

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

June 7, 2026

## This week at Belmont UMC

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Bench building event, parking lot

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

11:00am Celebration of Life for Dawn von Weisenstein  
12:00pm Visitation for Dawn von Weisenstein  
2:30pm Hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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 Charge Conference, Parker Hall  
11:30am Belmonters for Inclusion, 124  
11:30am Young adult lunch, Hillsboro Village

## Today is the last day to register for VBS

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

Calling all 3-year-olds through rising 5th graders! We're gearing up for Vacation Bible School (VBS) Road Trip, happening Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18, from 5:00-7:30pm each evening. The registration deadline is today, so don't wait! Visit [belmontumc.org/vbs](http://belmontumc.org/vbs) to learn more and register.

## Deadline for Charge Conference lunch reservations is tomorrow

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

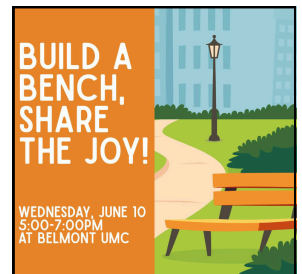
Make plans to join us for a special Charge Conference next Sunday, June 14, at 11:30am in Parker Hall. Lunch will include salad platters, dessert, and tea from Panera. *Reservations are due by tomorrow, Monday, June 8.* The cost is \$12 per person and must be paid by credit card when registering in Realm. Go to [belmontumc.org/charge-conference](http://belmontumc.org/charge-conference) to make your reservation.

## Build a bench, share the joy this Wednesday!

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

Join us this Wednesday, June 10, at 5:00pm in the parking lot for an evening of building and painting as we create benches that will be placed around town, offering rest and welcome at bus stops and in parks.

Come lend a hand and help spread a little joy!



## The Promise of America begins next Sunday

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).

## Belmonters for Inclusion to meet on June 14

Sunday, June 14, 11:30am in room 124

Belmonters for Inclusion will meet next Sunday, June 14, at 11:30am in room 124 to finalize plans for Pride. 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. If you have signed up to volunteer at Pride, you can pick up your t-shirt at the meeting. Please contact Trudy Holden ([trudytaylorholden@gmail.com](mailto:trudytaylorholden@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## 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. To sign up, contact Heather Harriss ([heather@belmontumc.org](mailto:heather@belmontumc.org)). Childcare is available with a reservation made by **today**. Learn more at [belmontumc.org/mini-retreat](http://belmontumc.org/mini-retreat).



Next Sunday, June 14, we'll explore Psalm 111 and the theme *Let Us Praise God in All that We Do*.

Join us at 9:15am in Parker Hall.

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

Save the date!

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

5:00pm Vacation Bible School,  
Community Center

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

Church closed  
for Juneteenth holiday

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

9:00am Belmont at Nashville  
Pride, Bicentennial Mall

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**

Church closed  
for Independence Day holiday






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Campaign video



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## Mary Walker receives Charles Strobel Legacy Award

Belmonter Mary Walker has dedicated her life to helping children and families across Middle Tennessee thrive. Through her leadership and compassion, she has strengthened two vital community organizations—Renewal House and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. In recognition of her extraordinary commitment to children and families, Mary was recently honored with the distinguished Charles Strobel Legacy Award.



Mary's lifelong service reflects the same integrity, compassion, and dedication to community that defined Charles Strobel. Congratulations, Mary! Learn more at [belmontumc.org/mary-walker](http://belmontumc.org/mary-walker).

## Volunteer readers needed for Project Transformation

**Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25, 9:15am at Antioch UMC**

Belmont UMC is participating in Project Transformation (PT) this summer by furnishing volunteer readers for children participating in the program at Antioch United Methodist Church. Belmont UMC has been assigned June 22-25 as days to read to children in the PT program.

Volunteers are needed from 9:15am-12:15pm each day, Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25, at Antioch UMC (41 Tusculum Road, Antioch, 37013). To volunteer, please contact Celia Joyner ([celiajoyner@aol.com](mailto:celiajoyner@aol.com)) or Susan Kirby ([susan.b.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:susan.b.kirby@gmail.com)).

## 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.

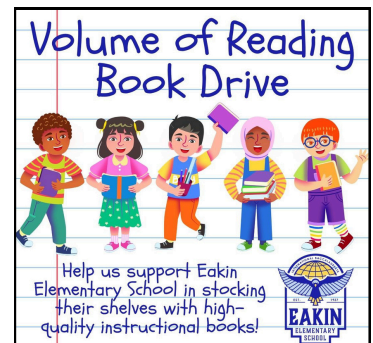
A webpage has been created with opportunities for all ages and interests to get involved, and it will be updated frequently throughout the summer. Whether you can give one afternoon or an entire season, your presence and participation matter. Together, we can build a more just, compassionate, and hopeful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

## Book drive for Eakin Elementary School

This summer, we are collecting books for 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!



*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.*