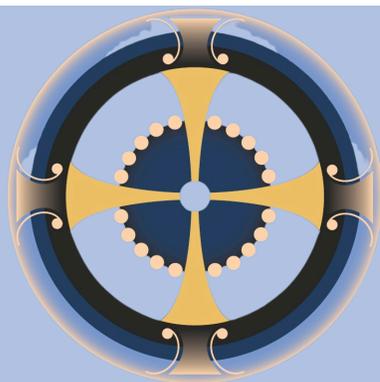


NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2026



This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am Lenten small group,
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center

5:00pm Seed and starter "Swap
and Share," Community Center

6:00pm Centennial Campaign

Project Overview, 124

6:00pm Pickleball,

Community Center

6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

6:00pm Lenten small group,
Zoom

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

7:00am Lenten Friday

Bible study, 120

5:00pm Room in the Inn,
Community Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:00am Parent and Child Music,
213

2:30pm Hymn sing at Mary,
Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:10am Worship with

Communion, chapel/live stream

9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms

9:15am Young adult Sunday
school, 303

10:30am Worship,
sanctuary/live stream

5:30pm Foundational course:

United Methodist
Social Principles, 120

Communion offering will support Helene recovery efforts

This year's Lenten Offering will go to Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Ministries to help rebuild a flood-damaged home and continue long-term recovery efforts. Your Communion offering today will support that effort as well. Please give generously as we deepen this partnership and share hope in the years ahead. Learn more or give online at belmontumc.org/lenten-offering.

Seed and starter "Swap and Share"

Wednesday, March 4, 5:00pm in the Community Center

Our seed and starter "Swap and Share" is happening this Wednesday! Drop by the Community Center pre-event area on Wednesday, March 4, from 4:45–6:00pm. to pick up free seeds and starters, compliments of your Belmont gardening team! Offerings will include Lenten rose starters, cosmos seeds, yellow coneflower seeds, New England aster seeds, carrot seeds, sunflower seeds, sorrel seeds, and lima bean seeds. If you'd like to bring your own seeds and starters, please sign up at belmontumc.org/swap-and-share or contact Mollie Henry (henrymollie@gmail.com).

Centennial Campaign project overview

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00pm in room 124

Curious what's included in our upcoming Centennial Capital Campaign? This Wednesday, March 4, come to room 124 at 6:00pm and see what we're preparing to tackle as we invest in Belmont's next century of ministry and get a clear picture of what's ahead. We'll share an overview of the projects we're planning—from critical infrastructure needs like roofs, HVAC, and electrical upgrades to enhancements that strengthen hospitality, accessibility, and the ways our spaces support ministry.

This is an opportunity to learn what's coming, ask questions, and see how these projects will position Belmont for faithful ministry in the years to come. All are welcome.

Join us for Pickleball!

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00pm in the Community Center

This Wednesday, March 4, bring your paddle and join us at 6:00pm for an hour of pickleball in the Community Center! We'll have two courts in play, including one reserved just for newcomers to learn the game. Enjoy some friendly competition while getting your heart pumping and your legs moving. All are welcome, and spare paddles will be available to borrow.

Make plans to join us for pickleball in the Community Center on the first Wednesday of each month.

Parent and Child Music this Saturday

Saturday, March 7, 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to join us this Saturday, March 7, at 10:00am for Parent and Child Music! We'll sing, play instruments, read stories, and dance together as we celebrate God's love.

Parent and Child Music is a fun, musical time with young children and the parents, friends, nannies, and grandparents who love them. At Parent and Child Music, we sing fun songs and songs of faith appropriate for infants through preschoolers. We also play musical instruments, dance, use scarves, have puppets, and read stories. Belmonsters and folks from the community are welcome!

For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

Save the date!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
11:30am ENCORE Lunch and Learn, Parker Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
10:00am Mini retreat, Prayer Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:00am Easter egg hunt, Community Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
3:00pm Spring concert: Rutter *Requiem*, sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship, sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
7:00pm Good Friday worship, sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
9:15am Easter breakfast, Community Center

Foundational Course: Faith in Action - United Methodist Social Principles

Sundays, beginning March 8, 5:30pm in room 120

A key component of our *Discipleship Pathways* framework is the foundational courses, which help us deepen our understanding of the core elements of our faith as we grow in discipleship to Christ. The first course of the year will focus on the United Methodist Social Principles - a beautiful and bold document that outlines our church's commitment to social justice.

Join Hunter Wade for this three-week study as we explore what the Social Principles say, how they are rooted in our faith in Christ, and how they can guide us in living out our faith in a chaotic time.

Sessions will be offered on Sundays, March 8, 15, and 22, from 5:30-6:30pm in room 120, and on Thursdays, March 12, 19, and 26, from 12:00-1:00pm on Zoom. Contact Hunter Wade (hunter@belmontumc.org) for the Zoom link.

ENCORE Lunch and Learn:

What to Look for When Searching Senior Living Options

Sunday, March 15, at 11:30am in Parker Hall

Make plans to join us on Sunday, March 15, at 11:30am in Parker Hall for our next ENCORE Lunch and Learn, *What to Look for When Searching Senior Living Options*, presented by Tim Tuttle, owner of Assisted Living Locators. Learn how to decide which living arrangement is best for you or your loved one as you navigate the many options available. Learn more at belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn.

Lunch will be catered by Bishop's Meat and Three. The menu includes grilled chicken with peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, assorted pies, and beverages. The cost is \$10.50 per person, and *reservations are due by Sunday, March 8*. Go to belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn to make your reservation.

Save the date for our March mini retreat

Saturday, March 21, 10:00am in the Prayer Room

The theme for our March mini retreat is *Seeking the Face of God: Recognition, Compassion, and Courage*.

On Saturday, March 21, join us for this Lenten retreat as we focus on the sixth Station of the Cross, "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus." Through scripture, a variety of prayers, art, and reflection, we will seek the face of God.

Questions? Contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

Exploring Church Membership lunch

Sunday, March 22, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Curious about what it means to be a member at Belmont UMC? Let's talk about it over lunch! Join us on Sunday, March 22, at 11:30am in Parker Hall for our *Exploring Church Membership* lunch. Our pastoral staff will share the theological and practical aspects of church membership, and you'll have the opportunity to hear from current Belmont UMC members during a Q&A panel about their experiences. Please sign up at belmontumc.org/membership-lunch so we can plan for food and accommodate any food allergies.

New members

We are thrilled to welcome Kaitlyn Ellington and Kevin Gonzales to the Belmont UMC family! Kaitlyn and Kevin joined on Sunday, February 22.

We are a community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor.

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.



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