

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Church offices closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

5:45 p.m. Executive Committee, 202
7:00 p.m. Engagement Plan Committee, 201

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:00 p.m. Advocacy Committee, 201
6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, 202

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office
1:10 p.m. Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226
6:30 p.m. Belmont ESL Writes, Community Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

12:00 p.m. Youth Plant Sale pickup, Recreation Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 a.m. Confirmation celebration, Parker Hall
11:30 a.m. Administrative Board/Youth Potato Bar, PH

Easter Engagement sermon series

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cross is not the last word; it is the beginning. Easter people live with faith, hope and love, and have a boldness. Easter is not a basket of good news flowers to enjoy for ourselves, but a bold, strong stand against evil, oppression, and injustice. It is armed with a holy boldness. The cross and Easter is not the end; it is the beginning. You may crucify my Lord, but there is more. As Peter and the gang of other deniers and abandoners now say with resolve "we cannot obey your unjust laws" we must listen to God, not to human beings - not even the council of the bishops or the president. Easter people are bold and know that God does miracles.



Upcoming worship services

Second Sunday in Easter April 28, 2019

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



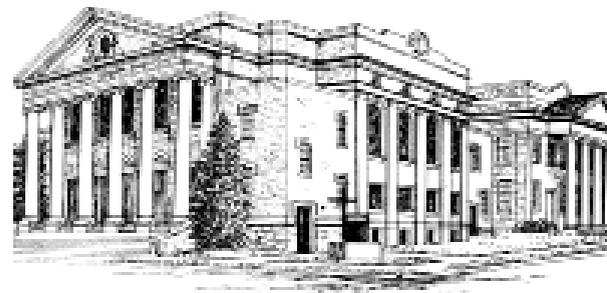
Menu for Thursday, April 24: Adults and youth: Baked BBQ chicken, house salad, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, rolls, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Grilled portobello burgers. *Children:* BBQ sliders and macaroni and cheese.

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

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ism 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 Divinity 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



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Joys and Concerns

Out of the hospital

Aida Minter

Christian sympathy is extended to
Family and friends of Zibby Hassell.

Memorials

EMERSON EDWARDS
(Ken Edwards' father)

Donors

Pam Auble & Mike Engle
Beverly Job
Eleanor & John Kennedy

Confirmation Sunday

Over the past two years, our confirmands have journeyed together through hard questions and wonderful conversations about who they are and what they believe. As we reflect today on our own journeys and what it means to live as Easter people, we invite you to come back next week as our confirmands are recognized at the 8:15 a.m. worship service and celebrated and confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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.



A message from Pastor Paul Easter Engagement sermon series

Easter is not a one-time fixed event that punches our spiritual ticket. Easter signals the birth of a love that can heal every part of our life engaging us in forgiveness, boldness, visioning, mercy, inclusion, and acceptance.

I grew up hearing Easter messages about what Jesus gave me. I now understand Easter beckons me into a deeper engagement with Christ. Easter engages us to act. Easter marks

a birth into God's boundless love. Join us on Sunday mornings after Easter as we explore themes of being bold, resisting, seeing, serving, and changing. Next Sunday, April 28, Confirmation Sunday, we will explore how Easter "engages our boldness." (Acts 5:16-29). Easter is a bold event - life overcomes death, love crucifies hate, forgiveness overcomes mocking, and love overcomes sin. The

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Administrative board and youth potato bar fundraiser next Sunday

The administrative board will meet next Sunday, April 28, at 11:30 a.m. in Parker Hall.

The meal will be provided by Belmont UMC youth, who will sponsor a baked potato bar to support 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 this Wednesday, April 24.* You can make reservations by calling 615-383-0832 or online at onrealm.org.

Director of Children's Ministry and Discipleship position available

Belmont UMC is presently seeking candidates for the position of Director of Children's Ministry and Discipleship to work under the Senior Pastor and alongside other staff and congregational leaders in the area of children's ministry as well as in the discipleship of the entire church family. For more information, go to belmontumc.org/job-openings. Send cover letter with resume to careers@belmontumc.org.

Encourage your friends to support Belmont UMC's ministries through The Big Payback

Thursday, May 2, is the day that thousands of Middle Tennesseans will give millions of dollars to their favorite non-profits in The Big Payback. It lasts only 24 hours, but its effects will last for years.

Belmont has programs throughout Nashville that teach reading, tutor young people, feed the homeless, and welcome strangers, to name just a few. Belmont is participating in The Big Payback, so on May 2, encourage your friends to give to Belmont UMC at the #BigPayback and support our ministries.

TheBigPayback.org is sponsored by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Bowman Scholarship

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.

For more information, go to belmontumc.org/bowman-scholarship.

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 Method-
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Mike DuBose to present U.S.-Mexico border photo program

On Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. Mike DuBose will share photos he took at the U.S.-Mexico border. Mike will speak first-hand on what he observed and learned there about the situation. He is a long-time Belmonter and member of the Friendship class. He and his wife Jane raised their daughter, Mary, and son, Frank, at Belmont. Mike has served as the staff photojournalist for United Methodist News Service since 1995 and travels the globe, frequently to troubled areas, to record news for print and digital media for the UM News Service. This program is sponsored by United Methodist Women. All are welcome!

It's never too late to begin again

Beginning May 2, join us for *It's Never Too Late to Begin Again: Discovering Creativity and Meaning at Midlife and Beyond*. This 12-week program by Julia Cameron, author of *The Artist's Way*, is for anyone who wishes to explore how God is at work in their life through creativity, reflection and wonder. The program will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings, May 2-July 18, in room 124. For more information or to sign-up, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

Text to give

Forget your checkbook? You can text your offering! Text BELMONT to 73256 and then click the link you receive in your text message response. Text giving even saves your payment method so you can quickly give again.

Easter egg hunt a success!



On April 13, more than 100 children, parents, and grandparents from church, the community, and Belmont Weekday School participated in the Easter egg hunt. Photos by Erin Pearce

A few weeks ago, many Belmonters took home empty Easter eggs and filled them with candy and treats, and we are very grateful! Over 100 children, parents, and grandparents from church, the community, and Belmont Weekday School participated in our Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 13, and great fun was had by all! Following egg art activities, infants and toddlers found brightly colored eggs on the Community Center floor while parents took time to catch up with each other. The younger elementary aged children found their eggs hiding in Parker Hall and graciously re-hid some of their eggs when more children showed up at the end of the hunt. The oldest children went on an egg treasure hunt throughout the church deciphering clues written by Pastor Paul and Jennifer Bagwell. Comments from the older children included, "Amazing" and "Cool, but hard!" That's just what we were hoping for! Many thanks to the amazing volunteers who set up, supervised, and helped clean up!