

## This week at Belmont UMC

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| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25    |   |
| 8:15am                | Worship service with Communion, Facebook live |
| 9:30am                | Children's Sunday school, Zoom                |
| 10:30am               | Worship service, Facebook live                |
| 1:00pm                | Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226               |
| 2:45pm                | Open Door Singers, sanctuary                  |
| 3:30pm                | Wesley Ringers, 226                           |
| 4:15pm                | Open Door Singers, sanctuary                  |
| 5:00pm                | Outdoor Communion service, green space by CC  |
| 5:15pm                | United Methodist Youth, Zoom                  |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27   |   |
| 9:00am                | Regathering Team, Zoom                        |
| 5:30pm                | Flow yoga, Zoom                               |
| 6:00pm                | Book discussion group, Zoom                   |
| 6:30pm                | Belmont LGBTQIA group, Zoom                   |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 |   |
| 10:00am               | Lectio Divina, Zoom                           |
| 5:00pm                | Adult choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary     |
| 5:35pm                | Adult quartet ensemble rehearsal, choir room  |
| 6:00pm                | Gentle yoga, Zoom                             |
| 6:00pm                | Encore Ministries Fall Series, Zoom           |
| 6:00pm                | Youth discussion, Zoom                        |
| 6:15pm                | Choir ensemble, Community Center              |
| 6:30pm                | Children's choirs, Zoom                       |
| 6:30pm                | Adult choir ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary     |
| 7:00pm                | Adult quartet ensemble rehearsal, sanctuary   |
| 7:45pm                | Choir ensemble, Community Center              |
| 8:30pm                | Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom                |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29  |   |
| 8:00am                | Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom                |
| 1:00pm                | Celebration Ringers rehearsal, Zoom           |
| 6:00pm                | Ministry Council, Zoom                        |
| 6:00pm                | Book discussion group, Zoom                   |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30    |   |
| 10:00am               | Parent and Child Music, Zoom                  |
| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1    |   |
| 8:15am                | Worship service with Communion, Facebook live |
| 9:30am                | Children's Sunday school, Zoom                |
| 10:30am               | Worship service, Facebook live                |
| 1:00pm                | Carillon Ringers recording, sanctuary/PH      |
| 2:45pm                | Open Door Singers, sanctuary                  |
| 3:30pm                | Wesley Ringers, 226                           |
| 4:15pm                | Open Door Singers, sanctuary                  |
| 5:15pm                | United Methodist Youth, Zoom                  |

## Upcoming worship services

*All Saints Sunday  
November 1, 2020*

Heather Harriss preaching 8:15am and 10:30am worship services.

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

### *Alive to make a difference*

**November 1** - All Saints: Remember who you are and who went before you (1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12)

## Bells for All Saints

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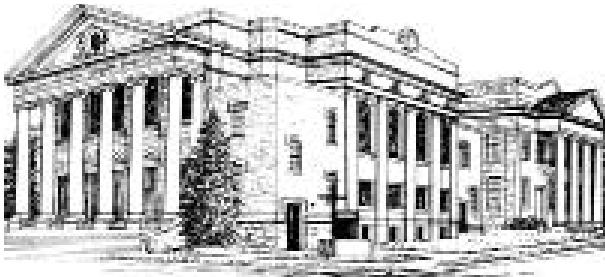
ner beyond both the banner itself and the walls of the church. Beginning Sunday, October 25, after the outdoor Communion service and during the following week, you are invited to tie a bell to the stair rails on the sanctuary steps that face Acklen Avenue. A table with bells and instructions will be set up on the steps.

May the gentle sound of the bells remind us - and each person walking by Belmont UMC - that even during these days, God is with us and we are still the church!

## We are still the church at Christmas, too!

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ered to our homebound members following the service on the December 13. To order a wreath or poinsettia, download the form at [belmontumc.org/wreaths-and-poinsettias](http://belmontumc.org/wreaths-and-poinsettias). Please return completed form and payment (indicate WREATH or POINSETTIA on payment) before Sunday, November 23; send to Belmont UMC/Anne Hoback, P.O. Box 120098, Nashville TN 37212.



# Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for October 25, 2020

## Joys and concerns

*Christian sympathy is extended to Jo Federspiel in the death of her husband, Chuck Federspiel.*

## Belmont UMC welcomes Michael Vaughn to the staff



*Michael Vaughn*

Belmont UMC welcomes Michael Vaughn to staff as our new Worship and Media Coordinator. Michael will be the point person for all live streaming activities. You can reach

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## 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.



## We Are Still the Church Stewardship Campaign concludes

Our 2021 *We Are Still the Church* stewardship campaign concludes today. This week's video reminds us that we are still the church and why we depend on the generous support of each and every Belmonter.

In addition to this week's video, be sure to watch our "I pledge because . . ." videos on social media and on our website at [belmontumc.org/pledge](http://belmontumc.org/pledge). We ask you to prayerfully consider your giving to God's



work through Belmont UMC in 2021.

Go to [belmontumc.org/](http://belmontumc.org/) pledge to learn more.

## Bells for All Saints

Each year, we have the opportunity to add a bell to the bell banner in remembrance of dear family and friends who are no longer with us. During worship on All Saints Sunday, we hear the ringing of so many bells as the banner is carried into the sanctuary. We are reminded that though those whom we love are no longer with us in

body, they are forever with us in spirit and in our hearts. We hear the ringing of the bells and we are reminded that during times when we feel alone, when we are grieving, God is still with us.

This year when we have experienced so many losses, we wanted to extend our bell ban-

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## **Outdoor Communion service today**

All are invited to join us for our outdoor Communion service this evening at 5:00pm. We will lift up our hearts and share in the cup of our Lord. This Communion service will conclude our stewardship campaign, *We Are Still the Church*, and begin turning our hearts toward All Saints, linking the connection between God's people on earth and all the company of heaven. Go to [belmontumc.org/communion](http://belmontumc.org/communion) to reserve your spot and view our Covid safety guidelines.

In the event of rain, we will cancel.

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## **Belmont UMC welcomes Michael Vaughn to the staff**

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him at [michael@belmontumc.org](mailto:michael@belmontumc.org). Take a moment to welcome Michael to our staff!

With a conversion experience not unlike that of Saul and a call story akin to that of Jonah, Michael engaged in a life long and world wide pursuit of sacred music, new expressions of liturgy and worship, and connecting people through technology. Combining a diverse background as a professional musician and academic with a passion for science and stewardship, he joins Belmont UMC's staff after a season partnering with local churches and organizations (The Upper Room, Scarritt Bennett Center) to reach the broader community through online worship, connection, and ministry opportunities.

Michael and his husband, Jacob, along with their two adult children, Kaitlynn and Caleb, have been members at Belmont since 2017. When not working, they enjoy spending time with their twin granddaughters and working with groups to help bring about a more just and inclusive church.

Michael comes to serve alongside our wonderful team of video and livestream audio volunteers. We are so deeply thankful for Belmont's lay leaders who, amid this pandemic, stepped up to start and continually improve and expand our virtual worship connections. Thanks be to God for Marty McClearen, Cindy Caldwell, Bruce Williams, Mike Graves, David Henry, Jimmy Bowland, Allen Miller, Daniel Stephens, Noah Henry, Kate Henry, Larry Beasley, and so many others who continue to enrich this ministry during his challenging season.

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## **30 Days Thankful**



Sociologist Brene Brown tells us that "there is no joy without gratitude." She also says, "Practicing gratitude is how we acknowledge that there's enough and that we're enough." During the month of November, Belmonters will have the opportunity to practice gratitude together through a program titled *30 Days Thankful*. Each day during November, participants who sign up will receive an email with a gratitude prompt to help guide them through this season of thanksgiving.

To sign up for the daily emails, contact Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)). For more information, contact Pastor Kate ([kate@belmontumc.org](mailto:kate@belmontumc.org)).

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## **We are still the church at Christmas, too!**

This pandemic year it is especially important that Belmont continues its Advent traditions. We will celebrate Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 29, by placing wreaths on our exterior doors. On Sundays December 6 and 13, poinsettias will be placed around the altar as usual, given in memory and honor of loved ones. The poinsettias will be delivered

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