This week at Belmont UMC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Community meal, Community Center
6:00pm Seeing the sacred: Exploring art and spirituality, 124
6:00pm High school Bible study, various homes
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room
8:30pm College night, 3rd floor

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
12:00pm *Means of Grace*, Zoom
6:30pm Theology on Tap, TBD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
5:00pm Room in the Inn, Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
9:30am *The Liturgy of the Hours* mini retreat, Community Center
2:30pm Hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/live stream
9:00am Adult Sunday school, various rooms
9:15am Children's Sunday school drive-thru, 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 *Means of Grace*, 120/Zoom
5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2026

Together, We Shine



During worship on October 25, Pam Auble shared a heartfelt stewardship message celebrating Belmont UMC as a loving, healing community and reminding us of the importance of caring for the people who make our ministries possible.

Through the Centennial Campaign, we've committed to preserving our church home. Now, as we enter stewardship season, we're invited to support the people and ministries that bring it to life. As you receive your 2027 pledge card, please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge beyond the cost of living, if you're able, or pledging for the first time. Visit belmontumc.org/together to pledge online or read Pam's entire message.

A warm Belmont welcome for Sarah McWhirt-Toler



Join us in giving a warm Belmont welcome to Rev. Sarah McWhirt-Toler, our new Senior Associate Pastor, who begins her appointment tomorrow, Monday, November 2!

Sarah comes to us from Connell Memorial UMC in Goodlettsville, where she has served as Associate Pastor for the past six years. An ordained deacon, she brings a wealth of experience in pastoral care, faith formation, worship, and community engagement.

Sarah is partner to Clay, mama to Frances and Lyle, and daughter to Jennifer - all familiar faces at Belmont. We're excited to welcome Sarah home and look forward to all the ways we'll grow and serve together. Be sure to say hello and help us make Sarah feel right at home! Her email address is sarah@belmontumc.org.

Centennial Campaign update from John Pearce: Roof replacement project



Exciting progress is underway as Belmont UMC prepares to begin its first major Centennial Campaign renovation project! After careful review and consultation with Centric Architecture and the Property Committee, the Building Team has selected Tim Leeper Roofing to replace four of our ten roofs, including areas over the administration building, old gym and classrooms, and Community Center. The new roofing material offers a 30-year manufacturer's warranty and is designed to reflect heat, potentially reducing cooling costs.

The project will cost $425,403, approximately $85,155 above the original estimate, primarily due to upgraded materials, HVAC equipment relocation, and rising petroleum costs. Pre-construction planning is underway, with work expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions to our Weekday School, staff, and congregation. We are grateful for the generosity of so many Belmonters and excited to see this important work begin! To read John's entire update, go to belmontumc.org/centennial-updates.

Registration deadline for *Liturgy of the Hours* mini retreat is today

Saturday, November 7, 9:30am in the Community Center

Join us this Saturday, November 7, at 9:30am in the Community Center for a mini retreat exploring *The Liturgy of the Hours*, a spiritual practice that can bring intention, reflection, and renewal to the upcoming busy holiday season. Childcare is available by request via registration. ***The deadline to register is today!*** Learn more and register at belmontumc.org/mini-retreat.

Save the date!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Church offices closed for Veteran's Day, but all regular Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) activities will take place as usual
6:00pm Centennial Campaign updates, 124

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
11:30am ENCORE
Thanksgiving lunch, Parker Hall

Joys and concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to

Beth, Tommy, and Nathan Womack in the death of Beth's sister, Carole Goodhue.

Family and friends of Johnny Taylor.

Out of the hospital

Gerald Kirksey
Jimmie Lynn Ramsaur

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

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Means of Grace foundational course begins this evening!

Sundays, November 1, 8, and 15, at 5:30pm in room 120/Zoom and Thursdays, November 5, 12, and 19, 12:00pm on Zoom

How can spiritual practices help us connect with God in our daily lives? Join us this evening at 5:30pm in room 120 for *Means of Grace*, a three-week course exploring how the United Methodist tradition helps us experience and respond to God's grace. Learn more at belmontumc.org/foundational-course.

Seeing the sacred: Exploring art and spirituality with Alison Fullerton

Wednesday, November 4, 6:00pm in room 124



As we prepare for the Advent season, we invite you to explore spirituality in a fresh and creative way through the eyes and work of renowned artist and Belmonter Alison Fullerton. Join us this Wednesday, November 4, at 6:00pm in room 124 as Alison shares how art and spirituality come together through encaustic painting, an ancient technique that uses heated beeswax, resin, and colored pigments to create beautiful works of art. Don't miss this special opportunity to experience the sacred through art! Learn more about Alison's work at alisonfullertonart.com.

College nights at Belmont UMC

Wednesday, November 4, 8:30pm on the 3rd floor

College students are invited to College Nights, a monthly chance to gather for pizza, fellowship, and meaningful conversation. Join us this Wednesday, November 4, from 8:30-9:30pm on the 3rd floor at Belmont UMC. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

Theology on Tap

Thursday, November 5, 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 this Thursday, November 5, from 6:30-8:30pm. For more information, contact Emma Bushong (emma@belmontumc.org).

Children's Sunday school drive-thru

Sunday, November 8, 9:15am on the Faith Finders Hall

All children are invited to stop by the Faith Finders hall next Sunday, November 8, at 9:15am for a special breakfast! Yummy breakfast treats will be available for easy pickup, and children can take their food to their Sunday school classrooms to enjoy breakfast with their teachers and friends.

For more information, contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org).

The Women's Christian Theology Reader book launch

Friday, November 13, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Join us on Friday, November 13, for the official launch of *The Women's Christian Theology Reader*, edited by Beth Ritter-Conn and Steven R. Guthrie. The evening will feature a panel discussion with women theologians from local universities and a keynote address by Natalie Carnes, Professor of Theology at Duke Divinity School.

The celebration begins with a reception at 6:15pm in Parker Hall, followed by the panel discussion and keynote address at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. A book signing will follow. All are welcome!

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.