

## This week at Belmont UMC

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:45 p.m. Executive Committee, 202

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 206  
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202  
6:30 p.m. Stress Less Healthy Holiday Workshop, 124

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213  
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. UMW Holiday Mission Sale, Iris Room  
9:15 a.m. *The Displaced Person* study, Parker Hall  
11:30 a.m. Administrative Board, Parker Hall  
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
2:00 p.m. Visitation for Marcie Venrick, Iris Room  
3:00 p.m. Memorial service for Marcie Venrick, sanctuary  
3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
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## November 4 Communion offering will benefit ministerial education

Your Communion offering on Sunday, November 4, will support the Ministerial Education Fund.

Established in 1968, the Ministerial Education Fund provides the financial support to nurture and fund programs that encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry, and educational scholarships through annual conferences for persons following their call to ordained ministry.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**All Saints Sunday**

**November 4, 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.

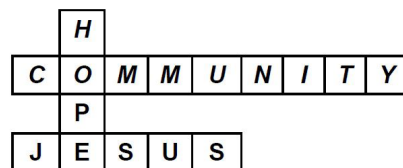
8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel

9:15 a.m. - Sunday school

10:30 a.m. - Communion in the sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for November: Simplicity, Covenant, Seekers



**All Saints Sunday - Jesus, Community, and Hope.** I have always loved the transfiguration passage (Mark 9:2-8). Elijah and Moses visit Jesus, preparing Christ for the cross. Jefferson Furtado shared, "Our incorporation into the body of Christ is not an isolated event. We are joined with those saints who came before us." Seeing Jesus standing with the saints, Peter suggests building an earthen shrine; Jesus demures. Our only enduring legacy is faith, hope, and love birthed by goodness and justice. On All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the reflective grace of God shining onto our pathways by those who have faithfully gone before us. Come join us as we remember God's grace shining on us through our forebearers in faith.



**Belmont**  
United Methodist Church

*News*

October 28, 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*

Carolyn Modisher in the death of her husband, Don Modisher.

**Memorials**

HUGH WRIGHT

*Donors:*

Carol & Herb Foster

Phillip Gates

Carol Ann & Tom Graham

Judy & Tommy Lewis

Susan Logan

Lana & Adrian Mark

Patty Murphy

Ellen & Russ Smith

Sue Smith

Betty & Edward Thackston

Emma & Mark Tsai

Betty & Charlie Warfield

Elizabeth Webb

BOB SEIDEL

*Donors:*

Linda & Mike Davis

Celeste & Berry Holt

Frank Neal & Associates

Betty Jane & Larry Taylor

## 2019 Stewardship Campaign



MANY HANDS | MANY STORIES

My name is Sarah McWhirt-Toler, and I am a deacon connected with this community serving in children's ministry at a local school in Nashville. But long before my provisional ordination or even discerning a call to ministry, I was a 17 year old college freshman at Belmont University looking for a church home.

By the time I had begun college at Belmont University, I

had been without a church home for a half dozen years, for reasons that are long and complicated. After growing up extremely involved in my local church community, community was something I deeply missed, and I wanted it for myself again. Although I enjoyed the academics of college, the social pieces of life have never come particularly easy for me, and I needed a com-

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## Room in the Inn begins this Friday

Our 2018-2019 Room in the Inn winter shelter program begins this Friday, November 2. 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.



## ***The Displaced Person* study begins next Sunday**

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.

Dean Judge will show us how O'Connor theologically presents a study in resistance to the Biblical mandate of hospitality to the stranger. All are welcome to attend.

## **"America's Original Sin" 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' book *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. Go to [belmontumc.org/americas-original-sin](http://belmontumc.org/americas-original-sin) to learn more.

## **Stress Less Healthy Holiday Workshop**

How do you want to feel during and after the holidays? Peaceful, calm, energized, confident, not-frazzled, and still able to fit into your pants? On Thursday, November 1, from 6:30-8:30pm, a two-hour workshop at Belmont UMC is designed to will help you do just that!

The holidays offer many distractions for our body, mind and spirit that can contribute to stress and anxiety. Practicing healthy eating habits can reduce these demands and help you feel less stressed and more calm and confident. This workshop is designed to help you determine exactly how you want to feel, create a plan to help you accomplish that goal, and set you up for inevitable success! Plus, you'll get some tasty healthy recipes for the holiday season! This event will be led by Carrie Alexander, certified health coach. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign-up is available until 5:00 p.m. on October 29. Register online at [stresslesshealthyholidaybelmont.eventbrite.com](http://stresslesshealthyholidaybelmont.eventbrite.com) or for more information, go to [ignitelifehealthcoach.com](http://ignitelifehealthcoach.com).

## **Navigating our way through *The Way Forward***

In light of the coming Special General Conference in February 2019, Pastor Paul will lead a series of Wednesday night gatherings entitled *Navigating our way through The Way Forward* beginning Wednesday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. in room 124. There will be a time of preparation, prayer, listening, conversation, and community.

In preparation for the first gathering on November 7, Pastor Paul requests that you read pages 1-10 of the Commission on a Way Forward's final report to the General Conference. The report can be downloaded from our website at [belmontumc.org/navigating-the-way-forward](http://belmontumc.org/navigating-the-way-forward).

## **Want to help serve Communion?**

Join us for an orientation session in the sanctuary today, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Serving Communion to our brothers and sisters in Christ is a way we experience and share God's grace, peace and love. For more information, see Heather Harriss.

## **Administrative Board will meet November 4**

The Administrative Board will meet next Sunday, November 4, in Parker Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Meal reservations are required and may be made by calling 615-383-0832 or online at [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org). The deadline for reservations is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 31.

## **Daylight Saving Time ends November 4**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4. Be sure to set your clocks *back* one hour the night before.

## **2019 Stewardship Campaign**

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munity to be a part of. So, on a January Sunday morning, I walked to Belmont UMC where I was warmly greeted by Hugh Wright, who before I left had introduced me to Gayle Sullivan, who informed me that I'd be joining the choir. The next week a sweet couple invited me to sit with them and took me to lunch. Before I knew it, I had found through smiles, greetings, refusals to allow me to walk back to campus in the dark, and money that occasionally showed up in my choir folder, a community that truly cares about growing in love of God and neighbor, who welcomes the stranger and offers hope to the weary.

I know my story of finding a community at Belmont UMC is not entirely unique, and for that, I'm so, so grateful. My prayer for this community is that we continue to be a beacon of hope and a place where the light of Christ shines in Hillsboro Village. Our world.

*This is just one of the many stories of hope at Belmont UMC. 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 continue our 2019 stewardship campaign.*

## **Chapel Choir Christmas music kick-off party**



*Recently, our Chapel Choir kicked off the Christmas music season with a party. They enjoyed refreshments and began learning some new Christmas songs. Photos by Amy Cooper*

## **Start your Christmas shopping early!**

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.

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.