

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2026

Gratitude Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 8:10am in the chapel and 10:30am in the sanctuary

"I am grateful to God for my church because . . ."

Next Sunday, April 12, everyone is invited to reflect on that question and express gratitude for the ways God has used Belmont UMC to make a positive impact on our lives. Join us in the chapel at 8:10am or in the sanctuary at 10:30am.



Thank you for supporting our youth fundraiser!

On Sunday, March 1, thanks to the generosity of our church members, we raised over \$12,000 for our youth ministry's summer trips! This support will help cover the cost of vans for our Appalachia Service Project trip and reduce the cost of our choir tour to Boston, making it possible for all students to attend.

We are so grateful to everyone who bought a ticket, contributed to a Sunday school basket, donated, or otherwise supported our students. Thank you for helping make it such a fantastic event - we can't wait to see you at the next one!

Belmonters for Inclusion meeting next Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 11:30am in room 124

Interested in helping Belmont UMC prepare for Pride 2026? Belmonters for Inclusion will meet next Sunday, April 12, at 11:30am in room 124 to make 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!

Save the date for our Centennial Campaign celebration and spring buffet lunch!

Sunday, April 26, 11:30am in the Community Center

On Sunday, April 26, immediately following the 10:30am worship service, join us in the Community Center for a delicious spring buffet luncheon, an opportunity to have a family photo taken, and time of fellowship as we celebrate our Centennial Campaign. Everyone is invited!

There is no charge for the meal, but an accurate headcount is needed. Please make reservations for yourself and your family at belmontumc.org/celebration-lunch. Reservations are due by Monday, April 20.

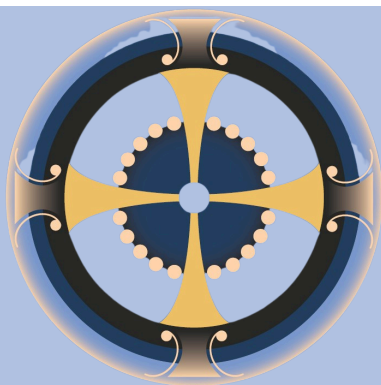
Honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements in worship are given in honor or in memory of people who have made a difference in our lives. If you would like to honor or remember a significant person in your life in this way, please contact Janet Stewart (stewajr@gmail.com).

The cost of both sanctuary arrangements is \$100. If you prefer, you may share your Sunday with another donor with each of you contributing \$50. This is a meaningful way to remember someone and to add beauty for all to our worship service.

Help us stay connected

Have you moved recently or changed your phone number or email address? You can update your information through your Realm account, or contact Anne Hoback at 615-383-0832 or ahoback@belmontumc.org.



This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Church offices closed for Easter holiday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night community meal, Community Center

6:00pm High school Bible study, various homes

6:00pm SCOOPS, 3rd floor

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

6:30pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal, 226

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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

10:30am Golden Triangle Fellowship worship, chapel

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



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Pancakes, chocolate chips, and a whole lot of gratitude!



On March 22, children went through our Sunday School “drive-thru” for pancakes, sausage, blueberries, and (of course) chocolate chips before heading to class to talk about gratitude - especially what they love about Belmont UMC.

Their answers? Good stuff: Sunday school, choir, kind people, Pastor Paul, Mr. James’ warm welcome, beautiful music in worship, and a place where everyone belongs.

They captured their thoughts on paper music notes, which will come together as “Our Song of Gratitude” - a special display for our Centennial Campaign.

Huge thanks to the volunteers and teachers who made the morning so meaningful!

Photos by Rebecca Griffeth, Sara Christie, and Chuck Thompson.

Pianist needed for Golden Triangle worship

The Golden Triangle Fellowship (GTF) meets every Sunday at 10:30am in the chapel, and we’re hoping to add a fourth team member to help rotate once a month. If you have a free Sunday morning from 10:30–11:30am and would enjoy sharing your gifts in worship, we’d love to hear from you! To join the team or for more information, contact Carolyn Jones (615-295-0510 or csjones30366@gmail.com).

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.

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Last Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) and children’s choirs

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

10:00am Prayer Portals, Zoom

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10:00am Parent and Child Music, 213

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

11:30am Centennial Campaign celebration and lunch, Community Center

SUNDAY, MAY 3

5:30pm Youth banquet, Community Center

Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Marbut Glenn and Kathy Gaston and Harper and Nona Gaston in the death of their mother, Ruth Randolph.

Out of the hospital

Betty Stroud

Congratulations to

Sonni and Joe Henry, Mollie, David, Kate, and Alex Henry, Allison, Madison, Noah, and Ned Henry on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter, niece, great niece, and cousin, Zelig Marie Henry.



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