

## This week at Belmont UMC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:30 a.m. Open Door Singers sing at Clark Memorial UMC  
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, MARCH 25

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202  
6:00 p.m. Great Decisions discussion group, 203  
6:30 p.m. UMW Abigail Circle, Iris Room

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

5:45 p.m. Executive Committee, 202

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center  
5:30 p.m. Trust Fund Board, 202  
6:00 p.m. Outreach Ministry Team, 201  
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, MARCH 28

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office  
1:10 p.m. Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

11:30 a.m. Administrative Board, Parker Hall  
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

**MIDWEEK** Belmont UMC Nourishment for the mind & spirit  
**Menu for March 27: Adults, youth, and children:** Pulled pork carnitas, salad, fried tortilla strips, flour and corn soft shell tortillas, sour cream, salsa, cheddar, cilantro, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Fried avocado tacos.

## Save the date for our Easter breakfast!

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the Community Center. The suggested donation is \$5. Come break bread with your Belmont UMC family and celebrate the most joyous day of the year.

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Fourth Sunday in Lent March 31, 2019

Youth preaching 8:15 a.m and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Paul Purdue 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  
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for March: Kairos, Graham-Inquirers, Delta.

## Upcoming musical events

On Sunday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m. the Sanctuary Choir will present John Rutter's *Requiem* in remembrance of Bill Turner, Judy Kohler, Bob Seidel and Dot Anderson.

On Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. W.A. Mozart's *Requiem* will be presented by the Vanderbilt Chorale and Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir and Vanderbilt University Orchestra. Tucker Biddlecomb, director.

## Intern senior recital

Rachel Buchheit, our music ministry intern for the past 2 years as well as a participant in the music ministry for a year before that, has worked with our youth choirs, children's choirs, handbell choirs and the Sanctuary Choir and has been a vital part of the life of the church. You are invited to support Rachel by attending her senior clarinet recital on Saturday, March 30, at 2:30 p.m. at Belmont University School of Music McAfee Concert Hall.



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS For March 24, 2019

## ALL are welcome here.

*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

Debow Casey

*Christian sympathy is extended to* Family and friends of Frances Wooley Meaders.

### In honor of

MILA & BILL TRUAN

Donors:

Celia & Don Joyner

## Congregational care

A beautiful way to stay connected with others is by visiting and calling members who are currently homebound. If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact Carolyn Primm, Chair of Congregational Care (caryhome@verizon.net).

## Save the date for our Easter breakfast!

Everyone is invited to the church-wide Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 21, from 8:30—10:00 a.m. in

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## Guest choir at early service next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 31, the Little Miami High School Select Choir will provide music for the 8:15 a.m. worship service. This group is part of a Festival of Choirs that will be held in our building on Satur-

day, March 30. To accommodate this large choir, the 8:15 a.m. service will take place in the sanctuary next Sunday. We look forward to having these gifted young singers with us.

## My calling as a deacon

*by Jim Strickland*

In 1964, experiencing a call to the ministry of Christian education and church programming required securing a Master of Arts degree in Christian education. My call was to be a lay minister, not an ordained elder. After graduating from Scarritt College and graduate school in 1967, my career began in Anniston, Alabama. I have served churches in Houston, Texas, Hendersonville, Tennessee, Asheville, North Carolina, and here at Belmont UMC. I also served as the Director of Admissions and Placement of Scarritt

College and as Executive Officer of Christian Educators Fellowship. With the creation of the United Methodist Church in 1968, a new terminology for persons in lay ministry became Consecrated Lay Worker. In 1990 Consecrated Lay Workers were invited to become fully ordained deacons, a path that I chose. Serving the United Methodist Church has brought joy and given me rich opportunities to touch the lives of persons of all ages. I am blessed and most grateful for my calling and service.