

## This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, MARCH 16  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 202

TUESDAY, MARCH 17  
4:00 p.m. *Dreams: A way to listen to God* study, 122  
5:00 p.m. Homeplace Board, 201

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18  
10:00 a.m. *Simplifying the Soul* Lenten study, Iris Room  
*No Midweek meal or programming due to spring break*  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MARCH 19  
8:00 a.m. Women's Centering Prayer Group, Heather's office  
1:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers, 226

FRIDAY, MARCH 20  
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn, Community Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 22  
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

## New name for Lydia/Sarah Circle

At our circle meeting on March 2, the Lydia and Sarah Circles chose a new name since we are now a combined circle. Instead of Lydia/Sarah Circle, we will now be called the Phoebe Circle.

The Apostle Paul wrote in the letter to the Roman Church: I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people, and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a benefactor of many people, including me.

The name Phoebe means "pure," "radiant," or "bright," and was the name of a Titan in Greek mythology. Paul refers to her both as a deacon and a helper or patron of many. This is the only place in the New Testament where a woman is specifically referred to with these two distinctions.

The Phoebe Circle will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Iris Room. Interested women are always welcome to attend or to join our group.

## Upcoming worship services

### 4th Sunday in Lent March 22, 2020

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

## Encore Ministries lunch cancelled

The lunch scheduled for Sunday, March 29, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

## Plan to spend the morning of March 29 at the Mission Fair

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with them. You'll be able to learn more about Edgehill pre-schoolers, Freedom School summer scholars, Project Transformation reading, hospitality at Family Reconciliation, homeless services through Open Table, and much much more. Come a little bit hungry because we'll have treats. See you there!



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for March 15, 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**  
Sarah Lea Barrick and Rob Barrick in the death of their mother, Dot Ann Barrick.

Gayle and Steve Sullivan in the death of Gayle's mother, Irene Andrews.

### Memorials

CHARLES WARFIELD

#### Donors:

Janet & James Ayers  
Pam Auble & Mike Engle  
Allister & Bill Estes  
Helen Ewers  
Tillman Harris  
Betty Jane & Larry Taylor  
Graham Inquirers Class

HARTFORD HOOPER

#### Donors:

Tillman Harris  
Linda, Eddie, & Ken Newton  
Sue Smith  
Jane Sribney  
Joyce & Cleo Williams  
Nancy & Terry Womack

BOB HOOPER  
(Richard Hooper's brother)

#### Donors:

Tillman Harris  
Mila & Bill Truan

## Save the date for our Easter egg hunt!

On Saturday, April 4, we will have an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds at 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine). All children, ages infant through sixth grade, are welcome! There will be egg hunts for differing age groups. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are requested to participate in the hunt with their children. We would also appreciate any volunteer help that folks can give.

The entire Belmont UMC family is invited to join in the fun beforehand by filling plastic Easter eggs. We will

need help dividing the eggs on Wednesday night, March 11, in the Iris Room. Empty eggs for filling will be handed out at church on Sunday morning, March 22, and Belmonters are invited to fill them with packaged edible goodies such as chocolate eggs or candy (NO nuts, please!), or crafty treats like crayons or stickers. The filled eggs will need to be returned no later than Sunday, March 29.

For more information, contact Pastor Kate ([kate@belmontumc.org](mailto:kate@belmontumc.org)).

## Plan to spend the morning of March 29 at the Mission Fair

*by Jane DuBose*

If you're looking for a curriculum idea or are interested in doing a shorter Sunday school class, we have an option for you. Belmont UMC's Mission Fair is scheduled for Sunday, March

29, in the Community Center. The hours are 9:00-10:30 a.m., and you'll find lots of ministry partners ready and willing to talk about what we can do to share time, talents and gifts

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