This week at Belmont UMC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Church offices closed for Veteran's Day
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Community meal, Community Center
6:00pm Centennial Campaign updates, 124
6:00pm High school Bible study, various homes
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith Finders Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:00am Centering prayer, Zoom
12:00pm *Means of Grace*, Zoom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:15pm Reception for *The Women's Christian Theology Reader* book launch, Parker Hall
7:00pm *The Women's Christian Theology Reader* book launch panel discussion, sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10:00am Feast of Lights rehearsal, sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
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
11:30am Encore Thanksgiving lunch, Parker Hall
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 8, 2026

Together, We Belong



During worship on November 1, Susan Bradford shared that her family's roots at Belmont go back more than 100 years, and that she is grateful for the generations of faith, love, and community nurtured here. Belmont is family to her - a diverse and beloved family.

Susan went on to say that our capital campaign will help preserve this beautiful building, but a house is not a home. It's what happens inside that matters. As we remember those who came before us, let us continue filling Belmont with God's love so that it spills generously into our community and beyond.

Read Susan's entire message and pledge online at belmontumc.org/together.

Church offices closed for Veterans Day; WNAB activities continue

Belmont UMC's offices will be closed this Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day as we honor and thank all who have served our country. However, all regular Wednesday Night at Belmont (WNAB) activities will take place as scheduled, including the community meal, children's choir, youth Bible study, and more. We look forward to seeing you!

Get a closer look at the Centennial Campaign

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00pm in room 124

Join us this Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00pm in room 124 for a closer look at the campaign, including updates and what's ahead. Can't make it Wednesday? The same information will be shared at a Lunch and Learn on Sunday, November 22, following worship in Parker Hall. Learn more at belmontumc.org/centennial-campaign-updates.

The Women's Christian Theology Reader book launch this Friday

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

Join us this 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!

Centennial Campaign update: Roof work beginning soon!



Work on several of Belmont's roofs will begin in the next couple of weeks as part of our Centennial Campaign!

While exact dates are still being finalized based on material deliveries, we expect the project to take approximately 4-6 weeks, weather permitting. We're working closely with our roofing contractor, Tim Leeper, to schedule the work around church activities and keep disruptions to a minimum.

There will be some temporary parking closures, particularly on weekdays, so please watch for updates about parking availability and alternative options before coming to church.

We know construction can bring some inconveniences, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility as we make these important improvements to our campus. Stay tuned for more details in the coming days!

Save the date!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
10:00am Parent and Child Music, 213

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
11:30am Centennial Campaign Lunch and Learn, Parker Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
12:00pm Church closes for Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Church closed for Thanksgiving

Zoo and Vindaloo with the GIFT Class

Join the GIFT Class today at 3:00pm for a visit to the Nashville Zoo, followed by dinner around 5:00pm at Taj Indian Restaurant (412 Harding Place). Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

Belmont UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

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The Harp School's Fall 2026 Awards Recital

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30pm in the sanctuary

Join us on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for The Harp School's Fall 2026 Awards Recital! Students will share their musical talents and be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the season. The recital is free and open to the public. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of beautiful music and celebration! Learn more at belmontumc.org/harp-school.

Save the date for Advent Craft Night!

Sunday, December 6, 5:30pm in the Community Center

Make plans to join us on Sunday, December 6, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Community Center for our annual Advent Craft Night! This church-wide event is open to all ages, and everyone is welcome!

Do you have a fun, easy craft idea inspired by Advent themes such as light, evergreens, or the Nativity? We'd love for you to share it! If you're willing to lead a craft station, please contact Amy Cooper (amy@belmontumc.org). Learn more at belmontumc.org/craft-night.

Charge Conference

Tuesday, December 8, 6:00pm in Parker Hall

Our annual Charge Conference with our new District Superintendent, Dr. Cynthia Talley, will be held on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00pm in Parker Hall and via Zoom. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

Dinner reservations must be made by 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 2. Payment of $13.50 per person is required by credit card at the time of registration. For menu or to make your reservation, go to belmontumc.org/charge-conference.

Feast of Lights is December 12

Saturday, December 12, 5:00pm in the sanctuary

Belmont UMC's beloved Feast of Lights will be held on Saturday, December 12, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. This cherished service will continue its traditional Lessons and Carols format, telling the Christmas story through a beautiful combination of scripture readings, prayers, and music.

For 74 years, the Feast of Lights has been a treasured Belmont tradition, ushering in the joy and wonder of Christmas. We hope you'll join us for this special evening! Learn more at belmontumc.org/feast-of-lights.

Want to get more connected?

Are you looking for a way to build friendships, grow in faith, and feel more connected at Belmont UMC? Our church has many ways to get connected with a smaller group of *Spiritual Friends*. From Sunday morning classes to small groups that gather throughout the week, Belmonters come together for friendship, spiritual encouragement, learning, and growing in faith. Whether you're a longtime member or new to Belmont, there's always room for another friend. Visit belmontumc.org and explore the Connect section for groups for adults, young adults, and college students. All our groups would love to welcome you!

Deadline change for November 29 newsletter

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the December 29 issue of the newsletter will be published earlier than usual. Articles, announcements, or calendar items for both the November 22 and 29 issues should be sent to Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org) by 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 18.

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.