

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 3

1:00pm Carillon Ringers, Zoom
5:30pm Open Door Singers, Zoom
6:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 5

6:00pm Board of Trustees, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom
7:00pm Dr. Lib Caldwell webinar for parents, Zoom
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Zoom
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom
1:00pm Celebration Ringers, Zoom
5:00pm Outreach Committee, Zoom
6:00pm From oral tradition to the CEB study, Zoom

SUNDAY, MAY 10

1:00pm Carillon Ringers, Zoom
5:30pm Open Door Singers, Zoom
6:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

Sewing machines donated to Mama Lynn Center

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manage their own affairs. He went on to say that today they know how to do all of these things and have a positive optimistic outlook on life, as well as a Christian faith that will sustain them.

Over the last three months, more than \$5,000 was donated to the center by the Graham Inquirers class, children and grandchildren of missionaries to the DRC, and others from the Memphis Conference. These donations were used to purchase forty sewing machines so that each woman in this class at the Mama Lynn Center will each have her own sewing machine. Many thanks to all who donated!

Webinar for parents

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(kate@belmontumc.org).

Join us for a short conversation about simple things you can do at home to nurture your lives of faith! If you have topics you'd like to be explored in this webinar, email them to Pastor Kate and she will pass them along to Dr. Caldwell.

Upcoming worship services

5th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020

Heather Harriss preaching 8:15am and 10:30am worship services.

8:15am - Facebook live
10:30am - Facebook live

Reimagining Hope

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:3)

May 10 - Hope transforms fear (Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16)

Joys and concerns

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Memorials

IRENE ANDREWS
HARTFORD HOOPER
CHARLES WARFIELD

Donors:

Anne & Neiland Pennington

CHRIS GERMINO

Donor:

Michael Aurbach

JO ANN PURDUE

Donors:

Connie & Paul Purdue

In honor of

BART PERKEY

Donor:

Pat Gannis



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for May 3, 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 Family and friends of Don Hildebrand.

Kathy and Lytle Anderson in the death of their mother, Sally Spann.

Memorials

DOT ANN BARRICK

Donors:

Linda & Gary Oseman

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Youth plant sale ends May 6

If you haven't done so yet, be sure to place your plant order no later than this Wednesday, May 6. Proceeds from the youth ministry fundraiser will support summer missions that include the Appalachia Service Project and mission scholarships. Plants will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, May 9, just in time for Mother's Day!

The plants, provided by Reid Batsel at FAST'S Greenery, will be healthy, fully developed, and

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Sewing machines donated to Mama Lynn Center

by Bill Lovell



Forty sewing machines were donated to students at the Mama Lynn Center in Kindu, DR Congo.

The second Mama Lynn class of forty women is about to graduate. In a phone conversation with Bishop Gabriel Unda back on February 29, he told

me that when this class started, most of the women did not know how to read, sew, cook, or have the self-confidence to

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Webinar for parents

Dr. Lib Caldwell from Vanderbilt Divinity School will join us on Wednesday, May 6, from 7:00-8:00pm for a Zoom webinar titled *It's All Ok! You're not*

Alone! You can parent for faith expression—yours and your child's! For Zoom access info, contact Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org).

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The Upper Room May/June issue available free as downloadable PDF



Since churches are unable to meet and gather safely in their buildings during the pandemic, The Upper Room is offering the May/June 2020 issue, both in English and Spanish, as a free downloadable PDF.

During this time of anxiety and isolation *The Upper Room* wants to make it as easy as possible for people to find resources to support spiritual health. They are providing the May/June 2020 issue of *The Upper Room* magazine, both in English and Spanish, for download at no cost. In addition, four short prayer resources that address specific needs are also available. Go to upperroom.org/special-editions to download both.

How to give: Online giving

ready to plant since the danger of frost will have passed. There will Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting the different ways to make financial gifts to the church. Find the way or ways that work best for you.

Isn't it amazing how many financial transactions we make online these days? Whether it's an order from Amazon, a dinner delivery from DoorDash when we just can't bear to cook one more time, or paying a doctor's bill, we use our credit and debit cards online nearly every day. Did you know you can also make a donation to the church online? Just visit onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/give/now and enter your information. Choose your amount and the fund to which you'd like to give. You can then choose to make a one-time gift ("Give Once") or set up a recurring gift ("Give Multiple Times"). If you have logged in to onrealm.org first, you can even securely save your payment information.

As always, for any questions, visit belmontumc.org/give or contact Mark Hagewood at mark@belmontumc.org.

Herb Mather to lead Bible study on Zoom

Ever wonder how we got from stories around campfires to modern English translations of the Bible? On Thursday evenings at 6:00pm now through June 4, Belmonter Herb Mather will explore this saga via Zoom. Herb will look at the movement from oral tradition to the decisions about which books would be in our Bible to our modern translations. What does this story have to do with the way we read the Bible today?

If you'd like to participate in this study, contact Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) for Zoom access information.

Bowman Scholarship

The J. G. Bowman Scholarship was established by Belmont UMC member Emma Bowman in memory of her husband, James. The scholarship is to assist with educational costs for a student who demonstrates both exemplary achievement and financial need. Applicants who have a connection to Belmont UMC will be given preference.

Applications for the school year 2020—2021 are due by June 15, 2020.

Complete an application online at belmontumc.org/bowman-scholarship. For additional information, please contact Susan Fagan, Business Manager (susanfagan@belmontumc.org).

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be bedding plants as well as single large geraniums and gorgeous baskets. So hold off on running to the big box stores (and avoid the crowds while you're at it) and support our youth missions and outreach fund by ordering your plants from a youth or by completing the order form available at belmontumc.org/plant-sale. The sale will end on Wednesday, May 6. Feel free to share this with your family, friends, and the new neighbors you have met during this safer at home season.

To follow safety protocols and social distancing, we will provide curbside pick-up from 9:00am—12:00pm on Saturday, May 9, outside the Recreation Room (small gym) at the church. When you pull up, please remain in your vehicle and your order will be placed in the trunk/back of your vehicle by a youth volunteer wearing gloves and a face mask. A box will be available for you to drop your check in that day. You can also pay online at onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/give/plants.

Questions? Contact Darren Wright (darren@belmontumc.org) or Lori Pearce (thepearces@comcast.net).

ESL stories from our intermediate level students



Mary Kaye Jordan's intermediate level 4 ESL class.

English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher Mary Kaye Jordan considers it a privilege to work with Nashville's immigrant community and help them learn a new language and adapt to life in a new country and culture.

One of the projects she has her intermediate level students do is write personal stories. These stories are usually showcased in a community wide celebration (ESL Writer's Night) in the spring. Due to Covid-19, this year Mary Kaye is sharing her students' stories online in the form of a downloadable pdf booklet. Her students worked hard on their stories and Mary Kaye wants to celebrate their efforts.

Go to belmontumc.org/esl-stories to download the story booklet.