

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 a.m. *Wondrous Mystery* Advent study, 206  
11:30 a.m. Charge Conference, Parker Hall  
4:00 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
5:00 p.m. Open Door Singers & Sanctuary Choir, choir room  
6:00 p.m. Feast of Lights, sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00 p.m. *Wondrous Mystery* Advent study, 122  
6:00 p.m. Dembiec Christmas concert, sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office  
10:00 a.m. *Wondrous Mystery* Advent study, Iris Room  
5:30 p.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:15 a.m. *Wondrous Mystery* Advent study, 206  
4:00 p.m. Service of Lament and Hope, chapel  
5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

## Room in the Inn volunteers needed

Resolve to start the new year off by serving others. You can join a team of Belmonters to offer warm hospitality to 12 homeless guests on a cold Friday night. Volunteers are needed for Room in the Inn on Friday, January 3. If you can help by providing food for dinner, bringing 12 sack lunches, serving as an overnight host, or driving the church bus, please contact Susan Utley ([susanutley@comcast.net](mailto:susanutley@comcast.net)) or Nelda Schreiber ([nvbs10@aol.com](mailto:nvbs10@aol.com)). Check out the poster in the foyer to see other needs and to sign up to help out with this important ministry.

## Gratitude jars for staff

To show appreciation for our staff, gratitude jars have been set up in the foyer. Stop by the table under the TV display and leave a note of love and appreciation for Belmont UMC's staff.

## Upcoming worship services

### 3rd Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Heather Harriss 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 December: Harbison Jessie Rustin Fellowship, Delta/Kairos, Graham-Inquirers

## Construction work

Belmont UMC's Properties Committee has been busy evaluating and accessing the safety of our campus. One of the projects to improve safety is to update the fire doors leading from the foyer to Thomasson Hall and the sanctuary. The door to the sanctuary is complete while work on the Thomasson Hall door continues. During construction, Thomasson Hall is best accessed by using the sanctuary elevator or the entrance on 21st We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to maintain the beauty and safety of our worship facility.

## Follow us on social media!



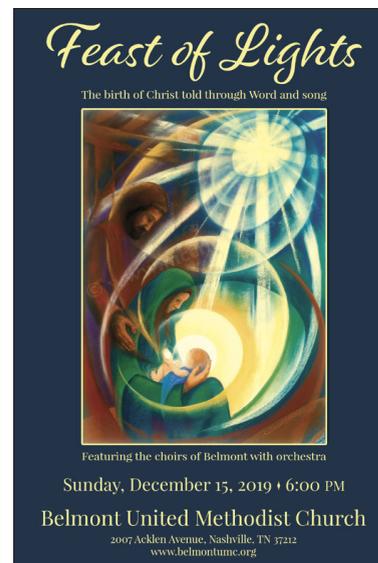
## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for December 15, 2019

### Joys and concerns

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Tillman Harris, Jill Quast, and Ron Harris in the death of their wife and mother, Martha Harris.

### Feast of Lights is tonight!



## 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.*



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### Christmas Miracle Offering

Each year, Belmonters celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth. We wait and reflect during Advent, and we remember. We also look to the future.

That's where the Christmas Miracle offering comes in. Your donation to the offer-

ing this year helps to guarantee an outreach coordinator will be working for Open Table Nashville. What better future can we imagine than to help to solve homelessness in Nashville?

Please give generously as our goal is \$25,000.

### Service of Lament and Hope

Sorrow and grief often accompany the season of Advent and Christmas. It can be a time when we are reminded of the many changes and losses in our lives. Our service of Lament and Hope on Sunday, December 22, is a time to experience the light of Christ in our lives, even in the darkest night. You

are invited to this service of contemplative music, scripture, and prayer. This candlelight service will take place in the chapel at 4:00 p.m. on December 22. After the service, those interested are invited to go to Hopdoddy (across the street) for dinner together.

### Year-end giving

Gifts are welcome any time, but remember that for 2019 tax purposes, gifts must be at the church or postmarked by December 31. Can't make it to the church or post office by

December 31? You can make a gift online by visiting [belmontumc.org/give](http://belmontumc.org/give) and clicking the "Give Now" button. For questions, contact Mark Hagedwood ([mark@belmontumc.org](mailto:mark@belmontumc.org)).