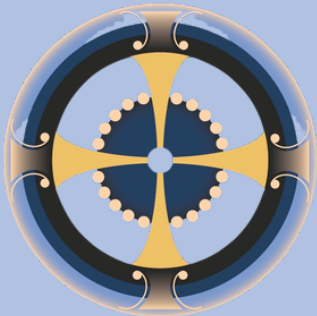




This week at Belmont UMC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center
5:45pm Mahjong, Parker Hall
6:00pm Immigrants reshaping
Nashville: Stories of our new
neighbors, 124
6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall
6:00pm Youth Midweek,
3rd floor
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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 with
Communion,
sanctuary/live stream
10:30am Golden Triangle
Fellowship worship, chapel
1:30pm Carillon Ringers
rehearsal, 226
3:30pm Wesley Ringers
rehearsal, 226
4:30pm Open Door Singers
rehearsal, choir room
5:30pm United Methodist Youth,
Community Center

Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Nancy Holland in the death of
her uncle John B. Holland.

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

September 27, 2026

Belmont UMC welcomes Sarah McWhirt-Toler as Senior Associate Pastor

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Sarah McWhirt-Toler to Belmont UMC as our next Senior Associate Pastor! Sarah will begin her appointment on November 2.

Sarah has served as Associate Pastor at Connell Memorial UMC in Goodlettsville for the past six years, with a ministry focused on pastoral care, faith formation, worship, and community engagement. An ordained deacon, she has also written extensively for children's and intergenerational faith formation, including curriculum used in our own Belmont Sunday school classes. She is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Sarah is partner to Clay, mama to Frances and Lyle, and daughter to Jennifer - all familiar faces around our church. We are excited to welcome Sarah home to serve alongside God's people at Belmont UMC!



Young adult lunch after worship today

College students and post-grads are invited to gather for lunch on the last Sunday of each month at restaurants near the church! Our first lunch is today. Come enjoy good food and a chance to connect with others in the Belmont community. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

Flu and COVID vaccine clinic this Wednesday

Wednesday, September 30, 3:30pm in the Community Center pre-event area

Flu and COVID vaccines will be available on Wednesday, September 30, from 3:30-5:30pm in the Community Center pre-event area. No appointment is necessary - just stop by and bring your insurance card!

Immigrants reshaping Nashville: Stories of our new neighbors

Wednesday, September 30, 6:00pm in room 124

Nearly 10 years ago, Sheri Sellmeyer began wondering about the stories of her immigrant neighbors in Nashville. That curiosity led her to create the Nashville4All blog and, last year, publish *Nashville's New Americans*, featuring the stories of 39 immigrants who are enriching our community in many different ways.

Join us on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:00pm in room 124 as Sheri shares some of these stories and reflects on how immigrants are reshaping Nashville.

A former journalist and healthcare market researcher, Sheri volunteers as an English teacher with the joint Ebenezer/Belmont ESL program and is a founding member of the Nashville-based Uke-A-Ladies.



Malawi planning meeting this Wednesday

Wednesday, September 30, 7:00pm in room 120

Can you imagine yourself in Malawi next summer, helping with kitchen construction or teaching alphabet songs to preschoolers? Belmont UMC is planning a mission trip to southern Malawi for June/July 2027! We'll work alongside our United Methodist partners on hands-on projects. Interested? Join us this Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00pm in room 120 to learn more and help with the planning.

Save the date!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 -
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

All-Church Retreat,
Beersheba Springs Assembly

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00pm All Fall Festival,
Community Center

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

Church closed for
Veteran's Day

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

12:00pm Church closes for
Thanksgiving

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 -
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Church closed for Thanksgiving



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A Better Way: James Lawson, Architect of Nonviolence

Thursday, October 1, 7:00pm at the Belcourt Theatre

The Nashville premiere of *A Better Way: James Lawson, Architect of Nonviolence*, a documentary exploring the life and legacy of Rev. James Lawson, will be shown Thursday, October 1, at the Belcourt Theatre. Doors open at 6:30pm, and the film begins at 7:00pm. The screening is free, but an RSVP is required at shorturl.at/aimba.

Christian Civics sermon series begins next Sunday

Sundays, October 4-25, 8:10am in the chapel and 10:30am in the sanctuary

Beginning next Sunday, October 4, join us as we explore what it means to live out our faith not only as individuals, but as members of a larger community. At 8:10am and 10:30am on Sundays October 4-25, our Christian Civics sermon series will explore what scripture teaches about living faithfully alongside others.

From remembering that everyone matters to God to resisting the "golden calves" that compete for our allegiance, we'll consider our responsibilities to the wider community and what it means to seek justice and care for those who are vulnerable.

We'll also look at Jesus' teaching about our obligations in civic life and his call to love, honor, and respect our neighbors - even those with whom we disagree. Together, we'll ask what it looks like to put our faith into practice as followers of Jesus in today's world. Learn more at belmontumc.org/christian-civics.

College nights at Belmont UMC

Wednesday, October 7, 8:30pm on the 3rd floor

College students are invited to College Nights, a monthly chance to gather for pizza, fellowship, and meaningful conversation in a relaxed, youth-group-style setting. Join us on the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30-9:30pm on the 3rd floor at Belmont UMC. This fall's dates are October 7, November 4, and December 2. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

Theology on Tap

Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm at TBA

Twenty-somethings who are out of college and looking for community are invited to Theology on Tap, a monthly gathering for fellowship and thoughtful theological conversation at local happy hour spots. Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Upcoming gatherings are October 8, November 5, December 3, and January 7. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Program

Belmont UMC's Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Program will return to the Community Center soon! Beginning November 6 and continuing through the end of March, Belmont will host 12 unhoused guests on 10 Friday nights, providing a warm and welcoming place to sleep, delicious meals, and Belmont hospitality.

Many Sunday school classes and church groups support this ministry, but we always need more volunteers! Whether you can help for one evening or would like to join the Room in the Inn committee, there's a place for you. Volunteers can help prepare and serve meals, set up beds and supplies, drive the bus, or simply spend time visiting with our guests over dinner. To volunteer or learn more, contact Joan Cato at joan.cato@comcast.net or 615-498-9750.

Visit belmontumc.org/room-in-the-inn to download the 2026-27 Room in the Inn Volunteer Guidelines and learn more.

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.