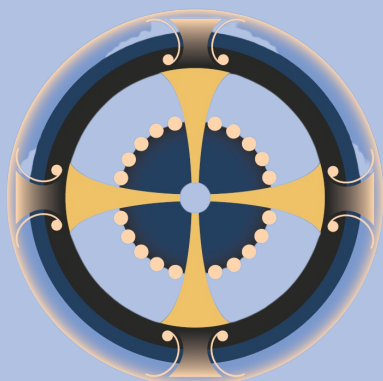




This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

2:00pm ENCORE Committee,
Iris Room
6:00pm Finance Committee,
Zoom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations
Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center
5:45pm Mah Jong,
Parker Hall
6:00pm Trivia Night,
Community Center
6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
10:00am Prayer Portals,
Parker Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Youth choir retreat at
Grace Point Camp

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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, Faith Finders Hall
9:15am Youth Sunday school,
3rd floor
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/live
stream
10:30am Golden Triangle
Fellowship worship, chapel
11:30am Outreach/Advocacy
Team, 120
11:30am Welcome back lunch
for college students,
Community Center

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 16, 2026

Mahjong comes to Wednesday Nights at Belmont!

Wednesday, August 19, 5:45pm in Parker Hall

If you're one of the growing number of people who have learned to play mahjong - or if you'd like to learn - Belmont has an opportunity for you! Starting August 19, Wednesday night programming will include mahjong every other week.

Join us this Wednesday at 5:45pm in Parker Hall, where tables will be set up with tiles and everything you need to play. Anyone who has a mahjong set is welcome to bring it, but you do not need to bring tiles or playing cards to participate. In addition to August 19, mahjong will be offered September 2, 16, and 30. Stay tuned for October and November dates.

For more information, contact Jane DuBose (jdubose@bellsouth.net).

Join us for Trivia Night

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00pm in the Community Center

This Wednesday, August 19, join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition from 6:00-7:00pm in the Community Center. We'll play in teams, so gather your dream team ahead of time or come solo and join up with friends when you arrive. Whether you're a trivia master or just in it for the fun, everyone is welcome!

A new chapter for Aniyah Buchanan

Every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening as we walk down Thomasson Hall, we are grateful to hear the voices of young children and see the engaged, caring teachers in our nursery in room 122.

Recently, our Childcare Coordinator, Aniyah Buchanan, let us know that after many years of caring for Belmont UMC's children, she needs to make more room in her schedule for future professional plans and will be moving on from Belmont. She has loved our children well, and we are deeply grateful for her faithfulness and kindness. We wish her every blessing in this next chapter.

Kat Armas to Speak at 2026 All-Church Retreat

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

We're excited to announce that author, speaker, scholar, and public theologian Kat Armas will be the featured speaker at our 2026 All-Church Retreat, October 16-18!

Kat will explore themes from her latest book, *Liturgies for Resisting Empire*, which examines how systems of oppression can disconnect us from one another and from God, and how the work of community can help us resist evil, injustice, and oppression as we seek abundant life for all.

To learn more about Kat and her work, visit katarmas.com.

The All-Church Retreat filled up quickly last year, so don't wait to register! Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who register and pay. Reserve your spot at belmontumc.org/all-church-retreat. For questions, contact Hunter Wade (Hunter@belmontumc.org).

Welcome back lunch for college students

Sunday, August 23, 11:30am in the Community Center

College students are invited to a free welcome back lunch on Sunday, August 23, immediately following worship in the Community Center. Join Belmont Wesley Fellowship for lunch, reconnect with friends, meet new people, and kick off the new semester together!

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00pm Faith in action: ASP show and share, Parker Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsals resume, choir room
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsals resume, 26
5:30pm United Methodist Youth kick-off, Community Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church closed for Labor Day holiday

ENCORE Sunday



Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Lynne and Bill Stevenson and Kim, Mark, Ari, and Josie Tutaj in the death of Lynne's mother, Jean Warner.

Hunter Wade in the death of her grandmother, Kay Wade.



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On Sunday, August 2, we celebrated our second annual ENCORE Sunday during both worship services.

Led by members of our ENCORE Committee and other older adults, the services honored the lives, gifts, wisdom, and faithful leadership of the older adults who enrich our church family in so many ways.

The beautiful flower arrangements were given in memory of our ENCORE Faith Partners who have passed away in 2026. During his sermon, Pastor Paul recognized each of them and reflected on their unique contributions to the life and ministry of Belmont UMC. Jim Strickland and Bill Haire assisted in leading Holy Communion.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful witness of our ENCORE community and for the countless ways they continue to shape the life of our church. Photos by Rebecca Griffeth and Starr Strickland.

Save the date for the ASP Show and Share!

Wednesday, August 26, 6:00pm in Parker Hall

This summer, 45 Belmonsters packed their overalls, gathered their tools, and traveled to Washington County, Tennessee, to serve with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), helping make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need.

Want to hear about their experience? Join us on Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00pm in Parker Hall for a special presentation featuring photos and stories from the week. We hope you'll join us for this inspiring evening!

Protect the vote: Become an election observer

Voting is a sacred expression of our commitment to building the beloved community. As the United States prepares for the 2026 midterm elections, people of faith can help uphold the integrity of the democratic process. August 18 - September 22, the UMC Election Observers Program will offer online training to equip United Methodists to serve as election observers and help protect the vote. Learn more at belmontumc.org/protect-the-vote.

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.