

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 11:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Team, 202
- 3:30 p.m. *Revolutionary Kingdom* book study, 203
- 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, MARCH 2

- 2:00 p.m. UMW Lydia and Sarah Circles, Iris Room
- 6:30 p.m. Weekday School PTO Committee, 202

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 10:00 a.m. *Simplifying the Soul* Lenten study, Iris Room
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek at Belmont dinner, Community Center
- 5:40 p.m. Children's Chimes, 226
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga, Parker Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful and Inclusive, 124
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Readers Book Club, 120
- 6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, 201
- 6:00 p.m. Youth discussion, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Children's choirs, Faith Finders hall
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Clergy, Iris Room
- 11:30 a.m. YAMS lunch, Parker Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
- 3:30 p.m. *Revolutionary Kingdom* book study, 203
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Emily Bowland and friends in concert, sanctuary

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following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

## Upcoming worship services

**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 2020**

Paul Purdue preaching 8:15 a.m and 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
Darren Wright 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 March: Kairos and Graham Inquirers



March 4: *Adults and youth*: Chicken and smoked sausage gumbo, caillou greens, red beans and rice, jalapeno corn bread, yeast rolls, and dessert. *Vegetarian option*: Veggie caillou and cajun rice/bean cakes with remoulade. *Children*: Cajun mac and cheese with sausage and regular mac and cheese.

## Joys and concerns

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### Memorials

MARTHA HARRIS  
JASON KITE

*Donor:*

Jim Fitzpatrick

### In honor of

GAYLE SULLIVAN  
CINDY CALDWELL

*Donors:*

Kathryn & Ken Edwards

ANNA CRAMER

*Donor:*

Adina Barocas



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for March 1, 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

*Christian sympathy is extended to* Amy, Bill, William, and Elizabeth Anne Cooper in the death of Bill's stepmother, Frances Cooper. Tom Summers in the death of his brother.

### Memorials

HARTFORD HOOPER

*Donors:*

Connie & Greg Bergquist  
Clif Compton  
Shirley Dodson  
Beverly Mintmire &  
Hatton Hardison  
Betty Jane & Larry Taylor  
Barbara Venrick  
Pat Ward

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## Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour the night before.

## Communion offering will support UMCOR Sunday

Offerings left at the Communion rail today will support UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This offering makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. The funds from this special UMC offering cover the operating costs of United



Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) so that in times of crisis, 100% of donations go directly for disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

Go to the UMCOR Sunday webpage ([umcgiving.org/UMCOR](http://umcgiving.org/UMCOR)) to learn more or to give online.

## Pray Practice Persist sermon series begins today

Do you ever consider that God's Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness for difficult spiritual testing? Our Lenten sermon series "Pray Practice Persist" will explore themes of focus, suffering, adversaries, endurance, proof-texting, and spiri-

tual preparedness. All of this in hopes that our prayers, practices, and persistence may prepare us for whatever trials may come our way. Today through Easter Sunday, April 12, join us at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for this Lenten sermon series.

## Emily Bowland and friends in concert next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 8, Emily Bowland, clarinetist, along with cellist Sari De Leon-Reist, and pianist Allesandra Volpi will present a concert at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will be chamber music featuring *Clarinet trio in A Minor, Op. 114* by Johannes Brahms. These three musicians have extensive careers in the Nashville and surrounding areas and were recently featured artists performing this work on 91FM's classical radio "Live in Studio C." The concert on March 8 will also include the music of Ernest Chausson, *Andante et Allegro*, Leonard Bernstein, and *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano*.

## Visit our icon prayer wall

Belmont UMC's Arts Council has set up an icon display on the administrative hallway. You are invited to take a few minutes to visit the display and gaze on the icons. Let your eyes find where they want focus and when a particular icon speaks to you, take a photo with your iPhone. Then, as part of your Lenten journey, spend a few minutes each day gazing at the icon, letting your mind be still and allowing the gazing to be your prayer.

## Mission Fair set for March 29

by Jane DuBose

If you've wondered how to connect your gifts and talents with a mission and outreach project, we will have some answers on Sunday, March 29. That's when Belmont's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Mission Fair in the Community Center.

The event will be from 9:00—10:30 a.m., and we encourage all to visit various ministry partners of Belmont. You'll see representatives of Freedom School, JFON - Justice for our Neighbors, Open Table Nashville, Edgehill Early Learning and others. In addition, representatives from the Family Reconciliation Center, this year's Lenten offering designee, will be present.

Each group will share how you can volunteer with their organization, and you'll be able to see videos and photos highlighting the good work done by these partners. Plus, like any good fair, come prepared to have a little fun!

If your organization is interested in having a table at the fair, contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)).

## Lenten offering

Nearly every weekend, a five-bedroom house in the Nations neighborhood of Nashville hosts a community unlike most any you'll encounter. It's a community of families brought together by their desire to visit their incarcerated loved ones.

This community is made possible through Family Reconciliation Center, a unique ministry founded on the idea of the power of family in reconciling those touched by incarceration. This year, Belmont's Outreach Committee has designated the center as the recipient of the annual Lenten offering. The funds raised will be used to help defray the cost of providing free overnight lodging at the center.

The need for this ministry - which includes a weekend community dinner - has never been greater, considering the high cost of hotels in Nashville. The center hosted 119 individual visits in 2019 from nearly 50 families, most all visiting family at local prisons. We encourage Belmonters to prayerfully consider their prayers for justice, love, and help for our neighbors this Lent.

For ways to give, visit [belmontumc.org/lenten-offering](http://belmontumc.org/lenten-offering).

## Follow us on social media!



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, for photos, videos, and live-streamed events that you won't find anywhere else.

Find us on Facebook at BelmontUMC.Nashville, and on Twitter and Instagram at [belmontumc.org](http://belmontumc.org).

## 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 on Sunday, March 8, 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.

## Dreams: A way to listen to God

Lent is traditionally a time to deepen our existing spiritual practices or to add a new spiritual practice. Beginning Thursday, March 10, join Heather Harriss, Pastor of Congregational Care, for Dreams: A way to listen to God. We will look at Bible stories and explore how God communicates through dreams. We'll consider our own dreams and what the Holy Spirit may be bringing to our attention. Join us on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in room 122 on March 10, 17, 24, and 31. For more information, contact Heather ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)).

## YAMS lunch

Next Sunday, March 8, join YAMS (Young Adults in Ministry and Service) for lunch in Parker Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No need to make a reservation - just come to enjoy food and time together. If you need childcare, please contact Jennifer Bagwell ([bagwelldesign@bell-south.net](mailto:bagwelldesign@bell-south.net))

## Music Makers Cocoa House



On February 13, the Music Makers choir (1st-2nd graders) and their directors, Katie Pattullo and Anne Trudel, hosted their annual Cocoa House. Parents performed talents such as playing the piano, reading a picture book out loud, dancing, speaking German, and even a staring contest! The night was capped off with an animal parade from the God's Flock choir and, of course, sweet treats and hot cocoa! Photos by Katie Pattullo.

## Order an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one

This is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings, March 15, 22, and 29 in the Iris room, or by contacting Anne Hoback ([ahoback@belmontumc.org](mailto:ahoback@belmontumc.org) or 615-383-0832). These beautiful lilies will be used to enhance the Easter worship experience on April 12. *The deadline to place your order is Monday, April 6.* Donors may pick up lilies immediately

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