sermon *A Knock at Midnight*)

Hope shows up in the earliest church letters. Christ-centric hope is not a passive feeling but

a catalyzing power that transforms our world. Paul prayed that "all of us might know the glorious hope of our calling." (Ephesians 1:18). Paul boasts "(bring it on) because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character,

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Navigating the way forward

A message from Pastor Paul

In February 2019, the United Methodist Church will hold a Special General Conference to act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and ways to strengthen the unity of the church. Many of us are already

praying and preparing for this gathering. In the spring of 2017, nearly 80% of Belmont UMC members voted to officially become a part of the Reconciling Ministry Network. Our welcoming statement has long affirmed such ideals. "We believe every person is of sacred worth and cre-

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Communion stewards needed

Serving Communion to our brothers and sisters in Christ is a way we experience and share God's grace, peace and love. If you would like to be a Communion server, you are invited to attend an orientation session in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 28, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For more information, contact Heather Harris (heather@belmontumc.org).

Welcome Ministry is looking for volunteers

Providing intentional hospitality is the focus of Belmont UMC's Welcome Ministry. 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. Volunteers are needed; if you are interested in participating in this ministry, please fill out the form available for download at belmontumc.org/welcome-ministry. Contact Jim and Starr Strickland (starrjim@bellsouth.net) or Jefferson Furtado (jefferson@belmontumc.org).

NOAH public meeting

Belmont UMC is a charter member of Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH), a coalition of 63 faith groups and a few labor unions.

On Sunday, October 28, NOAH will hold its annual public meeting, "An Invitation to Rebuild Public Trust." Among the topics to be discussed are the Metro budget, a community oversight board, the affordable housing crisis, and suspensions, expulsions, and arrests in elementary schools. The meeting will take place at Watson Grove Baptist Church (1415 Horton Avenue, 37212) from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Belmonters are invited.

NOAH strongly endorses a vote for Amendment 1 to the Metro Charter on Tuesday, November 6. This proposal would establish a community oversight board to investigate complaints of police misconduct and to make policy recommendations to the police. A copy of the amendment is posted on the bulletin board located in the administrative hall (across from the chapel).

Christmas stockings for Grundy County

Again this year, Belmonters have the opportunity to provide filled Christmas stockings for young Grundy County children in the Beersheba Springs community. Most of these children will not have another opportunity to experience the joy of this special season. If you, your children, or your grandchildren would like to fill one or several stockings, they will be available in the Iris Room on Sundays November 4 and 11. **The deadline for returning the filled stockings is Sunday, December 2.** Thank you in advance for your generosity! The stockings will be distributed at the Beersheba Springs annual Christmas party for the community.

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and character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Romans 5) Paul also prays "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15)

"Love puts up with all things, hopes for all things, endures all things . . . Now faith, hope, and love remain - these three things . . ." (1 Corinthians 13)

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 today. Let us be people empowered by the Holy Spirit to offer hope to others! - Pastor Paul

Multicultural Fellowship

Multicultural Fellowship will meet next 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. All are welcome.

Navigating the way forward

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In light of the coming Special General Conference, I invite you to join me for a series of gatherings entitled *Navigating our way through The Way Forward*. Beginning November 7, I will lead these gatherings on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. We will consider the UMC's Special General Conference and include a time of prayer, listening, Christian conversation, community, and preparation.

Detrich Bonhoeffer said, "The first service that one owes to others in fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as the love of God begins with listening to God's Word, so the beginning of love for neighbors is learning to listen to them." (*Life Together*)

The Displaced Person Sunday school class coming in November

On Sunday mornings November 4, 11, 18, and 25, Vanderbilt Dean Victor Judge will present a class based on Flannery O'Connor's short story, *The Displaced Person*. The class will take place in Parker Hall at 9:15 a.m.

In the most recent edition of the anthology of the best American Catholic short stories, Flannery O'Connor was represented, and the editors chose her short story *The Displaced Person* as an illustration of her incarnational art. This story is the final selection in her first collection of short stories titled *A Good Man is Hard to Find*.

This story can be read as a study in the anatomy of evil, how evil is a consequence not of divine will or mere random events, but as a consequence of willed persistence in ignorance despite empirical, irrefutable evidence that disproves the misconception—the persistence in blindness, and the blindness may not be attributed to invincible ignorance. The story illustrates the tragic effects of racism, of religious prejudice, of making another person "the other." The expression, "displaced person," refers to the foreigner, the immigrant, who is not responsible for one's displacement. Dean Judge will show us how O'Connor presents theologically a study in resistance to the Biblical mandate of hospitality to the stranger. All are welcome to attend.

UMW holiday mission sale

The United Methodist Women's (UMW) 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 November 4 and 11 in the Iris Room.

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.