

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
6:00pm Executive Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom
1:00pm Celebration Ringers, Zoom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
9:00am Walking the labyrinth, Parker Hall
6:00pm Socially-distanced youth kick-off party, TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
12:00pm Children's Choirs kick-off, parking lot
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226
5:00pm Virtual youth kick-off party, Zoom

Gilead book discussion

Belmont UMC's Zoom book discussion group, led by Pat Ward, will continue to meet in the fall. Discussions will be devoted to two books by Marilynne Robinson, a novelist and essayist acclaimed for her wisdom and theological sensitivity.

On Tuesday evenings September 15, 22, and 29, at 6:00pm, the group will discuss *Gilead*, the Pulitzer prize winning saga of Rev. John Ames, a congregationalist minister, recounted as a memoir for his young son to read when he is old enough to understand.

The second discussion on Tuesday evenings October 20 and 27, also at 6:00pm, will center around *Jack*, a novel to be released in late September and one of three other books (*Home* and *Lila*) related to *Gilead*. *Jack* explores interracial love.

All are welcome to participate! For Zoom access information, contact Pat Ward (wardp2727@gmail.com).

Upcoming worship services

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020
Paul Purdue 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 30 - "I am sending you."
God's compassion demands liberation (Exodus 3:1-15)

Upcoming holiday closing

The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Need something notarized?

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.

Dinner Church coming this fall

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ing through the Great Thanksgiving, as well as some other liturgical acts/spiritual practices. Make plans to join us. Zoom access information will be provided closer to the date. Email Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) if you have questions.



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for August 23, 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 Marie, Mathias, Gilles, and Amy Dusabe in the death of their daughter and sister, Gisele Dusabe.

Jean Flippen and DeBow Casey in the death of his sister, Lidah Johnson.

Memorials

TINA HAZELWOOD

Donors:

Joyce & Jerome Del Pino
Kathy & Marbut Gaston
Ruth Randolph

MARTHA & TILLMAN HARRIS

Donors:

Kathy & Marbut Gaston
Ruth Randolph

HARRISON HOUSER

Donor:

Patricia Ward

SCOTT WARD

(Lynda Wagster's brother)

Donors:

Beverly Mintmire &
Hatton Hardison

JASON KITE

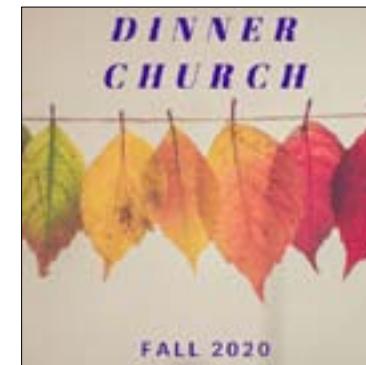
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Wanda Webb

Dinner Church coming this fall

This fall, Belmont UMC will launch a virtual Dinner Church. Dinner Church connects the Communion table to the dinner table and is a method of worship that has roots in the ancient church. Dinner Church gives us the chance to build community and connect our lives through the ritual of eating together and remembering what Christ did for us.

We will gather virtually on Thursdays September 24 and November 5 at 6:00pm. If you came to the virtual Maundy Thursday service, this will be a



somewhat similar experience. We will deepen community by eating together while go-

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Change in location for walking the labyrinth

Walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer that invites us into God's love. Entering the serpentine path of the labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or a prayer.

Beginning next Saturday,

August 29, our labyrinth will be set up in Parker Hall and available for use from 9:00am-2:00pm.

In order to practice social distancing, we ask that you sign up for a time slot at belmontumc.org/labyrinth.

Children's choir news

Children's choirs will kick off next Sunday, August 30, at 12:00pm in the back parking lot at the church with a drive-thru celebration. Children will receive musical goody bags and cold treats as they see each other and their choir teachers from the car.



Children's choirs will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 6:30-7:00pm, via Zoom. The younger children (3yrs-2nd grade) will meet at the same time as the older children (3rd-6th grade), incorporating Zoom break out rooms for various activities. Younger (God's Flock, Joyful Noise Singers, and Music Makers) and older (Chapel Choir) choirs will facilitate a way for children to stay connected with each other, play musical games, explore theology through singing songs and drama, and brush up on music theory.

"Music on Wheels" is a new program offered for families with children to be visited by a music staff person or choir teacher for an outside, socially distanced musical experience. Sign up opportunities will be coming soon.

Stay tuned for details about our Christmas music kick-off. For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

Become a Sunday school teacher or prayer friend

by Kim Sheehan

This fall, our Belmont UMC children are experiencing "back to school" in a whole new way. With so many elements in flux, our children need compassionate neighbors to encourage them on this journey.

Will you be their neighbor?

You can be a neighbor to our children by being their Sunday school teacher and/or prayer friend. This year our Sunday school teachers will work in teams to facilitate virtual class meetings via Zoom. Prayer friends will be assigned a child to pray for and encourage over the coming year. For more information about these opportunities and to volunteer, email Pastor Kate (kate@belmontumc.org) or go to belmontumc.org/prayer-friend.

It is a beautiful day in our neighborhood. A beautiful day for a neighbor. Please will you be their neighbor?

Need to update your info?

Have you recently moved? Has your phone number or email changed? If you answered 'yes' to either of these questions, please be sure to update your Realm profile or share that information with Anne Hoback, Membership Secretary (615-383-0832 or ahoback@belmontumc.org).

Dismantling Racism town hall meeting



All are welcome to attend the next *Dismantling Racism* virtual town hall event. This coming Wednesday, August 26, at 12:00pm, a panel of young United Methodist leaders will discuss their strategies for changing the world and their encouragement for partners in this work. They will respond to your questions about their vision for how to take action with intention and how the church can draw from the wisdom of the past and hope for the future. Join panelists Ann Jacob, Theon Johnson III, Andres De Arco and Katelin Hansen for this important conversation.

Go to umc.org/EndRacism to learn more.