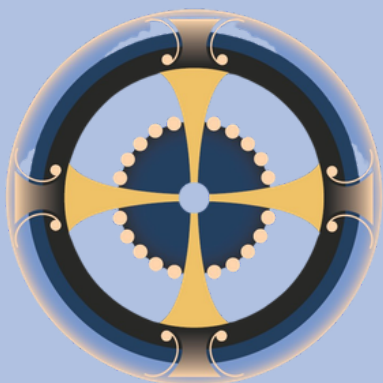




This week at Belmont UMC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:30pm Executive Committee,
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center

6:00pm Faith in action: ASP
Show and Share, Parker Hall
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith
Finders Hall

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00am Centering prayer,
Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:10am Worship with
Communion, chapel/live stream

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

3:30pm Wesley Ringers
rehearsal, 226

4:30pm Open Door Singers
rehearsal, choir room

5:30pm United Methodist Youth
Kick-off, Community Center

Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Bob Hunt and Amanda
Callendrier in the death of their
wife and mother, Barbara Hunt.

Matthew Webb in the death of
his grandmother, Freida Webb.

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 23, 2026

Welcome back lunch for college students after worship today

11:30am in the Community Center

College students are invited to a free welcome back lunch today 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!

Faith in action: ASP Show and Share this Wednesday

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

This summer, 45 Belmonters 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 this 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!



Youth choirs and UMYF kick off a new year next Sunday!

Next Sunday, August 30, youth choirs and United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) will kick off the new year! The Wesley Ringers will rehearse in the Bell Room at 3:30pm, the Open Door Singers will rehearse at 4:30pm, and UMYF will begin in the Community Center at 5:30pm.

Our UMYF kick-off will include a potluck dinner, with the main entrée provided. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for this fun first week of youth group! We ask that at least one parent or caregiver from each household attend so they can participate in a parent meeting while the youth play games.

UMYF will conclude at 7:30pm. Reach out to Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org) with any questions or for more information.

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).

New member

We are thrilled to welcome Annie Golightly to the Belmont UMC family! Annie joined on Sunday, August 16.

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:45pm Mahjong, Parker Hall
6:00pm *The Good in Goodwill*,
124

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church closed for
Labor Day holiday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00am Pancakes and Prayer
Friends, Community Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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



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Learning, growing, and strengthening our partnership!

During Belmont Weekday School's in-service on Wednesday, August 5, Amy Cooper led teachers in a hands-on learning experience highlighting the work of Belmont UMC's Children's Ministries. Pastor Paul also shared about the Weekday School as an important ministry of Belmont UMC and the meaningful partnership we share.

We're grateful for our Weekday School teachers and staff and for the many ways we work together to nurture, teach, and care for children and families in our community!



The Promise of America revisited

The Simplicity Class recently welcomed Rev. John Collett for a three-part series, *The Promise of America*, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The series explored the Declaration's promise of equality, the challenges America has faced in living into that ideal, and the opportunity this anniversary offers to recommit ourselves to that principle.

If you missed the series - or would like to listen again - audio 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 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 (sunshinestop570@bellsouth.net).

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.

Church Women United fall meeting

Friday, September 11, 10:00am at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill

All Belmont UMC women are invited to participate in Church Women United (CWU), an inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement committed to unity, peace, and justice.

The first fall meeting will be Friday, September 11, at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, 900 Nelson Merry Street. Fellowship begins at 9:30am, followed by the meeting at 10:00am. The theme is "Patriot Day," with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Shane B. Scott, pastor of First Baptist Church Capitol Hill. Parking and entrance are behind the church, just off James Robertson Parkway.

For more information, contact Carolyn Jones at 615-295-0510 (call or text) or csjones30366@gmail.com. Learn more at churchwomenunited.net.

Save the date for Parent and Child Music!

Saturday, September 12, 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to join us on Saturday, September 12, at 10:00am for Parent and Child Music! We'll sing, play instruments, read stories, and dance together as we celebrate God's love. Parent and Child Music is a fun and engaging experience for young children and the parents, grandparents, caregivers, nannies, and friends who care for them. Learn more at belmontumc.org/parent-child-music.

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.