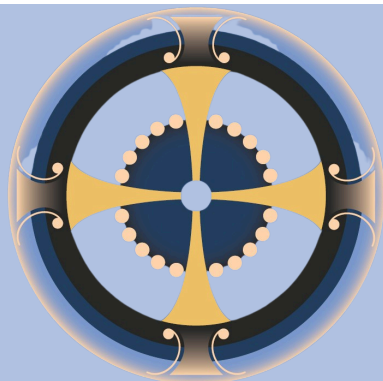


# NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2026



## This week at Belmont UMC

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:00pm Executive Committee, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night community meal, Community Center

6:00pm Advocacy and updates, 124

6:00pm High school Bible study, various homes

6:00pm SCOOPS, 3rd floor

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

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

10:00am Prayer Portals, Zoom

12:00pm Foundational course: UM Social Principles, Zoom

6:00pm Lenten small group, Zoom

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:00am Easter egg hunt, Community Center

2:00pm Celebration of Life for Jean Gould, Richland Place

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

10:15am Children's Palm Sunday parade, Community Center

10:30am Worship, sanctuary/live stream

10:30am Golden Triangle Fellowship worship, chapel

11:30am Advocacy Team, 120/Zoom

3:00pm Spring concert:

Rutter's *Requiem*, sanctuary

5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

## 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 offered it in 1987 under the direction of Dan Stokes. The choir has presented the work three times since then and will present it again next 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.



## Lenten offering will help rebuild Western North Carolina

When Hurricane Helene barreled into Western North Carolina, it claimed at least 252 lives and, in the region, 74,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. While insurance covered some losses, standard homeowners policies typically did not cover flood damage — even in areas not previously considered at risk.

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](http://belmontumc.org/lenten-offering).

## An evening of advocacy and updates

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00pm in room 124

On Wednesday, March 25, Rev. Eric Mayle and Belmonter Wesley Smith will lead our Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) program. Eric will share about the upcoming Palm Sunday Witness at the Capitol and the next No Kings March. Wesley will provide a legislative update, and we'll have postcards available for you to send to your representatives. Come learn, engage, and take action!

## Easter egg hunt this Saturday!

Saturday, March 28, 10:00am in the Community Center

Belmont UMC invites children in 6th grade and under to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 10:00am - rain or shine!

Come hunt for eggs, enjoy a special visit from the Easter Bunny, and celebrate the joy of Easter together. This free, family-friendly event is open to all, so grab a basket and join us for a fun-filled morning!

## Children's Palm Sunday parade

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

Next 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.

# Save the date!

## 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

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:10am and 10:30am  
Worship with choir and brass,  
sanctuary

9:15am Easter breakfast,  
Community Center

## Deadline to order Easter lilies is next Sunday

**Palm Sunday, March 29**

On Easter Sunday, April 5, the sanctuary and chapel will be adorned with beautiful lilies (\$12 each) given in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to place an order, please email Anne Hoback (ahoback@belmontumc.org) by next Sunday, March 29. Be sure to include: (1) whether the gift is in memory or in honor, (2) name of the person being memorialized or honored (no titles, please), and (3) name(s) of the donor(s) (no titles, please). Payment can be made by cash (*write LILY & your name on envelope*) or check (*payable to Belmont UMC w/ LILY on memo line*).

## 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](http://belmontumc.org/maundy-thursday).

## Exploring Church Membership lunch today

Today after worship, join us in Parker Hall for our Exploring Church Membership lunch. Didn't sign up? No problem, we will have enough food for you!

## Joys and concerns

*Christian Sympathy  
is extended to*

Family and friends  
of Jean Gould.




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Belmont UMC is a member of the  
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## 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.

## Easter breakfast

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:00am in the Community Center**

Start your Easter morning with fellowship and joy! On Sunday, April 5, stop by the Community Center between 9:00–10:00am and celebrate the joy of Easter with us. Enjoy breakfast, coffee, and time to connect with friends old and new.

Donations are welcome. Everyone is invited to share in this special time together!

## Save the date for our next Parent and Child Music gathering

**Saturday, April 25, 10:00am in room 213**

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to join us on Saturday, April 25, at 10:00am for Parent and Child Music! We'll sing, play instruments, read stories, and dance together as we celebrate God's love. Belmonters and folks from the community are welcome! Learn more at [belmontumc.org/parent-child-music](http://belmontumc.org/parent-child-music).

## Join us for VBS in June

**Monday, June 15–Thursday, June 18, 5:00pm in the Community Center**

Calling all 3-year-olds through rising 5th graders! Belmont's talented teachers, pastors, and youth volunteers are gearing up for a VBS "Road Trip." Now is the time to invite your friends to join you on this journey with God, Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18, from 5:00-7:30pm each evening — dinner included for campers.

Have questions or feel called to help in some way? Contact Amy Cooper ([amy@belmontumc.org](mailto:amy@belmontumc.org)) to find a volunteer role that fits your talents!

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*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.*