

May 3, 2026

## Lenten Offering raises funds for Western North Carolina

When Hurricane Helene tore through Western North Carolina - bringing 106 mph winds and 30 inches of rain - homes and businesses were devastated. Across the region, more than 74,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, and many families faced losses not covered by insurance.

Through Belmont UMC's Lenten offering, Belmonsters stepped up in a big way - raising over \$21,000 to help rebuild one of those homes. Thank you, Belmont, for making a real difference!

## Creation Care Recycle Day

Saturday, May 9, 9:00am at West End UMC

West End UMC will host its annual Creation Care Recycle Day on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00am-12:00pm - rain or shine. Stop by the parking lot off 23rd at 2200 West End Avenue and responsibly recycle your items while caring for God's creation. Go to [westendumc.org/recycle](http://westendumc.org/recycle) for details.

## Come and See continues next Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 9:15am in the Iris Room

Join us next Sunday, May 10, for *Come and See*, a special Sunday school class for visitors and newcomers! Gather with Heather Harriss, Hunter Wade, and other Belmonsters to learn more about Belmont UMC, United Methodism, and what it looks like to live out your faith. On May 10, we'll share what brought you to Belmont UMC and learn more about the United Methodist Church. Join us in the Iris Room at 9:15am.

## Open Door Singers mini concert

Sunday, May 24, 10:30am in the sanctuary

The Open Door Singers (ODS) are heading to Boston May 26-31, where they'll share their gifts through concerts, serve alongside local ministries, and take in some iconic sights.

Before they go, don't miss their mini concert during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 24. Come support them and send them off with your prayers!

## Summer in the Psalms

Sundays, May 31 - July 26, 9:15am in Parker Hall

Beginning Sunday, May 31, join us for an exciting eight-week, intergenerational journey through the Book of Psalms. We'll explore the Psalms through sermons, worship, and an intergenerational summer Sunday school.

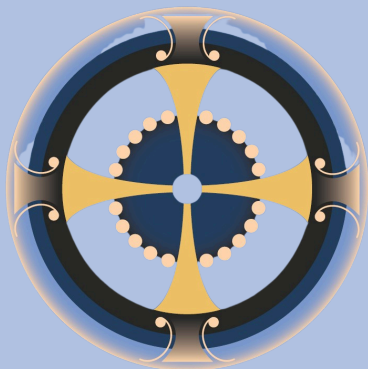
Each week, we'll focus on a different type of psalm, connecting real emotions and everyday experiences with prayer, praise, and worship. Adults and kids of all ages will learn and grow together through fun activities, music, meaningful conversations, and shared experiences.

We'll meet Sunday mornings, May 31 through July 26, from 9:15-10:15am in Parker Hall. Children, youth, and adults are all welcome!

## Save the date for the All-Church Retreat!

Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18 at Beersheba Springs Assembly

This year's All Church Retreat (ACR) will take place Friday, October 16-Sunday, October 18, at Beersheba Springs Assembly. We're currently in the planning stages and would love your ideas and help. If you'd like to be part of the ACR planning team, please contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)).



## This week at Belmont UMC

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:30pm VBS Team, Community Center  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms  
9:15am *Come and See*, Iris Room  
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  
11:30am Belmonsters for Inclusion, 124  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room

## Joys and concerns

### Christian sympathy is extended to

Stephanie and Fred Ward in the death of Stephanie's father.



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# Save the date!

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

7:00pm Vocal Arts Nashville concert, sanctuary

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

8:10am chapel and  
10:30am sanctuary,  
Announcement Sunday  
10:30am Open Door Singers  
mini concert, sanctuary

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

Church closed for  
Memorial Day holiday

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

9:15am Summer in the Psalms,  
Parker Hall

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

5:00pm Bench-building event,  
parking lot



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Campaign video




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Reconciling Ministries Network.

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## New members and baptism

We are thrilled to welcome Patty and Dave McIntyre to Belmont UMC's family. Patty joined on April 26, 2026; Dave is retired clergy from the Eastern District.

Arthur Heriges-Zarr, son of Brooke and Jayme Heriges-Zarr, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 26, 2026.

## Homeplace Legacy Fund: Continuing a legacy of care

For more than 30 years, Homeplace was a true home for four women with intellectual and developmental disabilities, supported by Belmont UMC and a caring community. After the residence closed in 2021, its mission continued through the Homeplace Legacy Fund, which provides small grants to support individuals with IDD and their families.

These grants help cover meaningful "extras," such as adaptive equipment, classes, caregiver training, and enriching programs that enhance quality of life and encourage greater independence. While not intended for everyday expenses or debt, the fund carries forward a legacy of care by creating opportunities, one step at a time. Learn more or apply at [belmontumc.org/homeplace-legacy-fund](http://belmontumc.org/homeplace-legacy-fund).

## NOAH banquet and fundraiser

**Thursday, June 4, 6:00pm at Trevecca's Boone Convocation Center**

On Thursday, June 4, at 6:00pm, join fellow Belmonters and others at Trevecca's Boone Convocation Center for the annual Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) banquet and fundraiser. This year's theme is Faithful Resistance: Rooted in Justice, Rising in Hope. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit [belmontumc.org/noah](http://belmontumc.org/noah).

## Build a bench, share the joy!

**Wednesday, June 10, 5:00pm in the parking lot**

Recently, Belmont UMC youth built three benches that will be placed around town to offer rest and welcome at bus stops and parks.

Want to jump in and help with the next batch? Join us on Wednesday, June 10, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. for an evening of building and painting as we create more benches and spread a little extra joy across the city.

## Registration for Road Trip Vacation Bible School is open

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

Calling all 3-year-olds through rising 5th graders! Belmont UMC's talented teachers, pastors, and youth volunteers are gearing up for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) *Road Trip*. Registration is now open, so invite your friends to join you on this journey with God, Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18, from 5:00–7:30pm each evening. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/vbs](http://belmontumc.org/vbs).

## Help us share the love of Christ at Nashville Pride!

**Saturday, June 27, 10:00am at Bicentennial Mall Park**

This year's Pride Festival will take place on Saturday, June 27, at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.

Belmont UMC's Pride booth will be open from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and we're looking for four volunteers per two-hour shift. Click here to sign up. T-shirts will be provided at no cost, so be sure to include your size when signing up.

Help us share the love of Christ with the LGBTQ+ community! For questions, please contact Jessica Kolarich ([jckolarich@gmail.com](mailto:jckolarich@gmail.com)) or Trudy Holden ([trudytaylorholden@gmail.com](mailto:trudytaylorholden@gmail.com)).

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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.*