

## This week at Belmont UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 15  
8:00am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live  
9:00am Confirmation breakfast, tent  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live  
2:00pm Carillon Ringers concert, sanctuary  
3:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, sanctuary  
5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

MONDAY, MAY 16  
6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 17  
5:00pm WDS Advisory Board, Zoom  
5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom  
6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom  
6:00pm Board of Trustees, Zoom  
7:00pm Book discussion group, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18  
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom  
7:00pm Sanctuary choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MAY 19  
8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom  
1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30pm NOAH Core Team, Zoom  
6:15pm Advocacy Committee, Zoom  
7:00pm UWF Ukraine program, Facebook live

SATURDAY, MAY 21  
11:30am Celebration of Life for Larry Taylor, sanctuary  
12:30pm Reception for Larry Taylor, Community Center

SUNDAY, MAY 22  
8:00am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live  
10:00am 6th grade celebration, Iris Room  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live  
12:00pm Youth banquet, Community Center

## Open Door Singers concert next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 22, during the 10:30am worship service, the Open Door Singers youth choir will share their tour concert for the Belmont UMC congregation. This concert will be shared with four congregations during their upcoming trip to San Francisco. To learn more about their choir tour, go to [belmontumc.org/youth-choir-tour](http://belmontumc.org/youth-choir-tour).

## Upcoming worship services

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
May 22, 2022

8:00am - sanctuary/Facebook live/  
YouTube  
10:30am - sanctuary/Facebook live/  
YouTube

## Senior adult "Welcome Back" lunch

On Sunday, June 5, at 11:30am, Encore Ministries will host a "Welcome Back" lunch for Belmont UMC's senior adults in the Community Center. The cost is \$10. A \$5 discount is available if you donate a children's book that features people of color.

During the lunch, we will learn ways to volunteer, support, and pray for our ministries with Brighter Days, Freedom School, and Project Transformation.

The reservation deadline for this lunch is Monday, May 30. You can make your reservation online at [belmontumc.org/encore-lunch](http://belmontumc.org/encore-lunch) or by contacting Heather Harriss.

## Zoom meeting requests

If your Sunday school class, committee, or other small group needs to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)) or Mark Hagewood ([mark@belmontumc.org](mailto:mark@belmontumc.org)). We can set up the meeting for you and send you the Zoom link to distribute to your group. No login required!



## Belmont United Methodist Church NEWS for May 15, 2022

### Joys and concerns

*Congratulations to* Allison, Paul, and Bea Budstick, Mary Jane and Phil Duke, Ellen, Matthew, Max, and Jon Haber on the birth of their son, brother, grandson, nephew, and cousin Jack Duke Budstick. Jack was born May 5, 2022.

### You are invited to a conversation with Ukrainian citizens

For years, Belmonsters have made friends and shared experiences with many people from all over the world. Belmont UMC's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has introduced us to new friends and new cultures, enriching all of our lives. Among the students that ESL teachers Jane DuBose and Dick Bowers currently have is Ukrainian Sasha Gorkovenko. Sasha and her husband were to return to Ukraine about the time Russia invaded their home country. Although they had already shipped their possessions,

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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.*



### Belmont UMC welcomes Sara Christi to the staff

We are thrilled to announce that Sara Christi has accepted the position of bookkeeper. Sara and her family joined Belmont UMC in 2019, and she brings a wealth of experience in administration through her work in real estate and property management.

Sara has a BA in Sociology from Texas Christian University. She and her husband, Chris, have 9-year-old twins, Megan and Miles. Sara enjoys reading, quilting, baking, going for walks with her family, leading her daughter's Girl Scout troop, and watching her kids play sports. Sara has lived in Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana,



*Sara Christi*

two cities in Texas, North Carolina and three different cities in Tennessee.

Sara's email address is [bookkeeper@belmontumc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@belmontumc.org), and her phone extension is 220. Please welcome her to the staff!

### Carillon Ringers concert today

This afternoon at 2:00pm in the sanctuary, the Carillon Ringers will present a concert. This accomplished handbell ensemble has worked diligently to prepare a complex, yet pleasing

set of selections that includes original compositions as well as arrangements on various hymn and folk tunes. Make plans to attend.

## Confirmation class of 2022



**Anna Christy Eiring** is an 8th grader at Bellevue Middle School where she favors math and science classes, plays cello, and will sincerely miss recess soccer scrimmages when she goes to high school. Anna has more interests than she has time but luckily her mother, Deborah, is a great chauffeur. She has an older brother, Nathan, who schools her in Premier soccer and Lord of the Rings. Her pets, Peanut and Kurt, follow her around the house and are sad when she leaves. Anna's faith friend is Amy Cooper.



**Amelia Keuler** is 13 years old and a rising ninth grader at the University School of Nashville. She is idealistic, intelligent, intense and, maybe, sometimes, indecisive. Amelia loves boba tea and baking, dogs and Disney (including Marvel and Star Wars), and all things Japanese but hates jeans. She is a helpful daughter, a loving sister (usually) and a loyal friend (always). Amelia is always willing to join in on a Hamilton sing-a-long and has been known to direct her own shot-for-shot remakes of other Miranda works. Here at Belmont UMC, she is active in Sunday school, UMY, the Wesley Ringers, and the Open Door Singers. Her faith friend is Kelley Groover.



**Henry Knowles** is a Nashville native who attended Belmont Weekday School and is now in the 8th grade at the University School. He enjoys most all sports, classic films and music, and hanging out on the couch with his 80 pound lap dog, Goose. His church activities include choir, bells, and UMY, and he currently serves on the youth council. His parents, Catherine and Jay Knowles, and his big sister, Caroline, all agree that his finest qualities include his kindness, thoughtfulness, and dry sense of humor. Henry's faith friend is Kurt Shepherd.



**Dylan Jeremiah Montgomery Jackson** is the youngest of four children. Dylan is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Brentwood Middle School. He loves sports but is a football fanatic! Dylan played varsity football for BMS and anticipates playing football in high school. He is a Tennessee Titans superfan, however, he also loves cheering the Memphis Grizzlies to victory. Lastly, he enjoys video production and playing video games. Dylan's faith friend is Lori Pearce.



**Emily Parker** is an 8th grader at JT Moore Middle School and is looking forward to starting high school at Martin Luther King High School in the fall. She can often be found reading, making music, or enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. She loves her cats, her family, and a novel full of strong female characters. Emily is thankful for her church community at Belmont UMC and is excited to be taking this step in her faith journey. Emily's faith friend is Megan Rojas.



**Louis "Porter" Rojas** is a kind, creative, loving, and thoughtful young man. He spends his free time reading, drawing, and enjoying his friends. He is a Scout, artist, and is passionate about science and engineering. He is starting 9th grade next year alongside his brother, Yeager, at Hume-Fogg. He has a younger sister, Dayton, and together they care for the dearest members of the Rojas family - their large dog, cat, and chickens. He is so grateful for Henrietta Hagler, and has been since he can remember. Henrietta was his prayer friend and is now his faith friend.



**Malcolm Sanderson** is in 8th grade at Martin Luther King High School and is 14 years old. He is in Boy Scouts and plays the clarinet in his school band. He also plays in the church handbell choir. In his free time, he likes to play video games and talk to his friends. Malcolm's faith friend is David Henry.



**Quinn Weiler** is in 8th grade at Meigs Magnet School and looks forward to attending Hume Fogg High School in the fall. He is an excellent baker and enjoys playing the trumpet. Quinn plays midfield on the Meigs soccer team. He has attended Belmont since birth. He enjoys all youth activities including junior high church basketball and youth choir. Quinn has appreciated the process of confirmation class and is thoughtful and deliberate about his choice to join the church. He is loved by his family members who are very proud of him for taking this next step on his faith journey. Quinn's faith friend is Chris Cropsey.

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they were unable to return home.

On Thursday, May 19, at 7:00pm, Sasha and Ukrainian friends, Oksana and Olesia, will be featured in a live-streamed presentation sponsored by Belmont's United Women in Faith. This presentation will be available via Belmont UMC's Facebook live page. Jane DuBose, who has been instrumental in arranging this event, will guide a conversation about the effect of the war on Ukrainian people here and families in their home country. We are limited in the ways we can offer help to the people of Ukraine, but we can hold them in our hearts and minds by hearing their stories.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the work of our denomination's emergency response organization, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), make your check payable to Belmont UMC, mark it "UMCOR Ukraine" and mail it to the church.