

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. UMW Holiday Mission Sale, Iris Room  
9:15 a.m. *The Displaced Person* study, 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, NOVEMBER 12

5:30 p.m. Youth girls basketball practice, Recreation Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

4:00 p.m. *The Mystic in You* study, 124  
5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center  
5:30 p.m. Trust Fund Board, 202  
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee, 201  
6:00 p.m. Navigating our way through *The Way Forward*, 124  
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, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 206  
1:10 p.m. Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226  
6:30 p.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Recreation Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

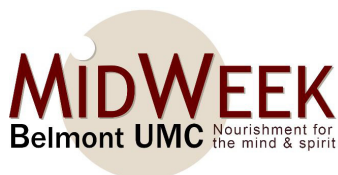
10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213  
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00 a.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Community Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. UMW Holiday Mission Sale, Iris Room  
9:15 a.m. *The Displaced Person* study, Parker Hall  
11:30 a.m. Senior adult "Giving Thanks" lunch, Parker Hall  
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
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### Menu for November 14:

*Adults and youth:* Turkey, cornbread stuffing, gravy, green beans, sweet potato casserole, yeast rolls, and cream cheese brownies.  
*Vegetarian option:* TBA.

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 18, 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

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

**Jesus, Forgiveness, and Hope** - In the book of John, John frames Jesus' foot-washing saying, "Jesus knew his hour had come (for betrayal, denials, humiliation, crucifixion, resurrection, and divine reunion with God). . . having loved us to the end." Love offers hope in the midst of betrayal. There is a good deal of awkwardness within the passage between Jesus and Judas. Forgiveness is not clean, easy, or neat - it requires some distress. Hope comes amid tribulation. The story speaks of our need for love in life's difficult and painful moments. Love and forgiveness offer hope amid life's tribulations. (John 13:1-5, 12-14, 21-22, 34-35; Matthew 6:14-15)

## Joys and Concerns

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### Memorials

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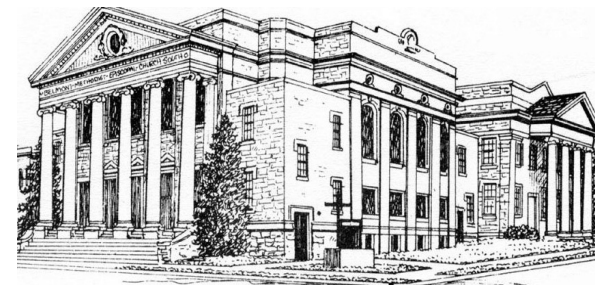
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## News

November 11, 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

Judy Isenhour in the death of her husband, John Haeuptle.

Eve and Eric Bilbrey in the death of their son and brother, Mark Bilbrey.

### Congratulations to

Sarah and Clay McWhirt-Toler, Jennifer McWhirt, and Penny McWhirt, on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, Frances Rosalind McWhirt-Toler.

### Memorials

MARCIE VENRICK

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Martha & Tillman Harris  
Lucile Nabors  
Sue Smith  
Judy Stubbs  
Venrick family

### DON MODISHER

*Donors:*

Margaret Behm  
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Anne B. Wallace

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## 2019 Stewardship Campaign



MANY HANDS | MANY STORIES

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.

Want to know where your pledge dollars go? View our giving graph online at [belmontumc.org/pledge](http://belmontumc.org/pledge). On that page you'll also find pledge FAQs and a video with step-by-step instructions on how to pledge through Realm.

## Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Advent study

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. It is a time when we prepare our lives and hearts to welcome Jesus anew. This season, which also marks the beginning of our liturgical year, offers us an opportunity to recenter our lives on Jesus and live into the realities of hope, love, joy, and peace that the Christ child brings.

Beginning Wednesday, De-

cember 5, you are invited to join with other Belmonsters as we journey together through this season with the poetry and hymns of Charles Wesley. *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* is a book of devotions that features daily meditations, scripture, prayer, and the hymns of the Rev. Charles Wesley—co-founder of the Methodist movement. In his

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## Come and get 'em!

Yes, pies, breads, muffins, cakes, cookies, you name it. If it can be baked, it'll be at the United Methodist Women's annual bake sale on Sunday, November 18!

The sale will take place in the Iris Room. Stock up for Thanksgiving, company, or for taking as gifts for those who host you or your family. Many items can be frozen for later as well. All proceeds will be given to groups that benefit women and children with needs.

## Senior adult "Giving Thanks" lunch

Next Sunday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m., join us in Parker Hall for the senior adult "Giving Thanks" lunch. The cost is \$5 per person and an item for the Eakin Elementary food drive. Reservations are required. Call 615-383-0832 no later than Wednesday, November 14 to make your reservation.

We want to share our blessings by collecting food for children at Eakin Elementary who will need it over the school break. Please bring one or more of these items to the lunch: boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, granola bars, spaghetti noodles, canned vegetables and fruit, and applesauce and fruit cups.

## Christmas stockings for Grundy County

Help us 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 would like to fill one or several stockings, they are available in the Iris Room today. **The deadline for returning the filled stockings is Sunday, November 25.**

## Advent Quiet Retreat

On December 15, from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in Parker Hall, give yourself the gift of quiet and calm in the midst of the busy Christmas season. We begin with Lectio Divina and centering prayer, followed by a time for exploring, walking the labyrinth, listening for God's voice, or simply resting in God's holy silence. The retreat will conclude with Communion and a blessing for hope and peace. For more information, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

## Save the date for the Advent Festival!

Belmont UMC's Advent Festival is a craft workshop for the entire family that will take place on Sunday, December 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Donations to cover the cost of a light supper served by the youth are requested. Proceeds will go toward youth activities and scholarships for trips.

The festival is open to any age, so kids, parents, and grandparents are welcome. Make crafts as you snap pictures and store up warm feelings about Christmas.

If you want to go, just show up. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

## A Light in the Darkness contemplative worship service

Despite the jolliness of the season, many people feel sadness after losing a loved one. A contemplative prayer service on Wednesday, December 12, will aim to provide comfort to those in need. It will be a gentle time to feel God's tender love for you and to be a part of a loving community.

Our *A Light in the Darkness* service will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

## Upcoming holiday closings

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21, and remain closed through Friday, November 23.

## Behold! Advent book study

This Advent season, Heather Harriss will lead a study of Pam Hawkins' book *Behold! Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent*. The study will take place on Wednesday mornings, November 28, December 5, 12, and 19, at 10:00 a.m. at Donna Harrison's home. To obtain a copy of the book, contact Heather (heather@belmontumc.org).

## Order a wreath or poinsettia

Order a lovely Frazier Fir wreath or poinsettia today, November 11, or 18 in the Iris Room as a thoughtful way to honor or remember loved ones. Wreaths (\$20 each) are used to adorn Belmont UMC's doors during Advent. The deadline to order wreaths is Monday, November 26. Poinsettias (\$10 each) will be used as altar flowers on Sunday, December 16, and then delivered to homebound members. The deadline to order poinsettias is Monday, December 10.

## Let Barley to Rise prepare your Thanksgiving meal

Let Barley to Rise do the cooking for you this year so you spend more time gathered with family. A portion of all proceeds will directly benefit local church ministries. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 14. Go to [belmontumc.org/barley-to-rise-thanksgiving](http://belmontumc.org/barley-to-rise-thanksgiving) for details.

## Congratulations, Eh Doh!



On October 28, Belmont UMC member Eh Doh officially became a United States citizen. Daughter Elena Siwarat is extremely proud of the hard work and sleepless nights her mom endured to accomplish this, what she calls "one of the most important roots America can offer." Photo by Elena Siwarat

## Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Advent study

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lifetime, Charles Wesley wrote more than 9,000 hymns, which continue to inspire and influence our faith. On Wednesday nights during Advent, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. in room 124 to sing the hymns of the week and reflect on their meaning.

For book purchase options, go to [belmontumc.org/wesley-advent-study](http://belmontumc.org/wesley-advent-study). For more information, contact Jefferson Furtado (jef-ferson@belmontumc.org).