

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 p.m. Feast of Lights, sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Feast of Lights reception, Community Center

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. *Behold!* Advent book study @ Donna Harrison's
5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
6:00 p.m. *A Light in the Darkness* worship service, chapel
6:00 p.m. Wesley Advent Study, 124
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee, 201
6:00 p.m. Communications Team, 202
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, DECEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. Quiet Advent Retreat, Parker Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 a.m. Charge Conference, Parker Hall

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 this 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).

MIDWEEK
Belmont UMC
Nourishment for
the mind & spirit

Menu for December 12: Adults, youth, and children: Breakfast for dinner.

Upcoming Worship Services

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Sandy Sakarapane preaching 10:30 a.m. worship in the chapel.

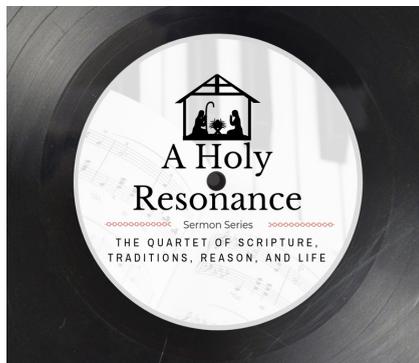
8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel

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



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

Heifer sale today

Stop by the Iris Room today and purchase items for the holidays, as well as help support Heifer International.

Advent quiet retreat

Next 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. For more information, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

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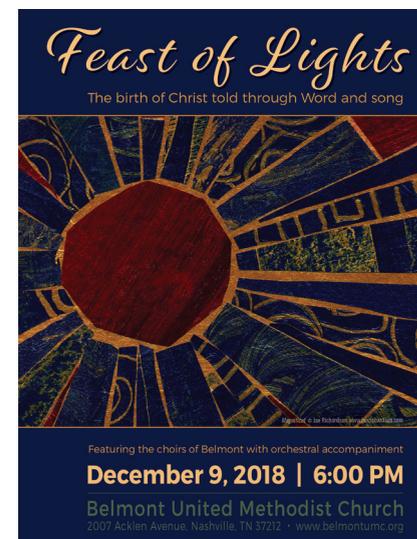
December 9, 2018

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 Mollie, David, Joe, Kate, and Alex Henry in the death of their grandfather and great-grandfather, W. C. Fields.

The Feast of Lights is tonight!



2018 Christmas Miracle Offering Wheels for GYTTE's Miracles

by John Kennedy

You have heard descriptions of the small miracles that occur daily through the work of staff and volunteers at Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE). On Sunday, December 2, Barbara Garcia described GYTTE's development of low-fuel, low smoke and low-cost cook stoves and health education in indigenous languages. Others have described agriculture, home construction and composting commodes. I encourage everyone to participate in a VIM trip to see GYTTE's model of sustainable development for your-

selfes. Our next trip is scheduled for February 22-March 2, 2019.

Should you go, you will see the indispensable role reliable vehicles play in creating GYTTE's miracles. The work doesn't happen without them. I can recall a breakdown in 2014 that staff members (excellent shade tree mechanics) fixed on the spot. That is not

always possible, so please contribute to the Christmas Miracle Offering to keep GYTTE's miracles happening. You can give online at belmontumc.org/2018-christmas-miracle-offering.



Pledge cards

We are deeply thankful for everyone who has turned in their pledge cards! If you have not done so yet, you can drop a pledge card in the offering plate, bring it by the church,

pledge online through onrealm.org, or contact Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org). Let us be people empowered by the Holy Spirit to offer hope to others!