

This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

6:00am Easter sunrise Communion service, courtyard
8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Church offices closed
1:00pm UMW Phoebe Circle, Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Sanctuary Choir ensembles, choir room/sanctuary
6:00pm *A Battle for the Soul of Belmont*, Zoom
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom
6:00pm Youth discussion, Zoom
6:30pm Children's choirs, Zoom
8:30pm Parent/caregiver hangout, Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, Zoom
1:00pm Celebration Ringers, 226

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:15am Worship service with Communion, Facebook live
10:30am Worship service, Facebook live

Bowman Scholarship deadline set

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fund is named for her husband James.

Applicants have until May 28 to submit their applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. The fund is designed to help students with Belmont connections defray the costs of post-secondary education. The online form is available at belmontumc.org/bowman-scholarship; decisions will be made by the Board of Trustees in June.

For more information, contact Mark Hagewood (615-383-0832, ext. 216 or mark@belmontumc.org).

Upcoming worship services

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021

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

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

Resurrection Stories: Yours, Mine, Ours (Acts 4:23-24, 29-35)

Joys and concerns

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Memorials

JIM FOLK

Donor:

Libby Wendt

TINA HAZELWOOD

Donor:

Kathy Anderson

BETH NORMAN

PAUL TSAI

Donors:

Linda Henson & Richard Fulk

THERESA MOLINA

Donor:

Graham Inquirers Class

New ways to witness

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week has remained the same through this time. It's about to shrink as some are now able to travel and others can be in school on campus, and we need volunteers. Please consider joining our team. It's another way to live into your vows and advance God's kingdom on the airways. If you'd like to help, please contact Bruce Williams (bruce@belmontumc.org).



Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for April 4, 2021

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
Laura Tenzel in the death of her husband, Jack Tenzel.

Kathy Gore in the death of her husband, Gary Gore.

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Youth Plant Sale begins next Sunday!

Belmont UMC's youth will be selling bedding plants, large geraniums, and gorgeous hanging baskets April 11—25. Plants will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 1, with drive up delivery following all safety protocols.

Proceeds will enable the youth to serve our local community this summer in a week of service. Order form and plant descriptions are available at belmontumc.org/plant-sale.

We appreciate Reid Batsel of Fast's Greenery for supplying our plants once again.

Easter offering

Thank you for helping Belmont UMC to be a place that teaches love, embodies justice, and makes room so that everyone can know they belong to God's big beautiful family.

Each year at Easter, we ask you to participate in the ministries of our church through second mile giving to our Easter offering. We hope you will prayerfully consider an additional gift over and above your regular offering. You may give in one of the following ways:

Mail a check (to 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212) with "Easter Offering" in the memo line.

Give online at onrealm.org/



BelmontUMC/give/Easter.

Text BELMONT EASTER to 73256.

Email Emily Bowland (emily@belmontumc.org) who is always ready to help you.

Bowman Scholarship deadline set

It is time once again for high school seniors at Belmont UMC to plan for their post-graduate study. Belmont has been helping with this process for some 30 years through the J.G. Bowman Scholarship.

The scholarship fund was established by former Belmont member Emma Bowman who provided funding for the scholarship program through the sale of her Nashville home. The

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New ways to witness

by Bruce Williams

On Palm Sunday, March 28, when new members Sarah and Dalton were welcomed into church membership, we corporately renewed our membership vows. They were revised in 2009 by the UMC general conference and now read “Adding and witness to help members, both new and old, recognize their responsibilities not only to show up, but to show forth God’s saving love in all that we do.”

Change isn’t easy for me. The added promise still seems new twelve years later! But serving as part of Belmont UMC’s tech team during “pandemic normal” has brought clarity to these vows. Twisting knobs and tapping screens IS a way to witness. At a time when we have limited opportunity to be half-face to half-face, the persons streaming God’s word are implementing all 5 promises in one span of time.

You probably noticed the list of us in the bulletin each

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Reserve your spot for in-person worship next Sunday

On Sunday, April 11, we will open the sanctuary for limited in-person worship at the 10:30am service. Reservations are required and can be made online at belmontumc.org/in-person-worship.

Due to spacing considerations, worshipers wanting to sing will be seated on the main floor level. Those who prefer not to sing have the option of sitting in the balcony.

Once your spot is reserved, plan to arrive by 10:15am and shepherds will be available to help get you seated. While in the building, please follow our Covid protocols (wear a mask at all times, maintain social distancing, etc.)

JFON presentation

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) is a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian-based immigration legal services and educates the community about immigration matters. On Sunday, April 25, at 1:00pm join us via Zoom to hear JFON Executive Director Tessa Lemos Del Pino tell us more about the important work they are doing. This presentation is organized by Belmont United Methodist Women, and all friends and members are welcome to participate.

For Zoom access information, contact Connie Bergquist (conniebergquist@me.com).

Administrative Board next Sunday

The next Administrative Board meeting will take place at 12:00pm on Sunday, April 11, via Zoom. Members are welcome to attend.

If you are a member of the Administrative Board, you should’ve received a Zoom link in your email. If not, or if you’d like to attend and are not a member, please email Mark Hagewood (mark@belmontumc.org) for Zoom access information.

Concert for the Sacred Spring

On Sunday, April 18, at 6:00pm, join us via Facebook live to enjoy a serenely rejuvenating evening concert with Sangeetha Ekambaram, soprano, Jennifer McGuire, piano, and guest artist Johna Smith, violin. They will perform pieces honoring the sacred, the beauty of nature, and love.

A Battle for the Soul of Belmont series

On Wednesdays April 7, 14, and 21, Belmont UMC’s Advocacy Ministry Team will sponsor a church-wide conversation on *A Battle for the Soul of Belmont*. This three-part Wednesday night series will be on Zoom at 6:00pm.

On April 7, Michael Stephens will explain the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Go to belmontumc.org/battle to learn about upcoming sessions. These discussions are limited to persons affiliated with Belmont UMC. Zoom access information will be emailed on April 7.