

This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Church offices closed in observance of Labor Day holiday

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
6:00 p.m. Midweek Readers Book Group, 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. *Try the Choir Night*, choir room
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Coffee with Clergy, Iris Room
11:30 a.m. Senior adult lunch, Parker Hall
1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
3:30 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

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ing your text messaging (standard text message rates do apply), or simply drop your gift marked *Gifts That Change Our World* in the offering plate. Go to belmontumc.org/change-our-world to learn more.

Communion offering will support Africa University's Jason Kite Memorial Fund

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visit to Africa University. He died shortly after his visit, and the Jason Kite Memorial Fund for Africa University was established at Belmont UMC. If you would like to give to this worthy cause, please write "Jason Kite Memorial" on the memo line of your check.



Menu for September 4: *Adults and youth:*

Fried chicken, braised collard greens, mac and cheese, watermelon salad, and dessert.
Vegetarian option: Black bean burgers.

Children: Chicken tenders.

Upcoming worship services

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2019

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Sarah McWhirt-Toler 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
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

Sunday school classes collecting the offering for September: Kairos, Graham-Inquirers, Delta

Young adult gatherings begin September 8!

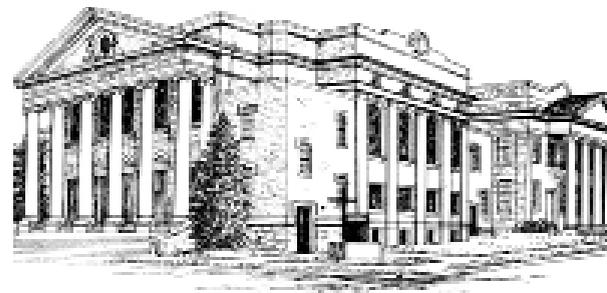
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first will be Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m. and the second is Sunday evenings 5:00-6:00 p.m.. Childcare is available during the Sunday morning class time. Come be a part of this journey as we learn more about ourselves, faith and life in general! Questions? Contact Darren Wright (darren@belmontumc.org).

Lunch sponsored by Senior Adult Ministries

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be the guest speaker. We will also be voting on a new name for our Senior Adult Ministries. Barley to Rise will cater the lunch and the cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 615-383-0832 by September 3.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS For September 1, 2019

Joys and Concerns

Out of the hospital

Miriam Aye
Rick Bernhardt
Hartford Hooper

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Fields, Jo, Tim, and Kelsey Fields, Amy and Patrick Buxton, and Stephan and Jesse Harness in the death of their wife, mother, and grandmother, Linda Fields.

Changes at Belmont's Weekday School

This past week, the resignations of Jean Voorhees, EnaShea Kohler, and Laura Hamilton at Belmont's Weekday School (WDS) came as a sad and unwanted surprise to us all. Like you, our clergy and lay leaders were caught off guard by the resignations of these gifted and caring WDS leaders. We all hold the welfare, nurture and education of the children in the WDS in the highest regard. We are thankful for
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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.

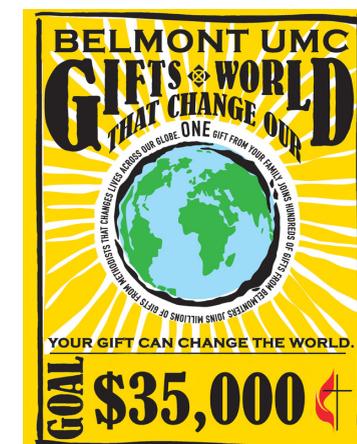


RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Gifts That Change Our World

Our *Gifts That Change Our World* campaign is off to a great start and to date we have raised \$10,305. Over the last few weeks, it has been beautiful to hear how the varied ministries of the United Methodist Church that are supported by our apportionment giving have nurtured and shaped lives. Next Sunday, September 8, we will hear how your gifts impact Africa University.

Our connectional giving is changing our world, and this month we ask you to make a one-time gift between now and September 15 to support these shared ministries. You can give



online through Realm, text BELMONT CHANGE to 73256 us
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Communion offering will support Africa University's Jason Kite Memorial Fund

Your Communion offering today will support the Jason Kite Memorial Fund at Africa University, located in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. Africa University is the first fully accredited United Methodist educational institu-

tion on the continent of Africa offering bachelor's and master's degree programs in six areas of learning.

Jason Kite, the son of Sue Mather, was inspired by his
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Kindergarten Prayer Friends

Calling all parents, guardians, and caregivers! On Sunday, September 29, we will recognize our kindergartners and their Prayer Friends. If you would like to have your kindergartner paired with a Prayer Friend, email Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) by September 15. Also, if your child is not a kindergartner, but he/she/they did not receive a Prayer Friend or is in need of a Prayer Friend, please email Pastor Kate. Prayer Friends are adults in the congregation who are partnered with kindergartners and commit to a year of journeying together.

Save the date for this year's Blessing of the Animals!

On Saturday, October 5, you are warmly invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. for our annual Blessing of the Animals! All pets (dogs, cats, horses, goldfish, hamsters, chickens, iguanas, parrots, etc.) are welcome, as long as they won't eat someone else's! You are also welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you. This blessing event is a chance to help us center nonhuman creation and is also a way for us to acknowledge how deeply meaningful pets are in our lives. So bring your pet to be blessed as we thank them for their love, pray for their health, and acknowledge they matter a lot to us. We look forward to seeing you and your pet!

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our WDS leadership and classroom teachers who provide such excellent care for the children. We resolve to continue Belmont United Methodist Church's tradition of excellent care of our WDS children and to secure excellent interim leadership and long-term WDS administrative leadership. If you have any questions or concerns, Pastors Kate Fields, Heather Harriss, Darren Wright, and myself would be honored to hear from you. The WDS has been serving families in the village for over 72 years, and we plan to continue this important ministry for many years to come. Grace and Peace, Pastor Paul.



Coffee with Clergy



Would you like to know more about being a member at Belmont United Methodist Church? If so, plan to attend Coffee with Clergy next Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. Have coffee and chat with Pastors Paul Purdue and Heather Harriss to learn more about connecting with Belmont UMC.

Third grade Bibles

On Sunday, September 29, we will present our third graders with Bibles during the 10:30 a.m. worship service! Make plans to come. Please email Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) to make sure that we have your third grader on the list to receive a personalized Bible.

Try the choir!

If you ever wondered what it would be like to be in the choir, come to *Try the Choir Night* this Wednesday, September 4, at 7:15 p.m. We want you. No matter your level of experience, age, who you love, how you dress or what you do, you have a place in the Sanctuary Choir. For more information, contact Gayle Sullivan (sullivan@belmontumc.org).

Young adult gatherings begin September 8!

Join us next Sunday, September 8, as we begin our "Becoming Together" series. We will look at change, growth, intersections, and identities through the year. Two class times are planned: the

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Kindergarten Prayer Friends needed!

Belmont UMC's Children's Ministry needs you! Please consider being a Kindergarten Prayer Friend. On Sunday, September 29, we will commission our 2019/2020 Prayer Friends during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Prayer Friends partner with our kindergartners to be a loving presence in their lives. They will be asked to come to the front of the sanctuary on September 29 to stand with their kindergartner. Other opportunities for connection include seeking out the kindergartner to say hello in worship, sending a birthday card, coordinating sitting together on Communion Sundays, inviting their kindergartner to church events like the Advent Festival, Midweek Carnival, and Feast of Lights, showing up when the Kindergartner is singing in worship, walking the Stations of the Cross together during Holy Week, or participating in the Easter egg hunt together. Please email Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) if you are willing to be a Prayer Friend. It will definitely bless your life!

UMW's Christmas in July project was a success!



Thanks to the generosity of Belmonters, our United Methodist Women's (UMW) *Christmas in July* project is a resounding success! One hundred decorated Christmas shoe boxes were delivered to UMCOR for distribution in December to children ages 2 through 12 in third world countries. The boxes are filled with clothing, toys and hygiene items. Pictured above: Sue Mather, Ellen Smith, Karen Roberts, and Susan Hagewood (volunteers with a Belmont UMC connection) preparing the boxes for delivery. Below, Sue and Herb Mather delivering the boxes to the UMCOR depot in Decatur, AL.

Lunch sponsored by Senior Adult Ministries

On Sunday, September 8, at 11:30 a.m. you are invited to a lunch sponsored by Belmont UMC's Senior Adult Ministries in Parker Hall. Sara Beth Warne, a downsizing and decluttering expert, will

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