

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 a.m. Charge Conference, Parker Hall
4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room
5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Youth girls basketball practice, Community Center
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. *Behold!* Advent book study @ Donna Harrison's
6:00 p.m. Amanda Dembiec Christmas concert, sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 206
5:30 p.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:15 a.m. Carol sing-a-long, Parker Hall

Change in deadline for December 30 newsletter

Due to the Christmas holiday, the December 30 issue of the Belmont News newsletter will be published early. Items for the December 30 issue (as well as the December 23 issue) will be due by noon on Tuesday, December 18. Please send your articles and announcements to Angie Slade (aslade@belmontumc.org).

Christmas piano concert

This Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. pianist Amanda Dembiec will present a concert of original arrangements of familiar carol tunes in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Cocoa, coffee, cookies, and carols

Join us in Parker Hall next Sunday, December 23, at 9:15am to sing Christmas carols while enjoying refreshments and fellowship. Bill Cooper will be the pianist for this singing celebration, and you can even request your favorite carol. Feel free to bring Christmas goodies to share!

Upcoming Worship Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Daly Thompson preaching 10:30 a.m. worship service in the chapel.

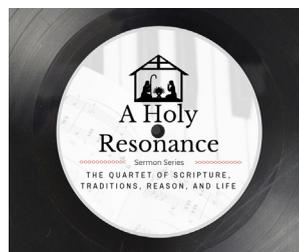
8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel

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 December: Harbison Jessie
Rustin Fellowship, Delta/Kairos, Graham-Inquirers



God's plan to save the world begins with worship. Luke's opening scene unfolds in the temple as Zechariah lays the daily offering onto the altar. Moses catches fire with justice gazing upon a burning bush. Abraham and Sarah envision a covenant counting the stars. Worship renews, reforms, recasts, revives, recreates, reminds, rekindles, reimagines, and resonates. Let us routinely clear space in our lives for worship so that God's loving kindness, gracious justice, and peaceful wisdom resonates in our lives and remakes our world.

Christmas Miracle Offering

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the tarps and cardboard into sustainable homes built with their own hands. Thank you for helping to make Miracles in Mexico, even out of an earthquake!

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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

Family and friends of Tina Kraft. Jackie Rogers, Janet and Chester Stewart, Jennie and Kenny West, Jim Rogers, John and Deanna Rogers, Joseph, Heather, Catherine, Hunter, Tamin, Weldon, Meagan, McKenzie and Macey in the death of their mother and grandmother, Aileen Rogers.

Congratulations to

Hai Htoo and John Saw in the birth of their daughter, Genesis Nina Saw.

Memorials

DOT ANDERSON

Donors:

Diane & Jeff Blum

Susan Bynum

Joyce & Jerome Del Pino

Tessa & Jerome Del Pino

Jane & Mike DuBose

Barbara & Joaquin Garcia

Martha & Tillman Harris

Beverly Job

Judy & Tommy Lewis

Jeannie & Bob McCutchan

Marie Nowell

Anne & Neiland Pennington

Nel Schreiber

2018 Christmas Miracle Offering What do earthquakes and miracles have in common?

by Muriel Henderson, Retired Missionary

On September 19, 2017, South Central Mexico experienced a 7.1 magnitude earthquake! The GYTTE Tree of Life Training Center and many surrounding villages were at the epicenter. Even with all the destruction, miracles have been abundant as people pulled survivors from the rubble and then later, churches, NGO's, and government agencies raised funds to rebuild simple structures to house families.

Now, fifteen months later, the GYTTE staff continues to work with homeless families to teach them how to build their own new, two-room straw bale homes, twice the size of their



GYTTE teaching how to construct straw bale homes.

destroyed homes.

The homes have a roofed, outdoor kitchen with a low wood-burning mud stove and a bathroom with a dry-composting toilet system.

Your Christmas Miracle Offering will empower even more families to move out from under

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Year-end giving

Gifts are welcome any time, but remember that for 2018 tax purposes, gifts must be at the church or postmarked by De-

cember 31. For questions, contact Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org).