

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

11:30 a.m. UMW 150th birthday banquet, Community Center
11:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Team, 202
3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:45 p.m. Executive Committee, 202
6:30 p.m. UMW Abigail Circle, Iris Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:30 p.m. Belmonsters for Inclusion, Parker Hall
7:00 p.m. RMN 2020 planning, Community Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, 201
6:00 p.m. Social Justice and Faith, 124
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. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office
1:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers, 226

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213
5:00 p.m. *Wonderfully Made* retreat, Parker Hall
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 a.m. *Wonderfully Made* retreat, Community Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

11:30 a.m. Administrative board, 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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tions of box tops for Red Bird Mission, an excellent Kentucky school for Appalachian children headed to college, as well as a food pantry and provider of some medical services.

Thank YOU for supporting UMW's work and for being a part of this day of celebration!

Upcoming worship services

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 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. - Communion in the sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

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

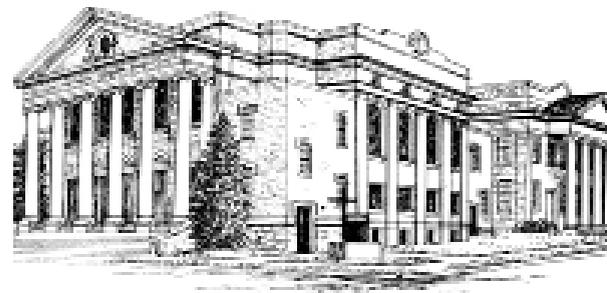
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Through the Ministerial Education Fund, leaders in The United Methodist Church are being sent into the world to serve Jesus Christ and to meet the needs of people. Your giving makes it possible for leaders who have been called and gifted by God to faithfully serve The United Methodist Church.



Menu for October 30: *Adults and youth:* Lemon/tomato braised chicken, roasted root vegetable salad, sweet potato au gratin, yeast rolls, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Lemon/tomato rice cakes. *Children:* Roasted tomato chicken with penne.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for October 27, 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.

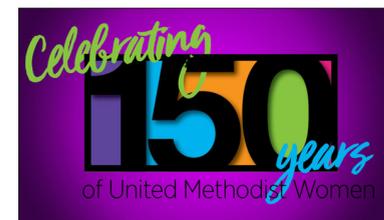


Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Linda Johnson, Anna Lee, and Maggie and Zach Romer in the death of Linda's brother-in-law, Jim Messer.

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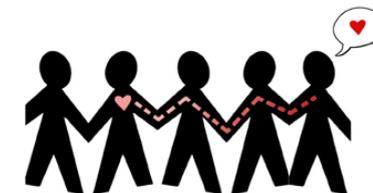
Belmont UMC's United Methodist Women (UMW) have had a great year and appreciates the support of Belmonsters!

A new circle, Hannah, was formed especially for young mothers, concentrating on support for this time in their lives. They read and discussed Gifts of Imperfection

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2020 Stewardship Campaign begins today

The Bible begins with a portrait of God creating, "When the Creator began creating..." Our Creator has never stopped creating, "We are a new creation...Behold, God is making all things new!" (2 Corinthians 5) What might God create through our hearts, hands, and voices? Our stewardship theme turns to the thanksgiving hymn, "Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands and voices . . ." It resonates with



hearts, hands & voices

the great commandment: "Love God with all your heart and soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself." Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and wit-

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Administrative board will meet next Sunday

The Administrative Board will meet next Sunday, November 3, in Parker Hall immediately following the 10:30am worship service.

The deadline for meal reservations is Wednesday, October 30. You can make your reservation at onrealm.org or by emailing Mark Hagewood

(mark@belmontumc.org).

If you register online, be sure to click the blue "Register & Pay" button on the last page if paying online or the blue "Register" button if you choose to pay at the door. You will receive a confirmation email when your registration is completed.

For all you fact finders out there!

What is the UMW anyway? Belmont UMC's United Methodist Women (UMW) are part of an 800,000-woman global organization, the Tennessee Conference UMW, and the Cumberland River District UMW.

For more than 100 years, there has been an active United Methodist Women's group at Belmont UMC. Since 1912, two years after the church was founded, the UMW has been an integral part of our church. Up until 1945, it was called the "Women's Missionary Society."

UMW circles meet at various times and places and plan their own programs. If you'd like to try it out, you are more than welcome to visit one or several. For more information, contact one of these circle leaders: Abigail (Melissa Eckert 615-522-7835), Hannah (Ellen Haber 615-463-3288), Mary (Lori Pearce 615-776-1420), Lydia/Sarah (Beverly Job 615-376-6096), Ruth (Starr Strickland 615-391-4864), or Golden Triangle (Gloria Dee 615-609-7532 and Wisinee Lwe 615-568-4854).

The UMW's budget, supported by voluntary pledges of members, undergirds international outreach (approximately half is distributed by our global organization) and local community organizations including Bethlehem Center, Community Care Fellowship, Martin Methodist College, and Belmont UMC's benevolence fund. The UMW's stated purpose is to be a community of women who seek to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons, through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the United Methodist Church.

November 3 Communion offering will benefit ministerial education

Belmont UMC is blessed with so many members who have responded and are responding to God's call to ordained ministry. Your Communion offering on November 3 will support the Ministerial Education Fund.

Established in 1968, the Ministerial Education Fund provides the financial support to nurture and fund programs that encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry, educational scholarships through annual conferences for persons following their call to ordained ministry, support for thirteen United Methodist seminaries in the United States, continuing-education opportunities for pastors across the connection, and course-of-study education for local pastors.

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Wonderfully Made retreat

Registration through Realm is now open for the 2019 *Wonderfully Made* retreat! This is a fantastic faith and human sexuality retreat for 5th and 6th graders. The retreat will be held at Belmont UMC and parental attendance is required for some parts of the retreat. Sessions will take place on Friday, November 1, in the evening and all day on Saturday, November 2. For more information, contact Kate Fields, Pastor of Children's Ministry and Discipleship (kate@belmontumc.org/615-383-0832, ext. 19).

Christmas stockings for Grundy County

Once again, Belmonsters have the opportunity to provide filled Christmas stockings for young Grundy County children in the Beersheba Springs community. Grundy County is one of Tennessee's poorest counties and most of these children will not have another opportunity to experience the joy of this special season. If you, your children, or your grandchildren would like to fill one or several stockings, they will be available in the Iris Room on Sundays November 10 and 17. A suggested list of items will be provided along with the age range of each child.

The deadline for returning the filled stockings is Sunday, December 8. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The stockings will be distributed at the Beersheba Springs annual Christmas party for the community. For more information, contact Carol Foster (615-210-1160).

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by Brene Brown.

Books in Belmont UMC's library focus on enriching members' understanding of spiritual growth, social action, leadership development, mission and nurturing for community. Several circles have read and discussed America's Original Sin (that is, racism) by Jim Wallis.

For girls in developing countries, the UMW's sewing team continues to make cloth feminine liners and tote bags for the Days for Girls projects.

UMCOR kits were prepared by members and other Belmonsters. Two hundred twenty-eight school kits were completed in 2018 and, in August 2019, one hundred Christmas boxes for children in depressed areas of the U.S. and the world were filled. Belmonsters young and old enjoyed getting involved in these projects!

During this past winter and spring, the UMW sponsored several church-wide programs: Adverse Childhood Experiences, led by Linda O'Neal on February 10; Racism and the School to Prison Pipeline, led by Garlinda Burton from the Nashville Freedom School on March 10; and on May 1, United Methodist photojournalist Mike DuBose presented his photos and narration of conditions along the U.S. southern border and United Methodist relief work there.

At the request of Belmont UMC's Golden Triangle Circle, UMW members hosted a participatory baking class.

Providing leadership in the district, Mary Helen Marigza served as chair of the UMW's nominating committee.

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ness will help us create a community of hope, justice, welcome, and love. Come, let us open our hearts, lend our hands, and raise our voices together!

Here are some of the new things God is creating through us at Belmont UMC: Two new discipleship groups have welcomed fifty-eight young adults and college students. Eighty-one active teens find a spiritual home here (sixty-one of these youth are also Open Door singers!). Our youth are leading us in growing deeper cross-cultural connections, and three of our Karen-speaking young adults are exploring God's call to ordained ministry. We anticipate Pastor Kate's focus on Children's Ministry and Discipleship. How amazing that sixty children currently sing in one of our four children's choirs!

Belmont UMC is helping to lead an inclusive Methodist movement, with five delegates going to Jurisdictional or General Conference, and we are hosting the 2020 national Reconciling Ministries Network gathering.

We lend our hands with Room in the Inn, Habitat for Humanity, Open Table Nashville, work against the death penalty, Encore Ministries (senior adults), Congregational Care, Welcoming Ministry, Spiritual Formation, hospital and homebound visitation, funeral services, United Methodist Women, Belmont-Edgehill Partnership, youth choir trips, youth mission trips, Alcoholics Anonymous, NOAH, Luke 14:12, ESL classes, and so much more!

Please complete your estimate of giving card. We might talk about the Christian tradition of tithing or giving 10% of your income to God as a benchmark; however, loving God and neighbor with our all transcends a math formula. We ask you to make an intentional examination of your giving to God and neighbor. Look at last year's tax return, your bank statements, and your budget, and put a prayerful pencil to your giving. Then fill out your estimate of giving card and return it to the church by our celebration on November 24. You may place your card in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it to the church, or make your pledge online at onrealm.org. Please contact Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org) if you have questions or need assistance.

Your pledge helps us plan our 2020 ministry funding plan. Our goal is 365 cards - your card tells us you believe in what God is creating through Belmont. 2020 is a pivotal year in the life of our church and the Methodist church. We need you to help us create something new. Let us give generously, lend our hands, open our hearts, and raise our voice together.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour the night before.