

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JUNE 30  
9:15 a.m. *Time Travel with God*, Parker Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 4  
*Church offices closed in observance of Independence Day holiday*

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## NOAH organizing new task force on public education

Belmont UMC is a charter member of Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH), a coalition of 63 faith communities and labor unions. After a campaign of listening to its membership and a public convention with 400 attendees, NOAH targeted public education as a focus for the next few years. A new task force on public education is being organized, and Belmonsters are invited to join. If interested, contact Mike Engle (jmikeengle@comcast.net); he will let you know when the first meeting is scheduled. NOAH will continue two task forces on affordable housing and economic equity and jobs, and Belmonsters are invited to help with those also.

## Thank you, John Pearce!

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has led the conference's Council on Finance and Administration for the last several years. Because of John's leadership and expertise, the conference has managed its resources and reserves extremely well. John also led the conference in adopting a new, more fair and sustainable method for funding connectional ministries. As of January 1, 2020, the conference will no longer "apportion" the conference budget to churches. Rather, churches will agree to contribute 10% of operational offerings as its "connectional commitment." The churches will also pay directly for the cost of health insurance and pension contribution for their particular pastor(s) under appointment. This all represents a new day for the Tennessee Conference. Many thanks, John Pearce, from Belmont UMC lay and clergy members of the Tennessee Annual Conference.

## Upcoming worship services

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2019

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Sandy Sakarapane preaches 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 July: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult

### July 7 Communion offering will support Benevolence Fund

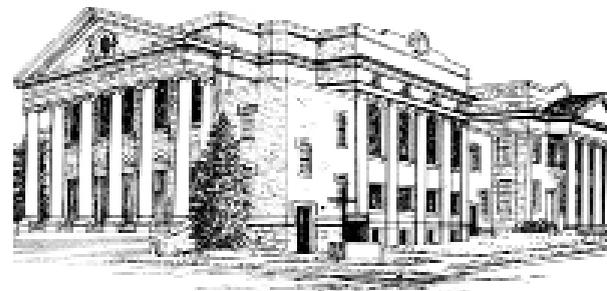
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support, and transformational programs to empower our community and break the cycle of poverty.

### Notary service available

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Angie Slade is a notary and services are offered to members at no cost. If you need a document notarized, please contact Angie (aslade@belmontumc.org or 615-383-0832, ext 23) to set up a time.



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS For June 30, 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*

Hartford Hooper

*Christian sympathy is extended to Lennie and Aida Minter and Billy Robertson in the death of Lennie's father, Leonard Minter, Jr.*

### *Memorials*

BARBARA YOUNG

*Donors:*

Nancy & David Hazlewood  
Nel Schreiber

LEONARD MINTER, JR.  
(Lennie Minter's father)

*Donors:*

Neva Graves  
Beverly Mintmire &  
Hatton Hardison

## Thank you, John Pearce!

Those of us who represented Belmont UMC at the recent session of the Tennessee Annual Conference wish to thank John Pearce who

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## Our summer sermon series begins next Sunday!

Beginning July 7, join us on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. as we explore "caution signs" from the Gospel of Luke that will help bring balance to our lives. We will explore misplacing your allegiance, selecting your neighbors, distracted living, scattered spirituality, subtle greed, unplanned loyalty, and stories of balance and life.

Next Sunday, July 7, we will explore "Misplaced Allegiance:



*Scriptures for balancing life*

a Citizen of Heaven:" (Luke 10:1-11) when Jesus sends out the 72. Make plans to join us!

## July 7 Communion offering will support Benevolence Fund

Next Sunday, July 7, your gifts to the Benevolence Fund will be a witness of God's love to our siblings in Christ who are homeless or who struggle to meet their financial needs. In addition to providing sack lunches to those in need, we are now partnering with Community

Care Fellowship to refer people for bus passes and immediate essential services such as laundry, showers, hot meals, mental health and career counseling, and temporary housing, as well as other services, while offering individualized counseling and

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## Invitation and report from the O.N.E./Barnes Scholarship Committee

by Pat Ward

On Saturday, July 20, the annual award ceremony and celebration of scholarship recipients will take place at the Salama Urban Ministries (1205 8th Avenue - corner of Edgehill) at 9:30 a.m. Belmonsters who are interested in the scholarship program are invited to attend. Your generous Communion offering of \$5,200 last February is a significant portion of the budget; we thank you from our hearts. There will be from 12-15 scholarship recipients in 2019-2020, each receiving \$2,000 in aid. The new legacy scholarship program, open to the extended families of Edgehill residents, has five applicants. Two undergraduate degrees were awarded this spring to scholarship recipients, one in nursing (TSU) and one in media management and marketing (MTSU).

If you are interested in serving as a partner to a student, please contact Pat Ward (pward2727@gmail.com). We also ask for your prayers for the students and the committee as future plans are made.

## Save the date for VBS!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School (VBS), Tuesday, July 9- Friday, July 12. This year, VBS will take place in the evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with an optional dinner from 5:30-6:00pm. Our theme is "Who is my neighbor?"

Who is my neighbor? ❤️



The registration fee is \$25 per family, plus \$5 for each additional child with a \$40 cap. Dinner is an extra \$15 for the 3 nights, and children under 6 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Drop-off for VBS is at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday, July 12, there will be a carnival for families and friends to come and just have fun playing together. The meal on Friday is free for everyone.

Each evening during VBS, we will collect donations to be put into bags for children to distribute to neighbors in need. For details or to register online, go to [belmontumc.org/vbs](http://belmontumc.org/vbs).

Adult shepherds are also needed for each age group. Adults are not being asked to lead activities, just to shepherd, as youth lead the activities.

## Belmont UMC welcomes summer intern



E. A. Cooper

We are so happy to have E.A. Cooper serving with us as an intern this summer. She is a longtime Belmont UMC member and a rising senior at the University of Richmond. This summer, she will be assisting with Children's and Youth Ministries, as well as Congregational Care and Worship. E. A. is very excited to be serving these ministries and hopes to make a difference during her short time with us.

## Communion stewards needed for 8:15 a.m. worship

Setting and clearing the table for Communion is a holy act. Please consider being a part of our Communion Stewards Team. Set or clear the table once a month or more as a way of showing hospitality and welcome. For more information, please contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)).

## Belmont UMC at Pride



Many thanks to Belmonsters who braved the storms last weekend to march in the Pride parade and work at Belmont UMC's booth. Photo by Jacob Vaughn

## Upcoming holiday closing

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the church and its offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

If you need to reschedule a meeting or practice, please contact Angie Slade ([aslade@belmontumc.org](mailto:aslade@belmontumc.org)).

## Save the date for the 2019 All-Church Retreat!

Save the date for the 41st annual All-Church Retreat at Beersheba Springs October 11-13. The theme will be *Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places*, led by Michael Mather. Details coming soon.

## Notary service available

Did you know that Belmont UMC has a notary public on staff?  
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