

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:15 a.m. Coffee with Clergy, 206
- 11:30 a.m. Welcome Ministry lunch, 124
- 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 6:00 p.m. Youth girls basketball practice, Community Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
- 5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee, 202
- 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, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office
- 1:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers, 226
- 5:30 p.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 10:00 a.m. Parent and Child Music Group, 213
- 5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 2:30 p.m. Ekambaram/McGuire concert, sanctuary
- 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



Menu for November 13: *Adults and youth:* Chicken tikka masala, chickpea/cucumber salad, herbed rice, naan bread, and dessert. *Vegetarian option:* Mushroom and quinoa tikka masala. *Children:* Chicken and broccoli with buttered rice.

Upcoming worship services

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 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. - Worship in the sanctuary
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Sunday school classes collecting the offering for November: Simplicity, Covenant, Seekers

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a church home, we sought a church that lifts people up, not tears them down. We pledge to Belmont because we want to be a part of the welcome, not the rejection. We pledge because our church offers safe haven from a stormy world. And although we freely give this welcome from our hearts, we realize that the building and the ministries that support this welcome have a cost. We pledge because we, in our own small way, can help to support this. We pledge for my brother. And we pledge for your brother or your sister who might walk through those doors seeking safe haven and the warm welcome that we all enjoy.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for November 10, 2019

Joys and concerns

Out of the hospital

Lennie Minter
Vivan Hines
Bob Thomas
Connie Purdue

Join us for Children's Sabbath next Sunday

Make plans to join Belmont UMC's Children's Ministry for our Children's Sabbath service next Sunday, November 17, at 10:30 a.m. This is a Sunday when Belmont and the larger United Methodist Church renew the commitment to care for, protect, and advocate for all children!

UMW holiday mission sale begins today

Stop by the Iris Room today between 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
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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.



Stewardship acknowledges that we belong to God and each other

On Sunday, November 3, we celebrated All Saints Sunday. This beloved tradition of lighting candles as the names of the past year's saints are read reminds us of all who lit our way. Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." Even when it feels like night is closing in around us, worship reminds us that we are not alone; the saints surround us and go before us. Others planted our church, wrote beloved hymns, sat at lunch counters, taught us to love, translated scripture, preached hope, and in other ways lit our path. So we pause and remember the light and love that flows from God through human hands, hearts, and voices. We celebrate the good gifts given of God to us by others' hands. We are not alone!

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ture. This year we have set an ambitious goal of 365 pledges for the 2020 campaign. This is going to be a stretch for us, but we are confident that with your help, we can achieve this. If you give but have never pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving Belmont the benefit of your estimate of giving for the coming year. Become a part of our 365. If you do not give, we invite you into the spiritual practice of stewardship! A generous spirit only arises from the habit of giving! We want to encourage our youth to pledge in addition to your family's pledge, even if it is only a small amount. Turning in an estimate of giving card
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Sangeetha Ekambaram and Jennifer McGuire in concert next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 17, at 2:30 p.m. Sangeetha Ekambaram (classical soprano and member of Belmont UMC's Sanctuary Choir) and Jennifer McGuire (piano) are thrilled to present a beautiful and varied concert in Belmont UMC's sanctuary. They will be joined by special guests, Cory Colton (tenor) and Kirsten Cassel (cello). The program will take the audience on an emotional journey through poetry, dramatic scenes, and a rich diversity of musical styles. Sangeetha chose her favorite pieces from a wide range of composers—Strauss, Dvorak, Rodrigo, Charpentier, Puccini, Donizetti, and Brooklyn composer, Valerie Capers. Sangeetha and Cory will also perform a short, staged synopsis of the central love story of Verdi's opera *La Traviata*. With many different languages, translations and images will accompany the audience along the way. All are welcome!

Save the date for the 2019 Advent Festival!

Belmont UMC's Advent Festival is a craft workshop for the entire family that will take place on Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Donations to cover the cost of pizza served by the youth are requested. Proceeds will go toward the youth scholarship fund.

The festival is open to any age, so kids, parents, and grandparents are welcome! Make crafts as you snap pictures and store up warm feelings about Christmas.

If you want to come, just show up. If you are a crafty person and willing to volunteer to host a crafts table, we'd love that! If so, please contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org) or Kate Fields (kate@belmontumc.org). Also, please note there will *not* be childcare offered for this event as families are encouraged to attend together. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Belmont UMC's inclement weather policy

With cold weather finally here, it's a good time to review Belmont UMC's inclement weather policy. When inclement weather occurs, please refer to Belmont UMC's inclement weather policy (below) and check our website (belmontumc.org), Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Realm often for updates, announcements, and cancellations. If you'd like to announce a cancellation or our website or social media, contact Angie Slade (aslade@belmontumc.org).

The inclement weather policy for Belmont UMC is as follows:

Church and Outside Groups – In the event of inclement weather, groups may meet at their own discretion for day and evening activities unless otherwise notified that the building is closed. The church will be open if feasible. Each group will be responsible for its own communications.

Midweek at Belmont – In the event of inclement weather, the Midweek meal will take place at the discretion of the senior pastor and church staff. A decision to cancel the meal will be made no later than noon in order to give the caterer and members as much notice as possible. Adult and youth programs and children's choirs will meet at the discretion of the ministry leaders.

Worship Services and Sunday School – Sunday school and worship services will always occur regardless of weather barring extreme and publicly unsafe conditions.

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get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

Items available at Belmont UMC's United Methodist Women's (UMW) holiday mission sale include Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate bars, hot cocoa mix and olive oil. There will also be Scherm-er pecans and jewelry from Rahab's Hope. Cash or check only, please.

Purchasing Equal Exchange fairly traded items supports and empowers third world farmers who otherwise do not receive a fair price for their crops because of conglomerates who can control pricing.

Rahab's Hope is a non-profit providing help to victims of human trafficking. By purchasing products from Rahab's Hope you are embracing, equipping and empowering the women and children they serve. Rahab's Hope gives job training and jobs, education for children and women, medical care, hope and sustainability.

All holiday mission sale proceeds this year will benefit Days for Girls International, a global movement that provides sustainable sanitary health materials and solutions to girls who otherwise miss school several days each month.

The sale continues next Sunday, November 17.

Upcoming holiday closing

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church and its offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.

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fosters generosity and creates investment in God's work through the church. For all of you who regularly pledge, we thank you and ask that you renew your commitment and become a part of this group of 365 for 2020.

As a sign of our investment and commitment to God's work through Belmont, please turn in an estimate of giving card and then stop by the foyer and write your name on the paper-person and tape the symbol to the board as part of our 365!

You should have received your estimate of giving card in the mail; cards are also available in the pews. Cards are available in both English and Karen. After you have filled out your estimate of giving card, return it to the church by our celebration on November 24. You may place your card in the offering plate on any Sunday, mail it to the church, or make your pledge online by signing in at onrealm.org, clicking on the "Giving" link, and then clicking the "+Pledge" button. And don't forget to tape your paper-person to the board in the foyer. Thank you for helping Belmont make a difference in the world.

Why we support Belmont UMC with our gifts and service

by Jon-David Headrick

Right now, Belmont UMC is asking each of us to support our 2020 Ministry Fund. If each of us who finds a spiritual home at Belmont opens our hearts, lends our hands, offers our voices, and turns in our estimate of giving card, the results will be visible and amazing. Ministries that change lives and have changed our lives are why we support Belmont financially.

If you'll indulge me for a moment, I'd like to tell you what initially drew us to Belmont and one of the reasons we pledge every year. I grew up in a Christian tradition that is very different from what we enjoy at Belmont. About 20 years ago, a minister of the church that my parents brought us up in came to see my brother at his home. He sat down in my brother's living room, accepted a cup of coffee, and told Phillip that he was being excommunicated from full communion with the church because of who he chose to love. This church was all that my brother had ever known. His spiritual and religious identity was intimately tied to the teachings of this tradition. As you might imagine, it shattered his world, his trust, his sense of identity, and it shattered his faith itself. As a protective older brother, his experience had a profound impact on my life and was the beginning of my leaving the church as well.

And so, many years later, when Ashlee and I were looking for

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