

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:15am Compassion Camp VBS, Zoom  
12:00pm Administrative board, Zoom  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

MONDAY, JUNE 29

10:00am Compassion Camp VBS, Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

10:00am Compassion Camp VBS, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

10:00am Compassion Camp VBS, Zoom  
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom  
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, JULY 2

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom  
10:00am Compassion Camp VBS, Zoom  
10:00am *How to be an Antiracist* book discussion, Zoom  
8:30pm *How to be an Antiracist* book discussion, Zoom

FRIDAY, JULY 3

*Church offices closed for Independence Day holiday*

SUNDAY, JULY 5

5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

### WDS updates *Continued from page 2*

other early childhood centers are experiencing during the reopening process. We have done our first survey of families for fall and we anticipate a significant increase of enrollment in August. We are using the summer session as a time to prepare for our fall session, organize/clean the school and make plans for updated procedures moving forward. As part of this, we are searching for a few extra materials: two high chairs for our Infant classroom, a glider/rocker, and a small table with 2-4 chairs for our staff resource room. Please contact our office (615-383-0886) if you would like to donate. Thank you in advance!

### Shepherds needed *Continued from page 2*

of our flock. If you are healthy, ready to return, willing to learn, able to model, and prepared to teach others our best practices, please contact Angie Slade (aslade@belmontumc.org).

## Upcoming worship services

### 5th Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020

Kate Fields 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*

July 5 - Fault-finders, gate-keeper, or burden lifters. (Matthew 11:1-6, 16-19, 25-30)

### 2020 changes to Belmont-Edgehill UMW summer gathering *Continued from page 1*

honor her, and the work done by the women of UMW, past and present, at each church. We're asking that each Belmont woman or family donate a total of \$38 by July 16. More is also welcome!

Please make checks out to Belmont United Methodist Women, with "Summer Happening" in the memo line and send them to Beverly Mintmire (39 Belcaro Circle, Nashville, TN, 37215).

### Stories from ESL level 2 class *Continued from page 2*

and audio file or with other online opportunities. As soon as it is safe for Belmont ESL to open again, Mary Jane will welcome all of her students back to study English.



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for June 28, 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

#### *Out of the hospital*

Nelia Kimbrough

*Christian sympathy is extended to Ken, Anne, and Claire Ballew in the death of their wife and mother, Martha Ballew.*

#### *Memorials*

TILLMAN HARRIS

*Donors:*

Jim Fitzpatrick  
Evelyn Doxey &  
Danny Hazlewood  
Claudia Justice

DOTTIE GLAUS

*Donor:*

Martha Kesler

### Administrative board to meet today

Belmont UMC's administrative board will meet today at 12:00pm via Zoom. Contact Mark Hage-wood (mark@belmontumc.org) if you need the Zoom link.

### 2020 changes to Belmont-Edgehill UMW summer gathering

Since July is right around the corner and it's the traditional time for the Belmont-Edgehill United Methodist Women (UMW) Summer Happening, we need to get the word out about some changes this year. With these unprecedented times, things will look very different. This year, Belmont and Edgehill UMW have re-imagined their traditional summer combined event. This is our 19th consecutive year, and we are celebrating the passage one hundred years ago of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave all U.S. born or naturalized women the right to vote. We are honoring the courageous and committed women who worked so long to bring it to fruition.

We'll celebrate the 19th amendment by having words from Belmont's president, Sue Mather, and Edgehill's president, Cynthia (Ceci) Matthews, about their activities and causes



during the past year. Instead of tangible items for the Edgehill Free Store, we'll ask each Belmont woman to donate \$19 so that the Free Store's limited-income clients can buy items they typically obtain there not covered by food stamps (such as feminine products, household, and paper products). In lieu of the food that UMW members and other Belmont women bring to the pot-luck gathering, we're asking that they donate a second \$19 for Luke 14:12, which provides meals for Nashville's homeless community. Late Edgehill UMW member Laura McCray began Luke 14:12 and we will

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## Stories from ESL level 2 class



*Mary Jane Duke's level 2 ESL class*

Stories written by the students in the Level 2 class at Belmont UMC's English as a Second Language (ESL) school were written in the winter of 2020. The students' teacher is Mary Jane Duke. The first drafts of many of these stories were written in the students' first languages, and a special thank you goes to Peggy West for editing and typing all of these stories and to Patsy Lanigan and Muye Yu for translating. Peggy leads an ESL conversation class on Thursdays; Patsy volunteers in Level 2 and is fluent in Spanish. Muye, a friend of Mary Jane's, used to live in Nashville and now works in Chicago. The story "Six Degrees of Separation" explains how his translating of the stories came about. All of these stories are available on our website at [belmontumc.org/esl-stories](http://belmontumc.org/esl-stories).

The 2019-2020 school year was cut short by two catastrophes: first the Nashville tornado and then the Covid-19 Pandemic. The last day of class was March 10, 2020. Many of the students are continuing to study English remotely by doing the lessons Mary Jane sends via email

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## WDS updates

The Weekday School's summer session is in its second week, and everything is going well under the new guidance. We started out with twelve children enrolled for June; our enrollment will grow to fifteen for July. Although enrollment is low compared to summers in the past, it is comparable to what

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## Amy-Jill Levine to present Sermon on the Mount series

During the Sunday school hour on July 12, 19 and 26, Amy-Jill Levine will be giving a series of Zoom lectures dealing with the Sermon on the Mount. All are invited to participate. Go to [belmontumc.org/amy-jill-levine](http://belmontumc.org/amy-jill-levine) to learn more.

## Encore series: Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit



Make plans to join us Wednesdays, July 15—August 19, at 5:00pm for a new Encore Ministries series that will help us tend to our souls during this time of isolation and change. Stay tuned for more information.

## Upcoming holiday closing

The church offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

## Public witness against racism and racial violence



*Belmont UMC was invited by the Black Methodists for Church Renewal to participate in a witness against racism and racial violence. On Saturday, June 20, members encircled the church and observed silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in memory of George Floyd. Photos by Jerry Park.*

## Shepherds needed

These are tricky days with conflicting data about when and what makes for a safer return to in-person worship. Thankfully, our recent congregational survey revealed that most of us are enjoying online worship and are cautious about returning to indoor in-person worship. The Regathering Team's plan is to implement a phased or step-by-step return, evalu-

ating each step as we go. We invite you to explore this plan at [belmontumc.org/a-safer-return](http://belmontumc.org/a-safer-return).

One of the beloved Biblical images is the good shepherd, who helps folks find their way. We need shepherds to help us practice and lead others in what the best practices for a safer return to indoor in-person worship will be. Once we reopen, these trained shepherds will help model, usher, and guide the rest

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