

This week at Belmont UMC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church offices closed for New Year's Day holiday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

5:30 p.m. Youth boys basketball practice, Community Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

Tessa Del Pino named new executive director of TNJFON

Belmont UMC's Tessa Lemos Del Pino, J.D., has been named the new executive director of Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON).

Founded by Belmont UMC in 2008, TNJFON provides affordable, high-quality immigration legal services to immigrants and refugees, educates the public and faith-based communities about immigration-related issues, and advocates for immigrant rights. It is a member of the National Justice for Our Neighbors network, a ministry of The United Methodist Church. "Serving as the executive director of Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors is an opportunity to bring my training, work experience, and passion to the table. It truly feels like the culmination of all my education and work experience leading to this moment," Tessa says. Other Belmont UMC members who are active with TNJFON are Jeff Sheehan, incoming chair of TNJFON's board; Victoria Rebeck and Allysa Curran, board members; and Carolyn Thompson and Emma Tsai, clinic volunteers.

Christmas Miracle Offering

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This position is funded by Belmont UMC and other local United Methodist Churches. This year we are once again helping to make the valuable work of OTN outreach possible through the annual Christmas Miracle offering. Please consider giving to the offering this Advent season. All proceeds will go toward OTN and the coordinator's salary. As OTN so eloquently states, "We believe that housing is not only the foundation of healthy communities, it is a human right."

Upcoming worship services

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2020

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Wisinee Lwe 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 January: Young Adult, Friendship, Journey

End the year strong

Thank you to everyone who has made financial contributions to Belmont UMC in 2019! Your gifts have enabled countless ministries this year that helped us share the light of Christ. We still have a few outstanding pledges that we need to collect by Tuesday, December 31. If you still have an outstanding amount on your 2019 pledge, or are able to help by contributing a little extra, please bring your contribution to a worship service, deliver it to our business office, put it in the U. S. mail, or donate online at belmontumc.org/give by Tuesday, December 31. For questions, please contact Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org).

Sunday school holiday schedule

Please note that there will be no children's or youth Sunday school on January 5.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for December 29, 2019

Joys and concerns

Memorials

MARTHA HARRIS

Donors:

Shirley Dodson

Barbara & Joaquin Garcia

Eleanor & John Kennedy

Robert Mueller

Judy Stubbs

Betty Jane & Larry Taylor

Barbara Venrick

Betty & Charlie Warfield

Graham Inquirers Class

DOUGLAS YOUNG

Donor:

Graham Inquirers Class

GAYLORD MARSHALL

(Connie Bergquist's father)

Donor:

Shirley Dodson

Christmas Miracle Offering

Your 2019 Christmas Miracle Offering will support an outreach coordinator position at Open Table Nashville (OTN). To date, we have collected \$14,433.

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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

Named Beloved: Living our Baptism Sermon Series



On Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., January 12—February 16, join us for our *Named Beloved: Living our Baptism* sermon series. Baptism is God's gift offered to us without price. During this

series, we will explore how God names us as beloved children through baptism. Each Sunday we will look at a different question within our liturgy with a special focus on the essential verbs.

Midweek at Belmont will resume on January 8

Midweek at Belmont will kick off its 2020 season on January 8 with Steve Sullivan. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in room 124 where Steve will do a reading and book-signing of his new book, *The Voice of the Heart*. Copies can be purchased at Amazon.

Go to belmontumc.org/voice-of-the-heart to learn more.

The following week on January 15, at 6:00 p.m., we will journey with Gayle Sullivan through her presentation of *Lessons from the Organ*.