

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:15 a.m. Music therapy presentation, 122
11:30 a.m. Multicultural Fellowship, Parker Hall
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
3:00 p.m. Vanderbilt *Requiem* concert, sanctuary
4:00 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, APRIL 15

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall
6:15 p.m. Children's choirs, Faith Finders hall
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office
1:10 p.m. Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226
5:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday meal, Community Center
6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service, sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213
12:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service, sanctuary
Church offices close at noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast, Community Center
Church closes immediately after worship

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Church offices closed

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- Proper seat belt use and fit, and safe positioning of mirrors to minimize blind spots.

For more information, contact Heather (615-383-0832 x 27). There will be a sign up sheet in your Sunday school class.



Upcoming worship services

Easter Sunday

April 21, 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. - Worship in the sanctuary
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Sunday school classes collecting the offering for April: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult



Menu for Thursday, April 18: *Adults and youth:* Honey gastrique and golden raisin pork loin, spring salad, roasted potato, onion, and mushrooms, rolls, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Sundried tomato, spinach, grain, and goat cheese stuffed portobello caps. *Children:* Chicken tenders and roasted potato wedges.

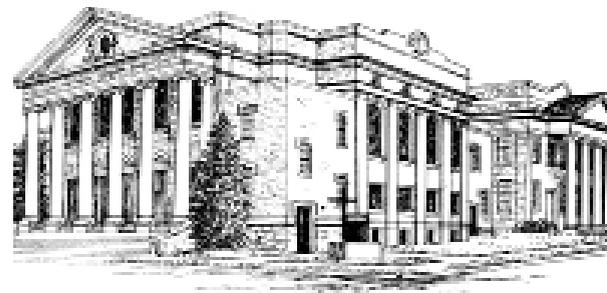
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in the sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 19 - Good Friday worship service, 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. *Church offices will close at noon.*

Easter Sunday, April 21 - Church-wide Easter breakfast, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. Easter Sunday worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. *Building will close immediately after worship.*



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS For April 14, 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

Christian sympathy is extended to Sue and Herb Mather in the death of Herb's daughter, Linda Mahoney.

Memorials

TOMMY COOPER
(Bill Cooper's brother)

In honor of
AMY & BILL COOPER

Donors:
Dixie & Darrell Crase

Easter breakfast for everyone!

Whether you attend the 8:15 a.m. or the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service, you will have time to enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Community Center on Easter morning. Everyone is invited! The breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy scones, quiche, fruit, yogurt bar and donuts, as well as coffee and juice. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

Celebrate Easter with your Belmont UMC family by breaking bread together.

Holy Week at Belmont UMC

Today, we begin our journey through Holy Week, waving palms as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and how quickly things began to change: his betrayal by Judas, the crowds turning angry. On Maundy Thursday we remember his Passover meal with his disciples and friends where he washed their feet and shared bread and wine, foretelling of his arrest, crucifixion and death and his burial in a tomb. On Good Friday, we will repent and grieve. When all seems lost,

we will gather on Easter Sunday, amazed to discover, the tomb is empty. Come, let us journey together through this Holy Week.

All are invited to these events that offer times for worship and reflection:

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Vanderbilt Chorale and Oratorio Orchestra *Requiem* concert, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Midweek dinner moves to Thursday, 5:15 p.m. in the Community Center. Maundy Thursday worship service, 6:15 p.m.

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Jefferson Furtado appointed to Connell Memorial UMC

As United Methodists, our clergy are subject to appointment each year. Last Sunday it was announced that Jefferson Furtado will be leaving our staff and is appointed to be the lead pastor at Connell Memorial UMC. He will begin his ministry there in July.

Although we are sad to lose Jefferson and his delightful family, we rejoice to have partnered with them in ministry. We are thankful for the ways that Jefferson, Linda, Sueli, Cintia and Emma have enriched our congregation. In June, we will send Jefferson

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Vanderbilt *Requiem* concert today

Today at 3:00 p.m., join the Belmont UMC community to worship, reflect, and enjoy a performance of Mozart's famous *Requiem*, presented by the Vanderbilt Chorale, Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir, and Vanderbilt University Orchestra (all under the direction of Tucker Biddlecomb). The *Requiem*, a musical piece that honors the dead, is an emotionally stirring choral masterpiece that is one of the composer's best-known works. The concert will take place in the sanctuary and is free and open to the public. Thanks to Vanderbilt for this generous gift in the Easter season to our church community.

Lenten offering will support Nashville Freedom Schools

Nashville Freedom Schools will be 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.

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.

Year-end giving statements available through Realm

Now through April 30, you can quickly print a copy of your giving statement by logging in to Realm, click "Giving," and then click on the button labeled "2018 Contribution Statement" in the top right corner. Questions? Contact Mark Hage-wood (mark@belmontumc.org or 615-383-0832, ext. 16).

J. G. Bowman Scholarship application deadline is May 3

The J. G. Bowman Scholarship was established to assist with educational costs beyond high school for students that demonstrate both exemplary achievement and financial need. You must be a member of Belmont United Methodist Church to be eligible for a scholarship.

Applications for the school year 2019 - 2020 are due by Friday, May 3, 2019.

Applications can be completed online at belmontumc.org/bowman-scholarship. For more information, contact Susan Fagan (susanfagan@belmontumc.org or 615.383.0832 x 11).

CarFit to be offered at Calvary UMC

The Nashville State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and Belmont, Calvary, and West End United Methodist Churches invite you to join us at the next CarFit event being held on Friday, April 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at Calvary United Methodist Church. This event will be held in the parking lot near the gym entrance. Signs will point the way.

At the event, you'll meet with a trained technician who will work with you to determine how well you "fit" in your car, and make suggestions to address common issues such as:

- A clear line-of-sight over the steering wheel;
- Adequate space between the front air bag/steering wheel and the driver's breastbone; properly adjusted head restraints;
- Proper positioning on gas and brake pedals;

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Children's choir teacher spotlight: Erin Pearce



Erin Pearce (pictured above) is a recent graduate of Boston University School of Theology. She loves painting and singing in the Sanctuary Choir. Participating in children's choir at Belmont UMC was a formative part of her childhood, so she loves helping out with the ministry now!

Youth plant sale

The youth plant sale is underway! Order forms are available from the youth and online at belmontumc.org/youth-plant-sale. 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 pick-up time has shifted later to avoid road closures 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!

Administrative board and youth potato bar fundraiser

The next administrative board meeting will take place on Sunday, April 28, at 11:30 a.m. in Parker Hall.

The meal that day will be provided by Belmont UMC youth, who will sponsor a baked potato bar fundraiser for their summer choir tour and flood relief mission in the Carolinas. Join us for the board meeting, good food, and an opportunity to spend some time talking with youth about life and their upcoming trips. *Reservations are required and must be made no later than Wednesday, April 24.* You can make reservations by calling 615-383-0832.

Belmont ESL Writes

Each week more than 100 students from all over the world come to learn English at Belmont UMC. They come from many different countries and cultures, speak many different languages, and all have a story to tell. On Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., you are invited to come and listen as some of these wonderful stories are read. Make plans to join students, their families, and members of the Nashville community in the Community Center as we encourage, recognize, and celebrate Nashville's multicultural population. Light refreshments will be served.

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forward with our love, prayers and blessings!

Recognizing our desire to focus on and strengthen our children's ministry, our Staff Parish Relations Committee will be assessing the needs of our congregation and working in coordination with our bishop and the cabinet to round out our staff.

We rejoice that Paul Purdue, Heather Harriss, Darren Mayberry Wright and Sandy Sakarapanee will be re-appointed to Belmont for the 2019-2020 conference year.

We always lament these changes inside our appointive system. However, our itinerant system takes its inspiration from Jesus' moving from village to village and Paul's mission driven journeys. Our Elders and Deacons belong to a religious order that, at its best, strives to deploy clergy by ministry needs and clergy gifts.