

## This week at Belmont UMC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live  
8:45am Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, CC  
9:30am Children's Sunday school, Zoom  
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live  
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
2:45pm Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
3:30pm Youth bell rehearsal, 226  
4:15pm Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
5:15pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00am Regathering Team, Zoom  
6:00pm *Gilead* book discussion, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Adult choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
5:45pm Adult quartet ensemble rehearsal, choir room  
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom  
6:30pm Children's choirs, Zoom  
6:30pm Adult choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
7:15pm Adult quartet ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom  
1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal, Zoom

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live  
8:45am Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, CC  
9:30am Children's Sunday school, Zoom  
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live  
12:00pm Administrative board, Zoom  
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226  
2:45pm Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
3:30pm Youth bell rehearsal, 226  
4:15pm Youth choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary  
5:15pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

## Upcoming worship services

### 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2020

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

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

### Unexpected

September 27 - Anonymous faithfulness. (Matthew 7:21-25, 28-31)

## Belmont UMC welcomes new youth intern

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an Austin, Texas, native but has been a full-time Nashvillian ever since her family moved here last year. Growing up, Emma spent many hours at her home church and has been greatly impacted by the love and care that was shown to her in those years. After she graduates, she hopes to go to seminary to further her education and begin her career working with young people in the church.

In her free time, Emma loves to watch bad indie movies and cook dinner for her friends (movie and recipe suggestions are always welcome!).

## Reaching out in love

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church family would mean a lot. You might also consider dropping a surprise by their house. A bag with some coloring pages and crayons, the material for a simple craft, or a treat. Please keep Ruby and Jennifer, their dedicated staff, and the tireless Homeplace Board in your prayers.



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for September 20, 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* Clarke McClendon in the death of his wife, Helen McClendon.

Stephen Weeks and Bush Boyd in the death of their mother and cousin, Jean Weeks.

## Belmont UMC welcomes Emily Bowland to the staff



*Emily Bowland*

We are pleased to announce that Emily Bowland will be joining the staff as our new part-time bookkeeper beginning Monday, September 21. In this new role, Emily will

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## Virtual Blessing of the Animals 2020



On Saturday, October 3, you are warmly invited to join us at 10:00am for our annual Blessing of the Animals. This year we will be gathering via Zoom, so maybe the cats can attend. All pets (dogs, cats, horses, cows, goldfish, hamsters, chickens, iguanas, parrots, etc.) are welcome. If your pet isn't able to come to the screen, bring a photo. This blessing is a chance to help us center on

nonhuman creation and is also a way for us to acknowledge how deeply meaningful pets are in our lives. So, plan to join us via Zoom on October 3 and have your pet blessed as we thank them for their love, pray for their health, and acknowledge how much they matter to us. Zoom access info will be made available closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you and your pet!

## Administrative board will meet next Sunday

Make plans to attend the administrative board meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 12:00pm via Zoom.

For Zoom access information, contact Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org).

## 2020 All Church Retreat cancelled

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the All Church Retreat (ACR) planned for October 2020 has been cancelled. We look forward to the 2021 All Church Retreat which is tentatively set for October 15-17, 2021. Though we did not feel that we could safely offer a retreat this year, we are working on hosting a talent show, an annual ACR tradition, in Belmont UMC's parking lot this fall. Stay tuned!

## Reaching out in love



Jennifer and Ruby

Belmont UMC has been hugely blessed by our ministry with the ladies of Homeplace. Ruby and Jennifer are making the most of these difficult days in isolation, but they would love to hear from you. Please consider sending a card to them (1318 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, 37212). A note from their

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## Belmont UMC voter challenge

*By Maggie Scott*

Belmont UMC's Advocacy Ministries Team encourages everyone to vote this November in the national election. As part of Nashville Organized for Action and Hope's (NOAH) voter challenge, we will be distributing a virtual pledge card to the congregation in the coming weeks striving for 100% registration and voting among all eligible members. We ask that you make a personal pledge ensuring that you are registered and ready to vote in the November election. Included will be information on how to register and check your status as well as a voter information guide. NOAH will also be hosting a public meeting on October 25. Stay tuned for details. If you have questions, please contact Mike Engle (jmikeengle@comcast.net).

## Belmont UMC welcomes new youth intern



*Emma Bushong*

Belmont UMC welcomes Emma Bushong to our Youth Ministry. Emma is a senior at Belmont University, working on her Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance with a minor in Christian Leadership. She is

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## To-go midweek family dinners now available from Barley to Rise

On Wednesdays, families have typically come together for fellowship and food. To keep this tradition going during the pandemic, Gairdt Edwards and Barley to Rise will be offering to-go Wednesday night family dinners. The menu will change every week and will feed a family of four. Orders must be placed 24 hours in advance. Pick-up will be between 4:00pm and 7:30pm at Belmont UMC's Community Center. Delivery options are also available for a fee and depending on where you live.

For more information and menus, go to [barleytorise.com/online-ordering](http://barleytorise.com/online-ordering).

## Eakin food drive

More than 30 percent of the children who attend Eakin Elementary live at or below the poverty line, and teachers there have created a food pantry to help address this need. With the impact of Covid 19, this need is even greater right now; Eakin has reached out to Belmont UMC for help.

Items needed include: Ravioli, chili, Spaghettios, pasta sauce (no glass, please), tuna/chicken, applesauce, peaches, pears, macaroni and cheese (boxes and easy mac cups), squeezable jelly, and laundry detergent.

Please leave your donations in the Eakin collection box now located in the Community Center pre-event area.

## Belmont UMC welcomes Emily Bowland to the staff

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be handling church giving, pledging, accounts payable, and other day-to-day financial tasks.

Emily has attended Belmont UMC since 2004 and is looking forward to joining the staff. You may recognize her as a clarinetist performing around town and being active in the music ministry at Belmont. She and her family (Jimmy, Parker, and Ila) love hiking and the outdoors. She holds a B.M. and M.M. in Clarinet Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and the University of Southern California and enjoys a varied career as studio musician, member of the Chattanooga Symphony and Nashville Opera Orchestra, and performing contemporary chamber music.

You can reach Emily at [emily@belmontumc.org](mailto:emily@belmontumc.org) or at the church office at 615-383-0832 ext. 20. Take a moment to welcome Emily to our staff!

## Sixth grade choir council



*Members of the sixth grade choir council met with Sarah Getsay and Amy Cooper to discuss plans for Chapel Choir. Sixth graders take leadership roles such as chaplain, encourager, and organizer. These roles will help prepare them to participate in the Open Door Singers youth choir next year. Photos by Amy Cooper*

## Follow us on social media

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