



BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

May 31, 2026

## This week at Belmont UMC

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

3:30pm Visitation for Lynda Wagster, Iris Room  
5:00pm Celebration of Life for Lynda Wagster, sanctuary

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

6:00pm Theology on Tap, 51st Taproom  
7:00pm Boston Avenue UMC choir concert, sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms  
9:15am Summer in the Psalms, Parker Hall  
9:30am Summer choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/live stream  
10:30am Golden Triangle Fellowship worship, chapel  
11:30am Young adult lunch, Hillsboro Village

## Joys and concerns

### Christian sympathy is extended to

Joy Shriver in the death of her husband, Richard Shriver.

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## Book drive for Eakin Elementary School

Today, we will kick off a book drive in support of Eakin Elementary School's "Volume of Reading" initiative. A collection bin will be available in the foyer.

Eakin Elementary School is grateful for the generosity and support of Belmont United Methodist Church through this special book drive. Donations will help provide wit and wisdom "Volume of Reading" books that support students' individual reading levels, build vocabulary and knowledge, and encourage a lifelong love of reading. Your support helps place meaningful, high-quality books into the hands of students and makes a lasting impact on their learning.

For a list of requested titles, go to [belmontumc.org/book-drive](http://belmontumc.org/book-drive). Let's help stock Eakin's shelves with high-quality instructional books!

## Boston Avenue UMC choir concert

Join us this Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for a special concert by the youth choir of Boston Avenue UMC. Made up of more than 30 middle and high school students, the choir leads weekly worship at their church and tours each summer. This year's concert will feature music ranging from Handel to Mark Miller, along with hymn arrangements, spirituals, and student solos spanning styles from Baroque to Broadway and jazz. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/concert](http://belmontumc.org/concert).



## Belmont UMC access code changing tomorrow

Effective tomorrow, Monday, June 1, the access control code for Belmont UMC members will change. You should have received an email last Friday with the new code. If you did not receive the email, please contact Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)).

## Save the date for our June mini retreat!

**Saturday, June 20, 10:00am at Belmont UMC**

The theme for our June mini-retreat is *Knowing You Belong: Our Place at the Heart of the Trinity*.

Join us on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00am–12:00pm at Belmont UMC. Through prayer, scripture, and other contemplative practices, we'll explore what it means to belong at the heart of the Trinity—not because of anything we have done to earn God's love, but because of God's deep, unconditional, and unending love for each of us.

To sign up, contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)). Childcare is available with a reservation made by June 5.

## Deadline to register for VBS is next Sunday

**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. Join us on this journey with God Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18, from 5:00-7:30pm each evening. Learn more or register at [belmontumc.org/vbs](http://belmontumc.org/vbs). The deadline for registration is next Sunday, June 7.

Save the date!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

5:00pm Bench-building event,  
parking lot

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

11:30am Charge Conference,  
Parker Hall

**MONDAY, JUNE 15 -  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

5:00pm Road Trip  
Vacation Bible School,  
Community Center



Next Sunday, June 7, we'll explore Psalm 121 and the theme *Search for Beauty Instead of Worry*. Join us at 9:15am in Parker Hall.

Learn more at [belmontumc.org/psalms](http://belmontumc.org/psalms).



Watch the Centennial Campaign video



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

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## Charge Conference on June 14

Sunday, June 14, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Make plans to join us for a special Charge Conference on Sunday, June 14, at 11:30am in Parker Hall. Go to [belmontumc.org/charge-conference](http://belmontumc.org/charge-conference) to make your lunch reservation. *The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 8.*

## Theology on Tap this Tuesday

Tuesday, June 2, 6:00pm at 51<sup>st</sup> Taproom

If you're a young adult looking for community, a place to ask theological questions, and a chance to grab a drink and hang out, we've got a new gathering for you! Join us every other Tuesday at 6:00pm at different neighborhood happy hours for fellowship and conversation. Our first gathering will be this Tuesday, June 2, at 51st Taproom in The Nations. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/theology-on-tap](http://belmontumc.org/theology-on-tap).

## The Promise of America: A special Sunday school class

Sundays, June 14, 21, and 28, 9:00am in room 225.

On Sunday mornings, June 14, 21, and 28, the Simplicity Class will host Rev. John Collett for a series titled *The Promise of America*. The class meets in room 225 at 9:00am and will offer both Zoom access and recordings for a wider audience.

Rev. Collett will explore the ideals that gave birth to America, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration, this series offers an opportunity to reflect on those founding ideals - how they have endured, how they are being challenged, and how we might recommit ourselves to them. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/promise-of-America](http://belmontumc.org/promise-of-America).

## Summer of Justice

At Belmont United Methodist Church, we believe faith calls us beyond the walls of the church and into the work of justice, compassion, and community transformation. This summer, we invite you to take part in our Summer of Justice initiative - a season of outreach, advocacy, learning, and hands-on service opportunities designed to help us live out Christ's call to love our neighbors in meaningful ways.

A webpage has been created with opportunities for all ages and interests to get involved, and it will be updated frequently throughout the summer. Whether you can give one afternoon or an entire season, your presence and participation matter. Together, we can build a more just, compassionate, and hopeful community - one act of love at a time.

Summer of Justice yard signs will also be available for \$10. Pre-order yours or learn more about available opportunities at [belmontumc.org/summer-of-justice](http://belmontumc.org/summer-of-justice).



## Recycle and reuse!

Help us gather supplies for crafts and decorating for Summer in the Psalms and VBS! We're collecting the following clean, reusable items:

- Empty plastic pill bottles (clean, with labels removed)
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Deflated pool floats with your name attached (these will be returned to you)

A collection bin will be available in the foyer. Thanks for helping us prepare for a fun summer at Belmont UMC!

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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.*