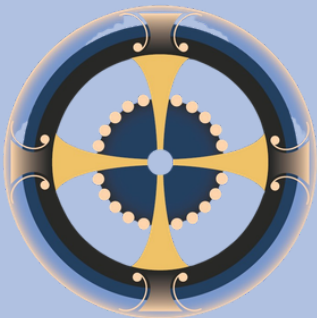




## This week at Belmont UMC

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Wednesday night  
community meal,  
Community Center  
6:00pm Important ballot  
initiatives, 124  
6:00pm Children's choirs,  
Faith Finders Hall  
6:00pm Youth Midweek,  
3rd floor  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
rehearsal, choir room  
8:30pm College night, 3rd floor

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00am Centering prayer,  
Zoom  
6:30pm Theology on Tap, TBD

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:10am Worship with  
Communion, chapel/live stream  
9:00am Adult Sunday school,  
various rooms  
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

## Dr. Taure Brown to preach next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 11, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Taure Brown, Director of the James Lawson Institute for the Research and Study of Nonviolent Movements, as our guest preacher. Join us for worship at 8:10am in the chapel or 10:30am in the sanctuary.

## BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

October 4, 2026

## Communion offering will support World Communion Sunday

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of Communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in Communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

You can leave your Communion offering on the Communion rail or go to [belmontumc.org/october-communion-offering](http://belmontumc.org/october-communion-offering) to give online.

## Upcoming learning opportunities from TNJFON

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) is offering two upcoming opportunities to learn more about and support our immigrant neighbors. If you missed Sheri Lea Sellmeyer's recent talk at Belmont UMC, you'll have another opportunity to hear from her on Tuesday, October 6, at 5:00pm, at a free book panel featuring Sheri and individuals whose stories are included in her book, *Nashville's New Americans*. The conversation will explore the many contributions immigrants have made to Nashville, and copies of the book will be available for purchase through co-host Parnassus Books. Register at [tnjfon.org/booktalk](http://tnjfon.org/booktalk).

Then, 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](http://tnjfon.org/comingtogether).

## Important ballot initiatives are focus of October 7 WNAB program

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00pm in room 124

Tennessee voters will decide more than candidates for state and federal office in the November 3 general election. The ballot will also include three proposed amendments to the Tennessee Constitution.

Join Liz Todaro on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00pm in room 124 for a conversation about the proposed amendments and what they could mean for Tennesseans. Todaro, former Access to Justice Director for the

Tennessee Bar Association, will focus primarily on the proposed bail amendment, which would allow judges to deny bail for certain felony offenses when specific legal standards are met.

The evening will also include information about proposed amendments that would prohibit Tennessee from imposing a state property tax and expand constitutional rights for victims of crime.



## College nights at Belmont UMC

Wednesday, October 7, 8:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 beginning this Wednesday, October 7. For more information, contact Emma Bushong ([emma@belmontumc.org](mailto:emma@belmontumc.org)).

# 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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## 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 beginning this Thursday, October 8. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

## Biscuits for Beds 2026

**Saturday, October 10, 9:00am in the Community Center**

Join Nashville Launch Pad this Saturday, October 10, for the fourth annual Biscuits for Beds, a morning of community, celebration, and fundraising to support unhoused young adults. The event will be held in Belmont UMC's Community Center, with doors opening at 8:30am. Come enjoy the morning while helping provide safe, affirming shelter for young adults in our community. Learn more and purchase tickets at [nashvillelaunchpad.com/biscuits](http://nashvillelaunchpad.com/biscuits).

## No WNAB programming on Wednesday, October 14

Due to fall break, there will be no Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) programming on Wednesday, October 14. This includes the Wednesday night meal, children's choirs, and youth studies. We hope everyone enjoys the break, and we look forward to seeing you when WNAB resumes on October 21!

## Discover the unseen side of Nashville

**Sunday, October 18, 2:00-4:30pm**

Join Nashville Organized for Action and Hope's (NOAH) Affordable Housing Task Force for an Unseen Nashville walking tour on Sunday, October 18, from 2:00-4:30pm. Through personal stories, local history, and lived experience, the tour will explore people, places, and stories that are often hiding in plain sight and offer a glimpse into a side of Nashville that is often overlooked.

The cost is \$20 per person, with financial assistance available upon request. The sign up deadline is October 13. Visit [belmontumc.org/noah](http://belmontumc.org/noah) to learn more or register.

## Save the date for the 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.

Everyone is invited to wear a favorite costume and enjoy activities including Go Fish, pumpkin bocce ball, cookie decorating, and more. Have a talent or fun "trick" you can perform for a treat? We can't wait to see it!

Come hungry, come in costume, and come ready for some fall fun!

## Room in the Inn returns next month

Belmont UMC's Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Program returns November 6! On 10 Friday nights through the end of March, we'll welcome 12 unhoused guests for a warm place to sleep, a delicious meal, and Belmont hospitality. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals, set up beds, drive the bus, and visit with guests over dinner. To volunteer or learn more, contact Joan Cato at [joan.cato@comcast.net](mailto:joan.cato@comcast.net) or 615-498-9750, or visit [belmontumc.org/room-in-the-inn](http://belmontumc.org/room-in-the-inn).

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*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.*