

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2  
12:30pm Virtual Youth Banquet, Zoom  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom  
5:00pm UMW 19th amendment series, Facebook live

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4  
6:00pm *A Mercy* book discussion, Zoom  
6:00pm Board of Trustees, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5  
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm *Nurturing Mind, Body, and Spirit* series, Zoom  
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom  
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6  
8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom  
1:00pm Celebration Ringers, Zoom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7  
10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8  
9:00am Walking the labyrinth, Community Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

### Walking the labyrinth

Walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer that invites us into God's love. Each Saturday, beginning August 1, a labyrinth will be set up in the Community Center and available for use from 9:00am-2:00pm. Entering the serpentine path of the labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or a prayer.

In order to practice social distancing, we ask that you sign up for a time slot at [belmontumc.org/labyrinth](http://belmontumc.org/labyrinth).

### Encore Ministries series continues this week with Susan Bradford

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August 5, Belmonter Susan Bradford will lead us in a discussion of the book *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley, which is available on Amazon.

For Zoom access information, contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)). To see a schedule of upcoming topics, go to [belmontumc.org/encore-series](http://belmontumc.org/encore-series).

## Upcoming worship services

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020

Darren Wright preaching 8:15am and 10:30am worship services.

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

*"I won't let you go"*  
Stories of decision, grit, and perseverance

**August 9** - Is the Lord really with us or not? The people cry out. (Exodus 17:1-7)

### Voting rights series jumps to the 2020s

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Shanna Hughey, and Tequila Johnson will not only inform you about Tennessee's standing in voting rights, but they will also energize you to do something about it. Quigley is chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper, who represents Nashville in the House of Representatives. Hughey is president of Think Tennessee, and Johnson is co-founder and vice president of Equity Alliance.

They will discuss the aftereffects of the 19th amendment, racial politics and voting rights, and how Tennessee may have failed to live up to its legacy for voting-rights change. Their session promises to answer questions and inspire action.

To tune in to the 5:00pm session, go to Belmont UMC's Facebook page and click on "videos." You do not need a Facebook account in order to view this. When the prompt for signing up or creating an account pops up, simply ignore it.



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for August 2, 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*

Jean Flippen

#### *Congratulations to*

Brooxie Carlton and Tom Baird in the birth of their son, Thomas Henry "Hank" Baird, IV.

### Parent and Child Music resumes on Zoom!

If you are a parent, grandparent, or caregiver with a young child (birth through preschool), we welcome you to join this lively group of singers, movers, and shakers on Fridays from 10:00-10:30am! Children will learn songs of faith and that their church family and God loves them.

We will gather online via Zoom. There will be no parking challenges and children can stay in their pajamas!

Our next session begins on Friday, August 7, at 10:00am. For Zoom access information or questions, please contact Amy Cooper ([amy@belmontumc.org](mailto:amy@belmontumc.org)), Director of Children's Music.

### Overcoming voter suppression in 2020 and beyond



Lisa Quigley



Tequila Johnson



Shanna Singh Hughley

Did you know that Tennessee ranks 45th among states in voter registration? Did you know Tennessee had the next-to-worst voter turnout among states for the 2016 presidential election?

These are just two of the many insights you'll learn Sun-

day in the last installment of the United Methodist Women's series on voting rights. The series, sponsored by Belmont and Edgehill UMWs, is called "The 19th Amendment and Its Relevance 100 Years Later."

Speakers Lisa Quigley, *Continued on page 4*

### Encore Ministries series continues this week with Susan Bradford

On Wednesday evenings, now through August 19, Encore Ministries is presenting a series called *Nurturing Mind, Body, and Spirit* via Zoom at 5:00pm.

The series is designed to help us tend to our souls during this time of isolation and change.

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

As we transition to a new school year in youth ministry, we have a tradition of celebrating the past year together and lifting up our high school graduates one last time at our youth banquet. We invite you to join us in holding these amazing young people in prayer as they embark on new journeys. May they know wherever life takes them they will always have a community praying for them and eager to welcome them home whenever they return.



**Anna Bagwell** graduated from Hume-Fogg School. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh and study environmental studies and rehabilitation science. Anna participated in the Nashville Children's Choir for six years and has finished her fourth year in the Nashville Youth Choir. Outside of choir, Anna has played cello in her school orchestras for eight years. She has been a member at Belmont UMC since she was born and has been active in choir, handbells, and church basketball. Her favorite Belmont memories are from Beersheba and crazy times at Midweek. She will miss her church family very much.



**Ben Deppen** graduated from Hillsboro High School. He was a part of the cross country and soccer teams all four years. In the fall, he plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis.

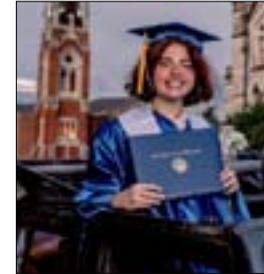


**Audrey Hines** graduated from Hume-Fogg School in May. She has been active at Belmont UMC since kindergarten and stayed involved in Sunday school, youth group, and children's/youth choirs. Audrey is thankful for her Belmont family's support and encouragement. She was a 5-year member of the Tennessee Youth Symphony, played in the high school wind ensemble, a member of her high school swim team, and participated in a summer league swim team for 12 years. Audrey plans to attend Colorado State University and study Environmental Engineering and Environmental Policy. In the event of a COVID-19 imposed gap year, she will continue her internship with a Tennessee state senate campaign and the United States presidential campaign.



**Gus Kohler** graduated from Hume-Fogg School with district honors, Tennessee honors and Tennessee distinction. He participated in jazz band, concert choir, and was a captain on the varsity soccer team this past year. Gus was awarded a band letter and 4 pins for his 4 years of concert and jazz band at HFA. He will attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville this fall studying in the School of Music and was the recipient of both the Jim Dreher and Jerry Cocker music scholarships. Gus will work towards a Masters in Music and honing his jazz bass and piano prowess in the studio music and jazz studies program. Gus is looking forward to continuing to play soccer in college on UTK's men's soccer club. Belmont UMC has been an influence in his life before he was baptized in

2003. Beginning with Belmont Weekday School in fall 2002, Gus has participated in many aspects of life at Belmont. He sang in God's Flock, Joyful Noise, Chapel Choir, and with the Open Door Singers. He has also participated in choir trips and the Appalachia Service Project. Gus has been an acolyte, scripture reader, bass accompanist, and played church basketball. He would like to extend his gratitude to Gayle Sullivan, Bill Cooper, and Ned and David Henry for opportunities in music given to him. He would also like to thank Darren Wright and Mary Jane and Phil Duke for their years of dedicated shepherding, mentorship, and fellowship through the years.



**Abby Mendez** has been at Belmont UMC since her freshman year. She has participated in youth and choir and was on the youth council and a choir officer. This fall, Abby will attend school at the College of William and Mary.



**Zim Seely** graduated from Hume Fogg School. He will attend Purdue University next year and major in chemical engineering. Zim enjoys playing basketball and fishing.



**Eh Klu Do**



**Aung Than**

**Joshua Esquivel  
Paw Maung  
Ta Mu  
Wah Moo Shee  
Catherine Stewart**