

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

11:30 a.m. UMW lunch featuring Garlinda Burton, CC
11:30 a.m. Golden Triangle Ministry Team, 202
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 p.m. Great Decisions discussion group, 203

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Due to spring break, there is no Midweek meal, programming, or children's choirs.

5:30 p.m. Crisis Management Team, 202
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee, 201
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, 206

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

A message from Pastor Paul

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redeem and redirect our broken denomination. Others want to leave, feeling the UMC harms our mission and membership. To deny this tension is to preach peace when there is no peace. Sadly, the church has been slow of heart in embracing the prophetic and minority reports in regards to the New Testament, including the uncircumcised, Sunday worship, pork barbeque, abolition of slavery, full clergy rights for women, allowing remarriage after divorce, allowing divorced clergy to serve, and many more issues. As we move into the season of Lent, let us not be afraid to lament and to ponder our path, being awake, strong, courageous, brave, and doing everything in love (Corinthians). As Rick Keuler, our Administrative Board chair, reminded us, "Let us be bold, but not rash!"

Upcoming Worship Services

Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019

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

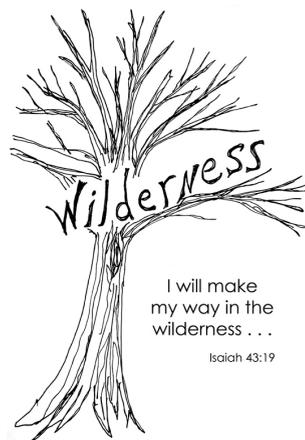
8:15 a.m. - Communion in the chapel

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 March: Kairos, Graham-Inquirers, Delta.



Holy Solitude

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10, we will gather in room 124 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss our Lenten journey and share insights from the book.

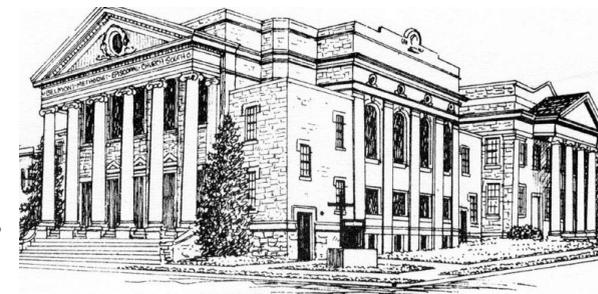
For more information or to order a copy, go to belmontumc.org/holy-solitude.

Lenten Bible study

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church, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

Belmont United Methodist Church News



March 10, 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

Christian sympathy is extended to Misti "Becks" Bradford and Alisa Jones in the death of Becks' mother, Gloria Cole.

Family and friends of Fern Webster.

Memorials

DOT ANDERSON

Donor:

Phyllis Eggenberger

BETTY BARRETT

Donors:

Joyce & Jerome Del Pino

AILEEN ROGERS

ANN TUCKER

Donor:

Carillon Ringers

HUGH WRIGHT

Donors:

Dot Ann Barrick
Stella Bergan & family
Kim & Gary Hawkins

In honor of

MILA & BILL TRUAN

Donors:

Pam Auble & Mike Engle

A message from Pastor Paul

Dear Belmonters, right now our hearts range from breaking to furious. We lament in uncertainty. No matter our emotional state or the unfolding information, Belmont UMC's resolve is fixed. We must be who God has called us to be as reflected in our welcome statement. No matter Belmont's path, we must bear witness to the ways our denomination has done harm by accusatory theology, ungracious practices, and uneven church rules. Labeling persons made in God's image as "incompatible" is incompatible with welcome,

Jesus, and community. In the uncertainty, we must remember Belmont's deep and beautiful Methodist connection through agencies, boards, colleges, candidates, clergy, missionaries, pensions, publishing houses, retirees, e-readers, and the trust clause. Belmont's personal connections run deep. So what do we do? Well, the schismatic dust will likely not begin to even settle until sometime after June. Today, some of our Belmont family believe we should stay inside the UMC, working to

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Livestream discussion about the future of the Nashville Episcopal UMC

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Bishop McAllilly and the delegation heads invite you to join in a livestream discussion to share thoughts about the future of the Nashville Episcopal United Methodist Church. The simulcast can be viewed live at <https://bishopbillmcalilly.com/>.

We are thankful to Bishop McAllilly for worshiping with us at our 10:30a.m. service last Sunday and at the Reconciling Ministries service of Lament and Hope the evening before. For questions, you can contact the bishop at gc19questions@gmail.com.

Nashville Freedom Schools will be Lenten offering recipient



The Freedom School provides reading and enrichment for at-risk children during the summer. Photo by Mike DuBose

Belmont UMC's Outreach Committee has designated the Nashville Freedom Schools as the recipient for this year's Lenten offering. The Freedom School is a 6-week summer reading and enrichment program for at-risk children of color in grades K-8.

Belmont's offering will be used to help fund the program in 2020 and support ongoing expenses of the schools.

The Nashville Freedom School is the local affiliate of the Children's Defense Fund program by the same name. Freedom Schools are supported by faith-based organizations, private donors and community groups. The Nashville schools began in 2014 and have served more than 300 children. While enrollment is open to all children, the target audience is low-income, public school children who might not otherwise have access to books and educational enrichment programs during the summer, particularly African-American and Latino children from at-risk communities.

College-age interns provide leadership, chaperoning field trips and helping with classroom learning, while high-school-aged interns are given the chance to have job training and working with teams. Over the years, Freedom School scholars have visited Fisk University, city hall, the downtown library and much more.

The Outreach Committee has set an offering goal of \$5,000, and we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give online at belmontumc.org/lenten-offering or text BELMONT LENT to 73256 on your smartphone.

Soccer volunteers needed

Soccer season began March 9. If you love soccer and kids, we have an opportunity for you! On Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings during the months of March and April, Golden Triangle youth are transported to soccer practice. We need substitute drivers and soccer coaches. If you have children, bring them along to participate in the fun. You don't have to be a skilled player. For more information, contact Gayle Morin (615-414-4427 or gaylemorin@comcast.net).

Save the date for our Easter egg hunt!

On Saturday, April 13, we will have an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds at 10:00 a.m. All children, ages infant through sixth grade, are welcome! Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are welcome to visit while children hunt for eggs.

The entire Belmont UMC family is invited to join in the fun beforehand by filling plastic Easter eggs. Empty eggs for filling will be handed out at church on Sunday morning, March 31, and Belmonsters are invited to fill them with packaged edible goodies such as chocolate eggs, raisins, Goldfish crackers (NO nuts please!), or crafty treats like crayons or stickers. The filled eggs will need to be returned no later than Sunday, April 7.

Holy Solitude

During the season of Lent you are encouraged to read *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets and Rebels*, by Heidi Haverkamp.

On Wednesday evenings, April 3 and

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Belmont UMC faith in action!



Belmont UMC's Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE) mission team taught persons to empower others for sustainable living in their own context. Belmonsters pictured above: John and Eleanor Kennedy, Ben Grayer, Bart Perkey, Pat Fitzpatrick, Joel and Pat Tellinghuisen, Alexcia Dee, and Joaquin and Barbara Garcia.

Lenten Bible study

On Wednesday mornings March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10, and 17, join us at 10:00 a.m. at Donna Harrison's home as we explore John Indermark's Lenten Study *Gospel Lives: Encounters with Jesus*.

Books can be purchased at the Upper Room or Amazon. Go to belmontumc.org/lenten-bible-study for details.

In preparation for the March 13 gathering, please read week one.

For more information about the study or if you would like to carpool from the

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Requiem

A requiem is a musical service (mass) honoring the dead. This musical form is particularly appropriate during the Lent and Easter seasons when we remember those departed and we look toward our resurrection faith. Belmont UMC will host two concerts that will offer a time of reflective worship through the form of the requiem:

Sanctuary Choir with full orchestra presenting *Requiem* by John Rutter, Sunday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Vanderbilt Chorale and Oratorio Orchestra presenting *Requiem* by W. A. Mozart, Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.