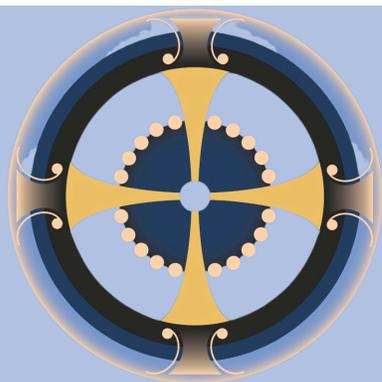


NEWSLETTER

March 15, 2026



This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, MARCH 16

2:00pm ENCORE Committee, Iris Room

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night community meal, Community Center

6:00pm Ian Boggs concert, sanctuary

6:00pm High school Bible study, various homes

6:00pm SCOOPS, at Jeni's

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

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

6:00pm Lenten small group, Zoom

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

10:00am Mini retreat, Prayer Room

1:00pm Celebration of Life for Jim Fields, sanctuary

2:00pm Visitation for Jim Fields, Iris Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream

8:45am Children's Chimes, 217

9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms

9:15am Children's Sunday school, 213, 217, 220, and 306

9:15am Young adult Sunday school, 303

10:30am Worship, sanctuary/live stream

11:30am Exploring Church

Membership lunch, Parker Hall

1:30pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226

4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

5:30pm Foundational course: UM Social Principles, 120

Lenten offering will help rebuild a home destroyed during Hurricane Helene

Seventeen months ago, Hurricane Helene barreled into Western North Carolina with wind gusts reaching 106 mph and 30 inches of rain. Rivers crested at unprecedented levels, surpassing records set 120 years ago by more than eight feet in some areas. Businesses and homes didn't stand a chance.

Your donation to the Lenten offering will support Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Ministries and help rebuild a flood-damaged home and continue long-term recovery efforts. 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.

Foundational Course: Faith in Action

Sundays, March 15 and 22, 5:30pm in room 120 and Thursdays, March 19 and 26, 12:00pm on Zoom

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. Our first course of the year focuses on the United Methodist Social Principles - a bold document outlining our church's commitment to social justice.

Join Hunter Wade 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. Missed the first sessions? No problem, you can join at any time!

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

An evening of music with trombonist Ian Boggs

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00pm in the sanctuary

Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) will launch its Artist Series with a performance by trombonist Ian Boggs. Boggs, a senior music major at Vanderbilt, will be joined by fellow Vanderbilt musicians to perform works by Krol, Piazzolla, and Bourgeois. Join us this Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.

Mini retreat this Saturday!

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 next Sunday

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. Children are welcome! Sign up at belmontumc.org/membership-lunch so we can plan for food and accommodate any food allergies.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:00am Easter egg hunt,
Community Center

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

10:15am Children's Palm
Sunday parade, outside the
Community Center
3:00pm Spring concert:
Rutter's *Requiem*, sanctuary

**MAUNDY THURSDAY,
APRIL 2**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday
worship, sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Church offices close at noon
7:00pm Good Friday worship,
sanctuary

Joys and concerns

*Christian Sympathy
is extended to*

Family and friends of
Ann Ballentine



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Children's pancake drive-thru and Gratitude Sunday school

Sunday, March 22, 9:15am on the Faith Finders Hall

Don't miss our children's pancake drive-thru and Gratitude Sunday school next Sunday, March 22! Grab a pancake and then head to your Sunday school class to talk about what it means to be grateful and what you're grateful for at Belmont UMC. You'll also have the chance to create a visual display of your gratitude and strike a pose at our Gratitude Photo Booth!

Children's Palm Sunday parade

Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:15am outside the Community Center

On Palm Sunday, March 29, all children - from infants and toddlers to elementary age - and their parents are invited to join our Palm Sunday Parade as we process into the 10:30am worship service. We'll gather outside the Community Center at 10:15am.

Spring concert: Rutter's Requiem

Sunday, March 29, 3:00pm in the sanctuary

Composed in 1985, *Requiem* by John Rutter has been part of Belmont UMC's DNA since the Sanctuary Choir first performed it in 1987 under the direction of Dan Stokes. The choir has presented the work three times since then and will present it again on Palm Sunday at 3:00pm with the choirs of Calvary and East End UMCs.

The *Requiem* will be accompanied by an orchestra of strings, woodwinds, French horns, harp, and percussion, and will be part of a liturgical service that traces the movement from Palm Sunday into the Passion of Christ. We hope you will join us for this beautiful service from 3:00-4:00pm. Childcare will be provided.

Palm Sunday witness in solidarity with our neighbors

Sunday, March 29, 2:00pm at First Lutheran Church

On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' public procession into Jerusalem—a march of courage, humility, and holy disruption in the face of an oppressive empire. TWK UMC Church and Society and TNJFON, along with other Christian groups, will lift up Jesus' call to love our neighbors and treat all people with dignity and respect. Together, we will call on the Tennessee and federal governments to enact policies that reflect these fundamental values.

Join us on Sunday, March 29, at 2:00pm as we gather at First Lutheran Church and process together to the State Capitol complex. Learn more and RSVP at edgehill.org/palmsunday.

Maundy Thursday worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

On April 2, join us at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday service as we remember the Last Supper and prepare our hearts for the death of Christ.

This meaningful service will include foot-washing, Holy Communion, music by the Open Door Singers youth choir, and stripping the altar. Childcare will be provided. Learn more at belmontumc.org/maundy-thursday.

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

On April 3 at 7:00pm, join us for our Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, a powerful service of readings and music reflecting on the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ.

Music will be offered by the Sanctuary Choir as we move together through this solemn story of faith and sacrifice. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome.

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.