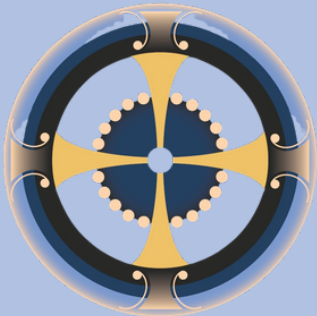




This week at Belmont UMC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00pm Finance Committee,
Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00pm Staff Parish Relations
Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom

5:00pm Wednesday night
community meal,
Community Center

6:00pm What is this justice God
requires of you?, 124

6:00pm Children's choirs,
Faith Finders Hall

6:00pm Youth Midweek,
3rd floor

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00am Centering prayer,
Zoom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

October 18, 2026

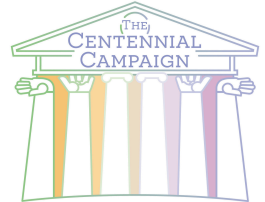
Centennial Campaign updates: A closer look at the work ahead

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00pm in room 124 and Sunday, November 22, 11:30am in Parker Hall

Have the monthly updates from Jerry Park, John Pearce, and Jameson Page sparked your interest in learning more about the Centennial Campaign? Join us for one of two upcoming sessions for a more in-depth look at the campaign and the work ahead!

The same information will be shared at both sessions, so choose the one that works best for you: Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00pm in room 124 or Sunday, November 22, at 11:30am in Parker Hall (Lunch and Learn).

Lunch and childcare will be provided at no cost for the November 22 session, but *registration is required* to ensure we have enough for everyone. The childcare registration deadline is Sunday, November 1, and the lunch registration deadline is Monday, November 16, at 12:00pm. For the menu, registration link, and additional details, visit belmontumc.org/centennial-lunch.



What is this justice that God requires of you?

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00pm in room 124

The call for God's people to do justice runs throughout scripture and church history. But what do we mean when we say "justice?" And what does justice look like for people who follow a victim of state execution while living in a country with the world's largest prison population?

Join us this Wednesday, October 21, at 6:00pm in room 124 for a conversation with Rahim Buford and Preston Shipp about a justice that heals and is grounded in the ministry of reconciliation.

After serving 26 years in Tennessee prisons, Buford founded Unheard Voices Outreach, which helps incarcerated people and their families navigate parole, clemency, and successful re-entry. Shipp, a former prosecutor with the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, serves as chief legal counsel for Fair and Just Prosecution, a national network of local prosecutors working to promote equity, compassion, fairness, and fiscal responsibility in the criminal justice system.

Come explore what a more healing, restorative vision of justice might mean for our faith and our communities.



Join us for Parent and Child Music this Saturday!

Saturday, October 24, 10:00am in room 213

Infants, preschoolers, and the adults who love them are invited to Parent and Child Music on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00am! Come sing songs of faith and other childhood favorites, play instruments, dance, enjoy stories, and have fun as we celebrate God's love together. Learn more at belmontumc.org/parent-child-music.

All Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 28, 5:00pm in the Community Center

Make plans to join us Wednesday, October 28, for our All Fall Festival, a spooktacular evening for the whole Belmont community!

We'll start grilling hot dogs and veggie dogs outside the Community Center at 5:00pm, followed by games and a costume parade at 6:00pm. This special event will serve as our WNAB meal and program for the evening.

Come hungry, come in costume, and come ready for some fall fun! Learn more at belmontumc.org/all-fall-fest.

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00pm All Fall Festival,
Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11**

Church offices closed for
Veteran's Day

6:00pm Centennial Campaign
updates, 124

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

11:30am ENCORE
Thanksgiving lunch, Parker Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00am Parent and Child
Music, 213

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:30am Centennial Campaign
Lunch and Learn, Parker Hall



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Help make the All Fall Festival extra sweet!

What's better than dressing up in fun costumes, playing games, and making pumpkin crafts? Doing it all with candy, of course!

Join us for the All Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 28! Belmonsters of all ages are invited to come enjoy an evening of costumes, games, crafts, and plenty of fall fun.

You can help make the evening extra sweet by donating candy! We're collecting bags of individually wrapped candy to hand out at stations throughout the Community Center. Please bring your donations to the Children's Hall on the second floor. **No nuts or peanut butter, please.**

Thanks for helping us make the All Fall Festival a fun evening for everyone. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming learning opportunity from TNJFON

Wednesday, October 28, 5:00pm

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) is offering an opportunity to learn more about and support our immigrant neighbors. On Wednesday, October 28, at 5:00pm, TNJFON will offer an informational session for anyone who wants to better understand how to help community members navigate immigration-related legal questions. Experts will share how to find reliable legal assistance and avoid common pitfalls. Registration is required, and the location will be shared with registered participants. Sign up at tnjfon.org/comingtogether.

Christmas stockings for children in Grundy County

Once again, Belmont UMC will help spread Christmas cheer by filling stockings for children in the Beersheba Springs community in Grundy County! If you'd like to participate, pick up a stocking in the foyer on Sundays, November 8 or 15. The filled stockings will be distributed at the community's Christmas party.

Please return your filled stocking to the church by Sunday, December 6. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for these children!

For more information, contact Carol Foster (chfoster4@comcast.net).

ENCORE Thanksgiving lunch

Sunday, November 15, 11:30am in Parker Hall

If you are 60 or over, this event is for you! On Sunday, November 15, make plans to join us in Parker Hall immediately after the 10:30am worship service to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal (turkey and dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, and delicious assorted pies), fellowship, and entertainment provided by members of the Father Ryan Musical Theatre Class directed by Julie Cox. This event has sold out for the past two years, so register early!

Reservations are due by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 4; payment (\$10 per person) can be made via credit card at the time of registration in Realm or at the door (day of lunch).

ENCORE Home Help will replace smoke alarm batteries

Tired of smoke alarms beeping in the middle of the night? If you're 60 or older, ENCORE Home Help volunteers can replace the batteries in your smoke alarms once a year, helping you avoid those dreaded midnight beeps! Simply provide the replacement batteries, and a volunteer will take care of the rest. To schedule a visit, text Bart Perkey at 615-613-1915 or send an email to bperkey@comcast.net. A volunteer will contact you to arrange a convenient time.

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.