

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. UMW Holiday bake 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
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 19

5:30 p.m. Columbarium Team, 201
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202
5:30 p.m. Youth girls basketball practice, Recreation Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Church offices close at noon in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Church offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

Save the date for these music events!

Feast of Lights - Sunday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to join Belmont UMC's choirs in a celebration of the birth of Christ with our service of lessons and carols and Feast of Lights.

Christmas Piano Concert - Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pianist Amanda Dembiec will present a concert of original carol tunes.

Upcoming Worship Services

*Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
November 25, 2018*

Heather Harriss preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Linda Furtado 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

Joys and Concerns

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PEGGY WILLIAMS

Donors:

Jean & Craig Fox

ELIZABETH BARRETT

RAY DARNELL

(Lynn Taylor's father)

Donor:

Marie Nowell

JOHN HAEUPTLE

(Judy Isenhour's husband)

Donors:

Susan & Jim Bradford

Mila & Bill Truan

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minder to pray for our shared mission and ministry. Let us carry this sign of light into our world as a reminder to lift up our collective hopes to God, asking God to bring Hope to our world using our many hands and many stories.

Belmont United Methodist Church News

November 18, 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 Bonnie Tracy in the death of her husband, Jack Tracy.

Memorials

MARCIE VENRICK

Donors:

Jo & Bob Anderson
Linda & Dick Dean
Shirley Dodson
Delbert Hudson

DON MODISHER

Donors:

Gail & Paul Chaffee
Jody Deem
Teresa & Ben Tolar
Brenda & Kenneth Walker

HUGH WRIGHT

Donors:

Susan & Jim Bradford
Shirley Dodson
Pam Auble & Mike Engle
Betty & Charlie Warfield

BOB SEIDEL

Donors:

Cathy & Jim Folk
Jean & Craig Fox
Linda & Mike O'Neal

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2019 Stewardship Campaign



MANY HANDS | MANY STORIES

This Sunday is the culmination of our One Hope, Many Hands, Many Stories pledge campaign. You may bring your pledge card to church, complete your pledge online at belmontumc.org/pledge, email it to our finance office at mark@belmontumc.org, or call Mark Hage-wood at 615-383-0832. During worship we will prayerfully place our cards and symbols of our support on the chancel

rail as we pray for God's work through our church in 2019. In these uncertain times, may God multiply our light so that we might shine Christ's hope from 21st and Acklen to our neighbors and our world.

Together, we pledge to uphold Christ's work through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Candles will be available to take home as a re-

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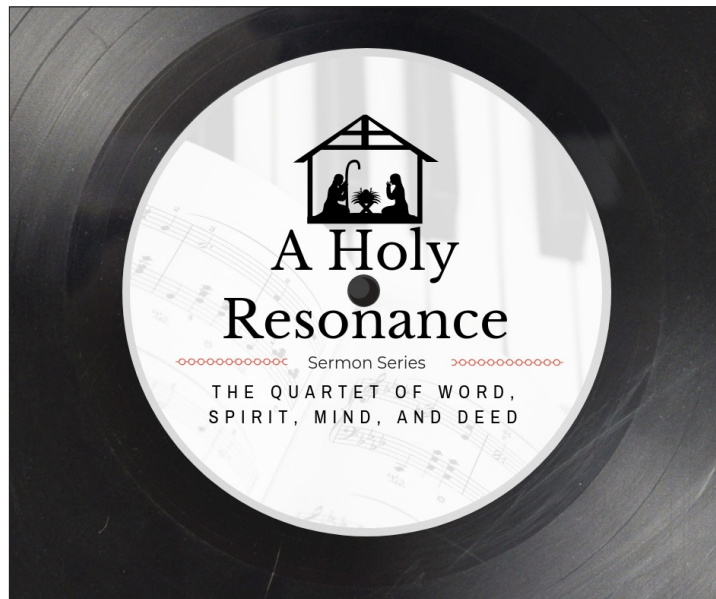
UMW holiday bake sale is today!

Want some yummy pies, breads, muffins, cakes, or cookies? Then stop by the United Methodist Women's (UMW) annual bake sale in the Iris Room today.

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.

**Advent sermon series:
A Holy Resonance: The Quartet of
Word, Spirit, Mind, and Deed**



December 2 - In a line of prophets (Jeremiah 33:1 and 7-16)

December 9 - Through Zechariah and Elizabeth's experiences (Luke 1:5-11 and 67-79)

December 16 - Ruminating on John's firing message (Luke 3:1-16)

December 23 - Mary's harmony (Luke 1:26-56)

How do we enter a holy season? How might the quartet of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience renew the Christmas song within us? Come and worship as we explore a holy resonance during this Advent season.

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.

Advent Festival is December 2!

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 all ages. 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).

Wreath and poinsettias

Order a lovely Frazier Fir wreath or poinsettia today 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 (a limited number is still available). 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.

Wesley 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, December 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. For more information or purchase options, go to belmontumc.org/wesley-advent-study.

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 Saturday, 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).

Christmas Miracle Offering What makes an offering a miracle? Could it be LOVE?

God sent LOVE to the world in the baby Jesus, and miracles have been happening ever since! This year, you are invited to help make more miracles happen through the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry in South Central Mexico!

This ministry has evolved from a big "dream of faith" to a "miracle of love" over many years. How? Because the people living in this area were invited to help shape the ministry out of their needs, which empowered them to also share and teach others! So, TOGETHER, the training center has evolved into a ministry with and for rural persons living in poverty...to live healthier lives, increase their income by utilizing resources right in their midst; and, all the while, care for God's creation. Another miracle in itself!

But some things wear out . . . like already old trucks that take staff and supplies to remote villages helping to replace homes destroyed by the 2017 earthquake with much more resistant strawbale or rammed earth construction. Or the transport needed for women trained as volunteer healthcare workers to teach persons waiting to see doctors and dentists from medical caravans in extremely remote areas.

Be watching in the weeks ahead for more ways your love and offerings can help make MIRACLES!

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).