

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
5:30pm Columbarium Committee, Zoom
6:00pm Executive Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Zoom
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom
10:00am *How to be an Antiracist* book discussion, Zoom
8:30pm *How to be an Antiracist* book discussion, Zoom

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
12:00pm Administrative board, Zoom
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

WDS updates and needs

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high chairs, a glider/rocker, and a small table with 2-4 chairs. Please contact the WDS office (615-383-0886) if you would like to donate. Many thanks!

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dren options. Registration is required, so please sign up at belmontumc.org/compassion-camp as soon as possible. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org).



Upcoming worship services

4th Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020

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

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

Christ's Kin-dom: On Earth - Right Now - Among Us

June 28 - Even the smallest good heals the world. (Matthew 10:39-42)

Joys and concerns

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Memorials

SALLY SPANN

Donors:

Beverly Job

Anne & Neiland Pennington

Betty & Charlie Warfield

DOT ANN BARRICK

Donors:

Nancy & David Hazlewood

Betty & Charlie Warfield

JIM BARRICK

Donors:

Nancy & David Hazlewood

CHARLES WARFIELD

Donors:

Pat & Dwayne Sagen

In honor of

CHRISTY PERKEY

Donors:

Anna & Phil Cramer



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for June 21, 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:

Jane & Bill Gray

Nancy & David Hazlewood

Betty & Charlie Warfield

MARTHA HARRIS

Donors:

Nancy & David Hazlewood

DOTTIE GLAUS

Donors:

Gaylynn Cheatham

Beverly Job

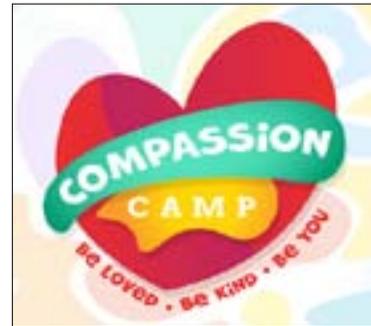
Betty & Charlie Warfield

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Children ages 3—6th grade are welcome to join us for Compassion Camp June 28—July 23. At *Compassion Camp*, kids and families will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. We will gather on Sundays—Thursdays for a short time each morning. Stay tuned for additional details.

Most of the gatherings will be either pre-recorded or on Zoom. On Sundays, we'll gather during the Sunday school hour, and Monday—Thurs-



day, we'll gather at 10:00am. Most sessions will have either younger children or older chil-

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Administrative board to meet next Sunday

Belmont UMC's administrative board will meet next Sunday, June 28, at 12:00pm via Zoom. Contact Mark Hagedorn (mark@belmontumc.org) if you need the Zoom link.

Belmont UMC celebrates recent Supreme Court ruling

On Monday, June 15, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is illegal for an employer to fire someone because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We celebrate this victory with our LGBTQ siblings.

The court's 6-3 ruling extends the scope of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion, to include LGBTQ people.

Amy-Jill Levine at Belmont UMC

Popular teacher Amy-Jill Levine will be giving a series of Zoom lectures dealing with the Sermon on the Mount during the Sunday school hour on July 12, 19 and 26. Our entire congregation is invited to participate; instructions for joining the on-line lectures will follow. The lectures are being given by the Graham Inquirers Sunday school class in memory of longtime members Dot Anderson, Judy Kohler, and Barbara Young.



Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

Dr. Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, and Professor of New Testament Studies at the Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University.

She has been at Belmont UMC before, lecturing on Jesus' parables and many of us have participated in her annual lecture series at The Temple. A prolific writer and frequent speaker all over the world, she describes herself as a "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible belt."

WDS updates and needs

Belmont Weekday School (WDS) reopened on June 15 for those families needing child care during the summer session. Everything has gone well as staff, children, and parents adjust to implementing the Covid-19 CDC guidelines for childcare programs into our daily routines.

We are also using this time to prepare for our fall session, organize/clean the school, and make plans for updated procedures moving forward. Previously, the WDS was licensed for 9 months to five years of age but now, as part of the new procedures, we have updated our license to be able to offer child care to children starting at 6-weeks-old. We believe that this will provide care to a wider demographic of working parents in our area. Other plans include adding a resource/break room for our staff.

As we move forward with our plans, we are in need of certain items and asking for donations of the following: 2

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LGBT study

Belmont UMC was contacted to help spread the word about an important paid survey taking place in the south. The survey is part of a larger study called the Vanderbilt University Social Networks, Aging, and Policy Study (VUSNAPS). The goal is to understand more about the social relationships, health, and aging of older LGBT adults. VUSNAPS is being conducted by and for the LGBT community with the support of Vanderbilt University and the National Institutes of Health. The results of this study are informing and shaping supportive policy and programs for older LGBT adults in the south. VUSNAPS reached out to our church because of the wide welcome we offer to the LGBT community.

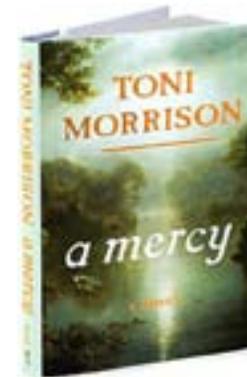
Go to belmontumc.org/lgbt-study for details.

End racism



We commit to challenging unjust systems of power and access. Go to umc.org/endoracism to learn more.

New book discussion with Pat Ward



On Tuesdays July 21, 28, and August 4, at 6:00pm, Pat Ward will lead a discussion of Toni Morrison's novel, *A Mercy*, via Zoom. This story is about the early underpinnings of slavery in America.

This discussion is open to everyone. You are encouraged to read the novel prior to the first Zoom gathering. For more information or Zoom access information, please contact Pat Ward (wardp2727@gmail.com).

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) to set up a time.

Ministry updates

Over the next few weeks, we will share updates from various ministry areas. This week we continue with an update from Pastor Heather, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults.

During these times of social isolation, Congregational Care, Encore Ministries, the Outreach Team, and the Worship Committee have been amazing in their efforts to help us stay connected and help us to live out our faith in action.

Carolyn Primm has worked tirelessly to pair up members in our congregation for support and to create networks that help us to care for one another.

Jim Robinson created the survey for our members age 65 and older. The great response to this survey is helping us to move forward in ways that are innovative and inclusive during these times of uncertainty and change.

Outreach continues to be our guide as we seek to be a part of bringing justice and mercy to our local community and to the wider world. Our relationships with Open Table Nashville, Project Transformation, Reconciliation House, and Habitat for Humanity here in Nashville, and our partnerships with Malawi and Give Ye Them To Eat, continue and help these ministries to endure during new challenges.

As we have shifted to online worship, the Worship Committee has made sure that our worship space reminds us God is always with us. From the dried twigs of Lent to the promise and paradox of Palm Sunday to the glorious new life of Easter, their thoughtful planning has brought us together in spirit and helped to remind us that we are the body of Christ—even when we can't worship together in the sanctuary.

As we grow into new ways of caring for one another, for reaching out in love to the world, for worshiping together, we are grounded and rooted in our knowing. We are a community of Christ followers growing in love of God and neighbor.

AmazonSmile now available in iOS and Android shopping apps

AmazonSmile customers can now support Belmont UMC in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations: Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device, go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into settings. Tap AmazonSmile and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

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