

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live
9:15am *Almost Christmas* Advent study, Zoom
9:30am Children's Sunday school, Zoom
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, sanctuary
5:15pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00am Regathering Team, Zoom
5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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 *Expecting the Unexpected* Advent study, 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, DECEMBER 3

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00am UMW Holiday Mission pick-up, parking lot

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live
9:15am *Almost Christmas* Advent study, Zoom
9:30am Children's Sunday school, Zoom
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live
1:00pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, sanctuary
5:15pm United Methodist Youth, Zoom

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lighting tradition that is meaningful and magical. Plan to join with Belmont UMC's Music Ministry in this touch of familiarity during an otherwise uncertain time.

Upcoming worship services

2nd Sunday of Advent **December 6, 2020**

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

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

Searching for the Light

December 6 - Preparing peace (Mark 1:1-8, Isaiah 40:1-5)

Expecting the Unexpected

Beginning this Wednesday, December 2, Encore Ministries will offer an Advent study titled *Expecting the Unexpected*, based on the book by Blair Gilmer Meeks. We will meet on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 5:00pm. This book can be ordered from The Upper Room; all are invited to participate. Go to belmontumc.org/encore-series to learn more.

Christmas Eve service will include Children's Christmas Pageant

As part of our Christmas Eve worship service on Thursday, December 24, at 5:00pm, our Children's Music and Children's ministries will present a virtual Christmas pageant. Stay tuned for more information.



Belmont United Methodist Church **NEWS** for November 29, 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

Memorials

MARTHA & TILLMAN HARRIS
SALLY SPANN

Donor:

Sally Wright and family

JOE STARNES

Donors:

Martha & Jim Robinson
Graham Inquirers Class

Longest Night worship service

On Thursday, December 10, join us via Facebook live at 7:00pm for our *Longest Night* worship service. We will gather, mindful of the losses that have multiplied throughout the year. As we remember and grieve, we will light the candles on our Advent wreaths and be reminded that we believe in the light that has come and is coming. To prepare for this at-home worship service, create an altar space that has your Advent wreath, matches, and other objects that connect you to the love God has for you.

Searching for the Light Advent sermon series begins today

Join us Sunday mornings throughout Advent at 8:15am and 10:30am for our new sermon series, *Searching for the Light*. This morning's title is Practice Hope (Psalm 80) . . . breaking the silence so God can break in. The exiled people in Psalm 80 are in a world of hurt and they want God to know it. "How long before you wake up, God?" When we give voice to grief together, we break the

silence that steals our voices. Our longings and laments connect us together and voice our hope for change. So come long expected Jesus. "Restore us, oh Lord, make your face shine upon us so that we might be saved." (from *Feasting on The Word*).

Go to belmontumc.org/searching-for-the-light to learn more.

Feast of Lights and Carol Service is December 20

The Feast of Lights, Belmont UMC's annual Christmas music tradition, will be offered in new and creative ways on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00pm as a virtual worship opportunity through Facebook, Vimeo, and YouTube livestream.

While the service will be available online after this date, we encourage your connection

during this particular hour as a way to join together to celebrate with your church community. The service will follow the format of lessons and carols with our current music ensembles presenting in-person recordings and the Chapel Choir offering a virtual selection. The service will also include the candle-

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