

## This week at Belmont UMC

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:15 a.m. Holocaust program, Community Center  
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  
6:00 p.m. Navigating the Way Forward, Community Center

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center  
5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226  
6:00 p.m. Arts Council, 201  
6:00 p.m. *Simplify: Money, Faith, and Life*, 202  
6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, 203  
6:00 p.m. Music Makers Cocoa House, 204  
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, FEBRUARY 21

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:15 a.m. Navigating the Way Forward, Community Center  
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
6:00 p.m. Navigating the Way Forward, Community Center

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**Menu for February 20: Adults and youth:** Beef stew with carrots, celery, and mushrooms, herb-roasted red potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert.

**Vegetarian:** Vegetable stew with carrots, celery, and mushrooms. **Children:** Beef and tomato mac and cheese.

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 24, 2019

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Victoria Rebeck 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 February: Simplicity, Covenant, Seekers.

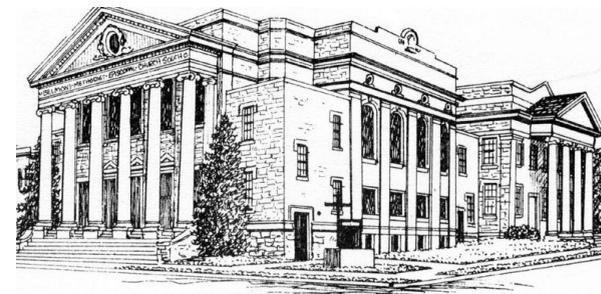
## Children's choir teacher spotlight: Gayle Sullivan



Gayle Sullivan (pictured above) is in her 30th year as the Director of Music Ministries at Belmont UMC and has taught children's chimes for 33 years. She learned to play handbells at her home church when she was a teenager and loves sharing the joy of this musical art with children. Gayle enjoys exercising, cooking, sewing, quilting, and spending time with her friends and husband, Steve.

# Belmont United Methodist Church News

February 17, 2019



*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

Bill Robinson

*Christian sympathy is extended to* Liz, Darren, Sofie Whiting, Myers Beard, and Reed Beard in the death of their mother and grandmother, Dianne Montford.

### Congratulations to

Paw Kler Htoo and Kaw Dae Htoo on the birth of their daughter, Darlene Htoo.

## Edgehill UMW annual luncheon

After worship on Sunday, February 24, all are invited to Edgehill United Methodist Women's (UMW) annual luncheon. There will be delicious soups and a guest speaker. Linda McFadden-Ketchum from "Moms Demand Action" (MDA) will speak about "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense." For additional information about the luncheon, contact Margaret Howell (howellms320@comcast.net).

## Church-wide Sunday school class with Dr. Joerg Rieger coming in May

On two Sunday mornings, May 5 and 12, Dr. Joerg Rieger will speak on the subject of "Why still bother with Methodism and Christianity?" during the Sunday school hour.

Dr. Rieger is a distinguished Professor of Theology and Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies at the Divin-

ity School and the Graduate Program of Religion at Vanderbilt University. He is also the founding director of the Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and author and editor of more than twenty books. Stay tuned for more information and save the dates!

## My calling as a deacon

by Sarah McWhirt-Toler

My calling as a deacon centers on the baptismal vows we make as a church community to pray for, love, and nurture our children as they grow in lives of service to God and others.

I was commissioned as a provisional deacon in 2013, and currently I live out my calling as the pre K-4th grade Bible teacher at Oak Hill School, where I write curriculum for and teach approximately 350 students weekly, helping to fulfill

the school's mission of preparing students for a lifetime of education and service. I hope that I am doing the work of planting seeds of faith to bloom in the garden of their lives.

Exploring the questions of faith with my young friends brings me deep joy. Just this past week, a friend asked me what I thought Jesus did to celebrate his birthday. This certainly has me thinking about my personal Christmas plans for next year.