

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 31

4:30pm Open Door Singers, Zoom
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

MONDAY, JUNE 1

7:00pm Outreach Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

6:00pm *The Plague* book discussion, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
6:00pm Worship Committee, Zoom
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Zoom
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom
6:00pm *From oral tradition to the CEB* study, Zoom

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

4:30pm Open Door Singers, Zoom

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ers some great, helpful ideas to do faith journeys with children during this time.

On the discipleship front, we continue to offer an online Bible study on Thursdays with Herb Mather, and on June 2, a book club with Pat Ward who will start with *The Plague* by Albert Camus. Soon we are starting post-worship connect groups which will meet after our 10:30am service to reflect each week. Our adult Sunday school classes continue to meet on Zoom and nurture the community they do so well. We're also putting a large focus on small group curriculum for faith formation opportunities in the home by creating field guides that will come out in June. Lastly, we're creating an opportunity for LGBTQIA Belmonter to meet on Zoom and live into our mutual belongingness. We know that in all things, Grace has brought us safely thus far and grace will lead us home.

Help us plan ways to safely regather

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those into account as we plan the next steps.

Please take time to do this survey and help us plan for regathering. You can take the survey at belmontumc.org/survey.

Upcoming worship services

1st Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2020

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

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

June field guides

Beginning in June, each week worship will be accompanied by a field guide sent to you via email the Friday before. These field guides will focus on materials that small groups can use to both prepare for Sunday worship and strengthen community during a time of physical distancing and isolation. As people who follow the way of love, we seek to nurture ourselves and each other that we may go out and be witnesses to love in the world. Though the manner of this looks a bit different right now, the task remains the same. Join us in this work of discipleship!

LGBTQIA Belmonter Zoom gathering

Calling Belmonter who identify as LGBTQIA! On Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30pm you are invited to gather via Zoom to check in, tell stories, be encouraged, and laugh together. If you'd like to join in, contact Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) for access information.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for May 31, 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

Memorials

TILLMAN HARRIS

Donors:

Helen Ewers
Beverly Mintmire &
Hatton Hardison
Susan Logan
Pat Ward

MARTHA & TILLMAN HARRIS

Donor:

Judith Smith

Help us plan ways to safely regather

As the city reopens in this time of COVID-19, bringing larger groups together in the same physical space requires careful planning. Belmont UMC's Regathering Team has been working through the logistics and trying to find the safest ways to bring us together again in person. We have developed a short survey to gather information about your experiences, thoughts, and ongoing needs so we can take

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June sermon series

Our June worship theme will "Christ's Kin-dom: On Earth - Right Now - Among Us." Matthew 10:7 tells us to "go and preach; the kingdom of heaven has come near." The Incarnation shows us God's plan for healing, justice, peace, and love on earth, right now among us.

On June 7, we will explore

the Trinity and us - God's messy love. (Genesis 1:1-26-27, Romans 8:1-4, 24-28, 35-39) Paul uses words like Creator, Spirit, Christ, and "Christ in us" almost interchangeably. We can try to theologically classify, categorize, or dwell in the holy mystery of God who is love, existing in relationship.

Ministry updates

Over the next few weeks, we will share updates from various ministry areas. This week we continue with an update from Pastor Kate, Pastor of Children's Ministry and Discipleship.

Children's Sunday school has been meeting via Zoom and is just finishing our 2019/2020 Sunday school year. To celebrate this ending and say goodbye to our 6th graders as they move into the youth group, we are throwing an all Sunday school end-of-the-year party

at 9:15am on Pentecost, May 31. Pentecost bags have been put together for families. We are starting to think through an online VBS format, as well as other virtual summer programming. Parents continue to meet on Wednesday nights to nurture community as we parent children during COVID-19. Last week, we met with Dr. Lib Caldwell, expert in children's spirituality and faith formation, and she gave parents/caregivers some great, helpful ideas to

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