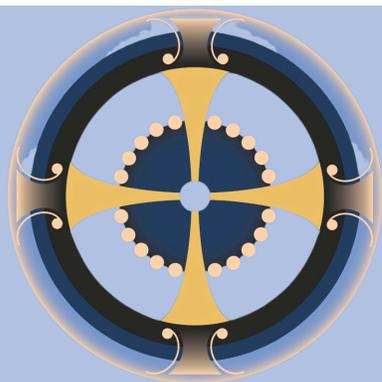


# NEWSLETTER

March 8, 2026



## This week at Belmont UMC

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am Lenten small group, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom  
6:00pm Lenten small group, Zoom

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am Lenten Friday Bible study, 120

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream  
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 ENCORE Lunch and Learn, 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: Faith in Action, 120

## Joys and concerns

### Christian Sympathy is extended to

Jo and Tim Fields, Kelsey and Corey Caddell, Amy, and Patrick Buxton, Jesse Harness, Hannah, Stephan, and Vivian Harness in the death of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Jim Fields.

## Lenten offering will help will help rebuild a home destroyed during Hurricane Helene

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. 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).

## Belmonters for Inclusion Pride planning meeting today

11:30am in room 124

Interested in helping Belmont UMC prepare for Pride 2026? Belmonters for Inclusion will meet today at 11:30am in room 124 to begin making plans, and all are welcome to join the conversation. Whether you've been involved before or are simply curious about how you can support this meaningful ministry, we'd love to have your voice at the table. Come share ideas and be part of the planning!

## Foundational Course: Faith in Action begins this evening

Sundays, beginning this evening, 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.

Beginning this evening, 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](mailto:hunter@belmontumc.org)) for the Zoom link.

## No Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) this week

Due to spring break, there will be no Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) meal or programming (children's choirs, youth, etc.) on Wednesday, March 11. WNAB will resume on March 18.

## ENCORE Lunch and Learn next Sunday

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

Make plans to join us next 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](http://belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn).

Lunch will be catered by Bishop's Meat and Three. The cost is \$10.50 per person, and *reservations are due by today*. Go to [belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn](http://belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn) to make your reservation.

## 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 an upcoming 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 on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.

# Save the date!

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

An evening of music with trombonist Ian Boggs, sanctuary

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

10:00am Mini retreat,  
Prayer Room

## SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:00am Easter egg hunt,  
Community Center

## PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

3:00pm Spring concert:  
Rutter's *Requiem*, sanctuary

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:00pm Maundy Thursday  
worship, sanctuary

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

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



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## 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](mailto: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. Children are welcome! Sign up at [belmontumc.org/membership-lunch](http://belmontumc.org/membership-lunch) so we can plan for food and accommodate any food allergies.

## Egg-stravaganza 2026: Hunt, hop, and celebrate!

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

Children in 6th grade and under are invited to Belmont UMC's 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!

## Spring concert: Rutter's Requiem

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

On Sunday, March 29, join us in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. for a spring concert. Belmont UMC's Sanctuary Choir will be joined by the choirs of Calvary and East End UMCs to present John Rutter's *Requiem* with orchestra. The service will last about an hour, and childcare will be provided.

## Order an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one

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](mailto:ahoback@belmontumc.org)) by *Palm 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).

## Bright smiles at the Weekday School

In February, our Weekday School students had a fun and exciting time celebrating Children's Dental Health Month!

Little Harpeth Dentistry visited our school to teach the children all about taking care of their teeth. The children learned how to brush the right way and practiced the brushing motions together. They also played a fun "Safe vs. Not Safe for Teeth" game and did a great job sharing their ideas.

The biggest smiles came at the end when every child received their very own toothbrush to take home. It was a hands-on, engaging experience that helped our little learners learn how to keep their smiles healthy and bright!

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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.*