

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 3:30 p.m. *Revolutionary Kingdom* book study, 203
- 4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 2:00 p.m. UMW Lydia/Sarah Circles, Parker Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Properties Committee, 202

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, 202

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
- 5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
- 6:00 p.m. *Faithful and Inclusive*, 124
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Readers Book Club, 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. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Clergy, Iris Room
- 1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 3:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 3:30 p.m. *Revolutionary Kingdom* book study, 203
- 4:30 p.m. Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth, Community Center

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victions, we the people of the Resist Harm movement are compelled to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves and especially as it relates to LGBTQ persons who are the target of the Traditional Plan and other discriminatory provisions in The United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline. Go to resistharm.com to learn more.

Upcoming worship services

5th Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2020

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
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship in the chapel

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



Named Beloved: Living our Baptism - Nurture, love, forgive. (Romans 16:1-16, Matthew 16:13-15)



February 5: *Adults and youth:* Chicken and mushroom marsala, arugula/spinach salad, pasta, garlic knots, and cream cheese brownies.
Vegetarian option: Mushroom, spinach, and tomato marsala.
Children: Chicken and mushroom alfredo with penne.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for February 2, 2020

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

Out of the hospital

Tim Gaddis
Coyle Hazelwood
Fei Er Miller

Congratulations, Heather!



Heather Harriss

Heather Harriss, Pastor of Congregational Care, is now a certified spiritual director. In January
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Communion offering will support O.N.E./BARNES Scholarship

Today's Communion offering will support the O.N.E./Barnes Scholarship, an Edgehill neighborhood program founded by Rev. Bill Barnes when he was pastor of Edgehill UMC. Belmont UMC has long supported this initiative to assist post high school students enrolled in accredited college or certificate programs. In 2019/2020, twelve applicants were awarded scholarships, including two in the legacy program for extended families residing within and outside the neighborhood. One person is enrolled in an

aesthetician program and others are in colleges and universities. Fulltime students received grants of \$2,200. An important part of the scholarship is the assignment of a partner who is a supportive mentor/friend to each student who stays in regular contact. Currently, five Belmont UMC members have been or are scholarship partners. If you are interested in becoming a partner, please contact Pat Ward (615-385-2350 or wardp2727@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

Belmont UMC to host national RMN gathering

February 27-29, Belmont UMC will host Connection 2020, a national gathering sponsored by the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). Approximately 200 people from United Methodist Churches across the

country will attend to mobilize individuals who want to reform and rebuild the UMC, train reconciling churches and communities to affirm LGBTQ people, and to strategize for the upcoming

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Faithful and Inclusive series begins this week

Beginning this Wednesday, February 5, join us for *Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, sexuality, and the United Methodist Church*, a new six-week DVD/discussion series produced by Reverend Rob Fuquay, senior pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis, IN, under the sponsorship of The Wilke Institute for Discipleship. This series allows participants to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church. The six sessions will cover the following subjects: February 5 - How United Methodists interpret scripture, February 12 - Old Testament passages, February 19 - The influence of culture on how we read the Bible, March 4 - New Testament passages, March 11 - The Jesus ethic: What did Christ say?, and March 25 - Where does the UMC go from here?

Leadership for this series will be provided by Jim Strickland, Pastor Paul Purdue, and Pastor Kate Fields. The series will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in room 124. All are welcome!

Share your icon to help create our prayer wall

If you google the word "icon" you will find a blend of information on software design icons, trademark brand icons, and icons for praying or meditating. During the upcoming Lenten season that begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, Belmont UMC's Arts Council will seek to help us focus on prayer icons, rather than those we use on our phones. A prayer wall displaying these icons will be put up on the administrative hall. If you would like to share one or more of your personal icons, please contact Mary Beth Franklyn (615-477-6678) or drop off your icon in Anne Hoback's office (room 103) no later than Friday, February 21.

Marriage Rites

This past week, a ministry celebrating marriage rites for all the people called United Methodists launched their new website. Marriage Rites is a witness to God's extravagant grace by celebrating with prepared and committed LGBTQ couples in the blessing of the covenant of Christian marriage which was established by God who created us for each other. Go to marriagerites.org to learn more.

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, February 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Iris Room. Have coffee and chat with Pastors Paul Purdue and Heather Harriss to learn more about connecting with Belmont UMC.

Congratulations, Heather!

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she completed a two-year training program with the Haden Institute. Heather is very grateful to the Trust Fund and Staff Parish Relations committee for their support. Spiritual direction is a way to companion with others on their spiritual journey. Heather learned many different ways to go deeper on our spiritual journey, including contemplative prayer practices like Lectio Divina, breath prayer, journaling or walking the labyrinth, ways to use the Enneagram and the Myers/Briggs Type Indicator to better understand oneself in relationship to God and to others, taking time to explore our dreams as a way to see and hear how God may be at work in our lives, and much more. Spiritual direction provides an opportunity to notice where and how the Holy Spirit is at work in your heart and in your life.

If you would like to know more, contact Heather (heather@belmontumc.org).



Notary service available

Did you know that Belmont UMC has a notary public on staff? Angie Slade is a notary and services are offered to members at no cost. If you need a document notarized, please contact Angie (aslade@belmontumc.org or 615-383-0832, ext 23) to set up a time.

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ing General Conference. In addition to worship led by Bishop Karen Oliveto, noted musician Mark Miller and others, sessions will focus on the Protocol Plan and related legislation, the U.S. as a regional conference, and the 21st century UMC.

During this weekend, Belmont will be the center of the progressive movement to make the UMC more inclusive. Registration for the full three days, including breakfasts and lunches, is only \$140. You can find more information and register online at rmnetwork.org/connection2020. If you are unable to attend, you can support this cause by making a donation to Belmonters for Inclusion to help cover the costs of hospitality kits for attendees.

Connection 2020 is a rare opportunity for Belmont to play a significant role in shaping the future of our denomination. It's our chance to witness to the UMC and provide exceptional hospitality to visitors from across the church. Your presence, support, and prayers are needed.

Parent and Child Music welcomes special visitor



On Friday, January 24, Windy, the gentle, kind-hearted greyhound and Pastor Kate visited the Parent and Child Music group! The children loved singing with Windy, as she listened, and even chimed in with a "ba-roooooo!" Photos by Amy Cooper

#ResistHarm

Resist Harm is a United Methodist movement of faithful resistance to the anti-LGBTQ Traditional Plan.

The Resist Harm Movement stands firmly within our Wesleyan tradition of the wideness of God's grace in a broken world in need of Christ's love. In light of the Traditional Plan passed by the Special General Conference 2019, we cannot remain silent and thereby complicit with legislation that discriminates against LGBTQ persons and that meets pastoral care with punishment.

In a spirit of humility and in a wounded church of differing con-

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