

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

11:30 a.m. Administrative Board, Parker Hall

11:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Team, 202

1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

MONDAY, APRIL 1

2:00 p.m. UMW Lydia and Sarah Circles, Iris Room

5:00 p.m. Homeplace Board, 201

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center

6:00 p.m. Food Service Committee, 202

6:00 p.m. Midweek Readers Book Club, 120

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, APRIL 4

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

1:10 p.m. Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 a.m. Youth car wash, parking lot

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

2:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir concert, sanctuary

Youth plant sale coming soon!

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sure from the marathon).

Don't buy bedding plants and baskets at a big box store; buy them from our youth and support youth summer ministries!



Menu for April 10: Adults and youth: Chicken tikka masala, couscous and arugula
curried salad, rice, naan bread, and dessert.

Vegetarian option: Tikka masala. **Children:**

Coconut/lime chicken with buttered rice.

Upcoming worship services

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Sandy Sakarapane 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. - Communion in the sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for April: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult

Lenten offering will support Nashville Freedom Schools

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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.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS For March 31, 2019

Joys and Concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Bob Kohler, EnaShea, Chris, Isabelle, Gus, Liam, Jon, and Alanna Kohler in the death of Bob's sister, Barbara Santucci.

Amy, Bill, William, and Elizabeth Anne Cooper in the death of Bill's brother, Tommy Cooper.

Memorials

ETHEL ROBINSON
(Jim Robinson's mother)

Donors:

Pam Auble & Mike Engle

AL REGEN

Donors:

John Burroughs & Jud Burroughs

Nancy & David Hazlewood

Elizabeth & Jerry Stubblefield

Ashley Williams &

Katelyn Williams

Sanctuary Choir concert next Sunday

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.

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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Lenten offering will support Nashville Freedom Schools



The Freedom School provides enrichment activities 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

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The heat is back on!

Thanks to our hardworking Properties Committee, our outdated steam boiler that recently failed during one of the coldest times of the season, has been replaced. This boiler that services the sanctuary, Parker Hall, and Thomasson Hall has been replaced with two new smaller energy efficient boilers. We will save energy due to the multi-stage process which allows us to use only the amount we need to heat the building and also provides redundancy in case of failure. The Properties Committee is also working on replacing the outdated air handler unit that services our children and youth's wings and they expect to provide a cool and comfortable environment just in time for the warmer temperatures. Thank you for your support and patience as we strive to maintain our beautiful and historic worship facility.

Pop-up youth car wash next Saturday

Has the green layer of pollen changed the color of your car? Is it hard to see out of the windows? On Saturday, April 6, come to the youth car wash from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the parking lot near the Community Center. All proceeds will benefit the Open Door singers youth choir tour and mission trip to Charleston, SC, and Wilmington, NC. Come out and support our youth!

Easter egg hunt

Save the date! On Saturday, April 13, we will have an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds at 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine). All children, ages infant—6th grade, are welcome! There will be egg hunts for ages 3 and under, 4s—2nd grade, and 3rd—6th grades. 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 Belmonters 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.*

Organ concert

On Thursday, April 11, at 12:00 p.m. Gayle Sullivan will present an organ concert as part of West End UMC's Lenten series. The 30-minute concert will include works by Walton, Faure, Phillips, and Durufle. Lunch following the concert is available by reservation. Make your reservation by calling 615-321-8500 or online at westendumc.org/news/2019-lenten-noon-concerts.

Children's choir teacher spotlight: Amy Cooper



Amy Cooper (pictured above) is in her 13th year as Director of Children's Music at Belmont UMC. Amy has been singing for as long as she can remember, starting on the swing sets in the backyard. "The higher she'd swing, the louder she'd sing!" Amy fully believes that the words of the sacred music children learn in church will remain in their hearts and minds for a lifetime. When Amy is not singing with the infants and preschoolers at the Parent and Child Music Group, or directing the 3rd-6th grade Chapel Choir, she enjoys being with her family and friends, traveling, stitching and baking.

April 7 Communion offering will support Conference Youth Ministries



This past January, 41 Belmont UMC youth joined over 2500 youth from the Tennessee Conference for Warmth in Winter at Opryland Hotel.

Warmth in Winter is a youth conference designed and led by young people in the Tennessee Conference. The event includes large group worship and discussions, small group breakout sessions, games, and time for young people from all over the area to connect with each other. Your offering at the Communion rail next Sunday will help our conference continue to minister to and with young people all across middle Tennessee.

Upcoming Easter closings

On Good Friday, April 19, the church offices will close at 12:00 p.m., but the building will remain open for the Good Friday worship services at 12:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 21, the building will close immediately after worship. The Monday after Easter, April 22, church offices remain closed.

Youth plant sale coming soon!

Don't let these warm temperatures fool you - spring is around the corner, but there will be a few more frosty mornings before it's here! The youth plant sale begins next Sunday, April 7. Order forms will be available that day; the deadline for orders is Wednesday, April 24. Plant pick up will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (please note that the pickup time has shifted later to avoid road clo-

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