

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JULY 14
9:15 a.m. *Time Travel with God*, Parker Hall
11:30 a.m. *A New Season for Older Adults* lunch, Parker Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 16
5:00 p.m. Homeplace Board, 201

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 18
8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office
5:30 p.m. Belmont Edgehill UMW *Summer Happening*, PH
6:00 p.m. *It's Never Too Late to Begin Again*, Iris Room

SUNDAY, JULY 21
9:15 a.m. *Time Travel with God*, Parker Hall

Text to give

Did you know 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.

UMW Summer Happening will feature Beth Richardson

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Room's Director of Prayer and Worship Life. She will share her exciting and inspiring life/faith journey at this year's summer happening.

The event will include a potluck supper, and those from Belmont are invited to bring items for Edgehill UMC's "Free Store." Especially needed are disposable items, such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, and Kleenex, etc.

Come for an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration of our Edgehill/Belmont UMC's partnering connections. Men and children are welcome too.

Beth has written three books published by The Upper Room: *Christ Beside Me*, *Christ Within Me: Celtic Blessings*, *The Uncluttered Heart*, and *Child of Light*. Her most recent book is a collaboration with her canine companion, Jack, and is titled *Jack's Book of Blessings: Celtic Poems by a Scottie Dog*. Copies will be available at the event.

Upcoming worship services

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2019

Sarah McWhirt-Toler 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. - Worship in the sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

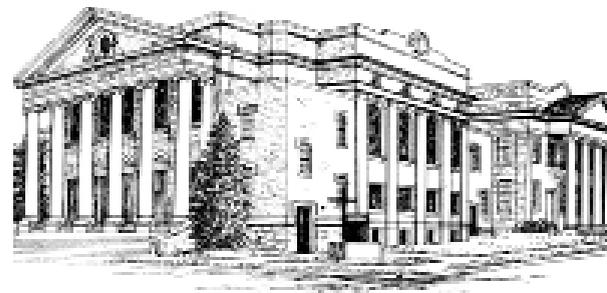
Sunday school classes collecting the offering for July: Friendship, Journey, Young Adult



Summer sermon series - Exploring "caution signs" from the Gospel of Luke that will help bring balance to our lives. July 21: Spiritual living in a distracted world. (Luke 10:38-42)

Notary service available

Did you know that Belmont UMC has a notary public on staff? 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 July 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 Naomi Annandale, Edwin, Gabriel, and Lily Acevedo in the death of Edwin's aunt, Norma "Baby" Acevedo.

Congratulations to

Allison and Paul Budstick, Mary Jane and Phil Duke, Ellen, Matthew, Max, and Jonathan Haber on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Mary Elizabeth Budstick.

Child detention and family separation: What can I do to help?

You are invited to join with other Methodists and raise your voice by contacting our elected officials and encouraging them to legislate and govern with compassion and justice for all of God's children. Go to belmontumc.org/immigration-action for details.

Kate Fields to join Belmont UMC staff as Director of Children's Ministry and Discipleship

Kate Fields is a native of Old Hickory, TN, and has been living in Milwaukee, WI, where she was a pastor at Underwood Memorial Baptist Church. She will begin her work as Director of Children's Ministry and Discipleship here at Belmont UMC on August 1.

Kate studied theology at Vanderbilt Divinity School and is looking forward to returning to Middle Tennessee. Please join us in welcoming her to our staff.

To learn more about Kate and



Kate Fields

her family, read her letter to Belmont UMC on page 3.

UMW Summer Happening will feature Beth Richardson

"Worship nerd, musician, writer, photographer, friend of dogs." All these and more describe Beth Richardson, the featured speaker for this year's combined event with Edgehill

and Belmont UMC's United Methodist Women on Thursday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Parker Hall. Beth is an editor, an ordained person, and Upper

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Pick up your *Christmas in July* boxes today!

Grab one or two Christmas boxes for a child ages 2-12, fill it, and return for distribution in areas of the world where help is needed. Boxes are available in the Iris Room

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) disaster relief will send each box to a missionary in one of eight countries: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and Uganda for distribution to local children.

Each box will include a list of needed items along with instructions for return. Belmont UMC's United Methodist Women (UMW), who are sponsoring the project, will have 100 boxes to hand out.

Unsealed boxes should be returned to the Iris Room no later than Sunday, August 11, to ensure delivery in time for Christmas. Each box will require \$5 for shipping. If you'd like to donate the shipping cost, please make your check payable to Belmont UMW.

Families, youth, and adults are invited to join in this activity. Your participation will put a big smile on a child's face!

Drivers needed for Youth and Children's Ministries

What a beautiful glimpse of the kingdom of God we get to experience as we do ministry together with youth and children from the Golden Triangle Fellowship. Sharing in life and faith together helps us get closer to the fullness of God's grace and love. In pursuit of those glimpses and that fullness, we navigate the logistical realities of transportation. Primary needs are on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons and evenings with other occasional needs arising for special events. Drivers use the church vehicles, and youth and children are picked up from the Antioch area. If you'd be willing to be on a list of approved drivers who can pick-up and drop-off youth and children from the Golden Triangle Fellowship, please reach out to our Pastor to Young People, Darren Wright (darren@belmontumc.org).

2019 All-Church Retreat

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

Historical marker for Rev. Bill Barnes to be unveiled

Friends and family of Rev. Bill Barnes (1931-2017) are invited to gather next Wednesday, July 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Edgehill UMC (1502 Edgehill Avenue) for the unveiling of a historical marker authorized by The Metropolitan Historical Commission.

The marker will be placed at Edgehill UMC to honor Bill's work and memory. The text of the marker reads: "Reverend William L. 'Bill' Barnes, a pastor, civil rights leader and teacher, was often called 'the conscience of Nashville.' Rev. Barnes passionately agitated for legislation that would help those marginalized by race, social class, sexual orientation, incarceration, or homelessness. He also founded many organizations to bring attention to those issues including MANNA (1975), Project Return (1979), and the Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (O.N.E.) Barnes Scholarship (1995).

Go to belmontumc.org/historical-marker to learn more.

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).

Letter from Kate Fields

Dear Belmont,

Hi everyone! I'm Kate; I am so overjoyed to get to meet you and get to know y'all amazing folks of Belmont United Methodist!

To the children and students of Belmont UMC: I am really looking forward to getting the chance to get to know you, to learn your stories, and to journey with each of you as we ask good questions and grow as followers of Jesus. I am also so excited about learning how to put feet to our faith in creative ways in both our church and in Nashville! It will be a deep joy to be able to experience God together and watch how you help lead Belmont!

I hear that in the "Dear Belmont" letters, folks talk about what excites them! So, here are a few things I am looking forward to: getting to know parents and families at BUMC, supporting families for faith formation in the home, celebrating teachers, cross-generational ministry, congregational ministry and discipleship: folks doing life together, building community, putting feet to their faith, and accompanying one another through the joys and sorrows of life, spiritual practices, especially in tandem with the liturgical seasons, community organizing, sourced by our faith, and living into a mutual belongingness.

Here's a bit about my story: I am a native of Old Hickory, TN, and have been living in Milwaukee, WI, for the past three years where I have pastored Underwood Memorial Baptist Church. Underwood is a 174-year-old congregation which was founded on the principles of abolition, serving a critical part of the Underground Railroad in Milwaukee. It has been a joy to serve this congregation, and it is also a tremendous joy to be coming back home to Nashville to serve at Belmont!

I am a biologist-turned-pastor who studied theology through a biological lens at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Prior to seminary, I completed a BS and MS in Biology and conducted biology pedagogy research while working in both veterinary medicine and academic support at the university level. I was ordained at Glendale Baptist Church in Nashville, and my ordination is recognized by the American Baptist Churches USA.

I am committed to living in the intersections of justice, theology and faith. I have done peace-building and climate justice work in Appalachia, Fiji, and broader Oceania, and have served on the National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation USA where we organized around antiracism work. While in Milwaukee, I have been focused on the urgent crisis of lead in drinking water and have served on the Steering Committee of the Interfaith Earth Network, working to get filters in as many homes as possible.

The things that I find life-giving are many; I love to adventure with my partner, Michelle, and our kids, Wesley (15) and Cate (12). I belong to two retired rescued greyhounds, Toby and Windy, and really enjoy working in greyhound rescue. I seriously dig growing vegetables, promoting the local food movement, kayaking, and listening to folk music. That is to say, I have a reasonable certainty that Johnny Cash, Pete Seeger, Woodie Guthrie, and Joan Baez hung the moon!

I am deeply honored and incredibly excited to be coming to serve at Belmont as the Director of Children's Ministry and Discipleship! I have long known of Belmont's witness in Nashville, and I can't wait to meet each of you!



Kate, Michelle, Wesley, and Cate