



This week at Belmont UMC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:30pm Youth game night,
Community Center

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:00am Centering prayer,
Zoom

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:00am O.N.E./Barnes
Awards Program, Community
Center

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:10am Worship with
Communion, chapel/live stream
9:00am Adult Sunday school,
various rooms
9:15am Summer in the Psalms,
Parker Hall
10:30am Worship,
sanctuary/live stream
10:30am Golden Triangle
Fellowship worship, chapel
11:30am Young adult lunch,
Hillsboro Village
5:30pm *United Methodist
Theology: Beloved and
Becoming*, 120



Next Sunday, July 12, we'll
explore Psalm 138 and the
theme *Giving Thanks*.
Join us at 9:15am in Parker Hall.
Learn more at
belmontumc.org/psalms.

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 5, 2026

***United Methodist Theology: Beloved and Becoming* next Sunday**

Beginning Sunday, July 12, 5:30pm in room 120

Beginning next Sunday, July 12, join us for United Methodist Theology: Beloved and Becoming, the next Discipleship Pathways Foundational Course. Together, we'll explore how United Methodist theology affirms our belovedness while calling us to grow more fully into the likeness of Christ. Through the lens of paradox, we'll discover how a "both/and" approach to faith can help us navigate life's complexities with grace and hope. Learn more at belmontumc.org/discipleship-pathways.

There are two opportunities to participate: Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26, from 5:30-6:30pm, in room 120 and on Zoom, or Thursdays, July 16, 23, and 30, from 12:00-1:00pm on Zoom. Email Hunter Wade (hunter@belmontumc.org) for the Zoom link.

Reception for Pastor Heather

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

Join us on Sunday, July 26, as we celebrate Pastor Heather's 19 years of faithful ministry at Belmont UMC! Following worship, everyone is invited to the Community Center for a special reception honoring Heather and thanking her for the many ways she has shaped our church family. As she prepares to begin her new appointment, we'll gather to share our gratitude, celebrate her ministry, and wish her well in this exciting new chapter.



Malawi update and 2027 Mission Team information meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 6:00pm on Zoom

Belmont UMC's Outreach Committee invites anyone who is interested to join us for an update on our church's partnership with the United Methodist Church in Malawi and to learn about plans for a Belmont UMC mission team to Malawi in June or July 2027. You'll also hear from several Belmonsters who have participated on previous Malawi mission teams. Join us on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:00pm on Zoom.

Prayer and discernment come before planning, and the leadership team is just beginning to develop the details for this mission opportunity. This meeting will help us gauge interest and begin identifying potential team members. If you have questions, come and ask them - you may even help us discover some of the answers together!

To help us plan, please email Steve Bryant (bryantstephen327@gmail.com) and let us know whether you plan to attend the meeting and whether you're interested - or simply curious - about joining the 2027 mission team.

Steve Bryant leads Belmont UMC's Malawi initiative through the Outreach Committee.

Help us stock the shelves at Ebenezer UMC's food pantry!

Throughout July and August, Belmont UMC will be collecting nonperishable food items to help provide meals for families and children in the Ebenezer community.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. View the list of requested items at belmontumc.org/ebenezer-food-drive.

A collection bin is available in Iris Room entrance area. Thank you for helping us care for our partner church through your generosity.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, JULY 26

11:30am Reception for Pastor
Heather, Community Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

10:30am Blessing of the
Backpacks, sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

11:30am Back to Belmont
Bash, Community Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

5:00pm Wednesday Night at
Belmont community meal
resumes, Community Center
6:00pm Children's choirs
resume, Faith Finders Hall



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Senior Associate Pastor position open

Belmont UMC is seeking a full-time Senior Associate Pastor to help lead our congregation in worship, discipleship, outreach, and pastoral care.

We're looking for a collaborative leader rooted in the Wesleyan tradition who embraces our inclusive vision, values relationships, and is passionate about helping people grow in faith while connecting the church with the community.

To learn more and view the full job description, visit belmontumc.org/job-openings.

Parent and Child Music

Saturday, July 18, 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to Parent and Child Music on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00am! Together, we'll sing songs of faith, play instruments, dance, enjoy stories, and celebrate God's love.

Belmonters and members of the community are welcome. For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

The Promise of America revisited

The Simplicity Class recently hosted Rev. John Collett for a three-part series titled *The Promise of America*, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The sessions focused on the Declaration's enduring words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Adopted by the Second Continental Congress, the Declaration proclaimed that Americans would no longer be governed from afar by a top-down monarchy. Instead, they set out to establish a democratic republic unlike any the world had seen—a government of, by, and for the people.

Yet not all Americans believed in human equality, and many never would. The American experiment has been marked by both hope and dissent, as well as the long struggle to fulfill the promise of equality. This 250th anniversary offers an opportunity to recommit ourselves to that sacred principle in an imperfect world. That is why America remains, in the eyes of many, the world's last best hope.

If you missed the series or would like to watch it again, links to recordings of all three sessions are available at belmontumc.org/promise-of-america.

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 \$125. If you prefer, you may share your Sunday with another donor (contact Janet Stewart for more information). This is a meaningful way to remember someone and add beauty 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.

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.