

Welcome!

Here's what's happening in our community



Mindy McGarrah Sharp to lead this week's Lenten study

Wednesday, April 2, at 6:00pm in room 124

This Wednesday, April 2, Mindy McGarrah Sharp will lead our Lenten small group study in room 124 at 6:00pm. We'll reflect on this week's devotion from the Everything in Between devotional guide.

Easter egg hunt this Saturday!

Saturday, April 5, at 10:00am

Belmont UMC is excited to host our annual Easter egg hunt for children, infant - 4th grade! The rain-or-shine, family-friendly event will take place this Saturday, April 5, at 10:00am, and will offer a fun and festive way to celebrate the joy of Easter. Children will hunt for Easter eggs, win exciting prizes, and even enjoy a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

Hymn sing at Mary, Queen of Angels

Saturday, April 5, at 2:30pm

Join us for a hymn sing this Saturday, April 5! Belmonsters, led by the Seekers Class, will gather with residents of Mary, Queen of Angels (34 White Bridge Road) on the first Saturday of each month, and Christy Perkey will lead the singing from 2:30-3:30pm. Please meet in the lobby at 2:15pm.

Hymn books will be provided. All you need is a love of hymn singing and a desire for fellowship. No reservation or signup required – everyone is welcome! For questions or more information, contact Karen Roberts (kcksroberts@bellsouth.net).

ENCORE Lunch and Learn next Sunday

Sunday, April 6, at 11:30am in Parker Hall

Make plans to attend the ENCORE Lunch and Learn next Sunday, April 6, in Parker Hall, following the 10:30am worship service!

Rachel Solava, from the Greater Nashville Regional Council, will be our guest speaker, will share information about the services her agency offers for older adults, individuals with disabilities of all ages, their families, and caregivers. Lunch will be catered by Martin's BBQ for \$14 per person. The menu will be a selection of smoked turkey and pulled pork, along with assorted side dishes, a choice of Coconut Cake or Strawberry Cake, and beverages. *Reservations are due by 5:00pm tomorrow, Monday, March 31.*

For more information or to make your lunch reservation, go to belmontumc.org/lunch-and-learn.

This week

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
5:00pm Wednesday Night at Belmont
community meal, Community Center
6:00pm Lenten small group study, 124
6:00pm Children's choirs, FF Hall
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal,
choir room

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:00am Centering prayer,
prayer room
1:00pm Celebration Ringers rehearsal,
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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

10:00am Easter egg hunt
2:30pm Hymn sing at Mary,
Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:10am Worship with Communion,
chapel
8:45am Children's Chimes
9:15am Sunday school
10:30am Worship with Communion,
sanctuary
11:30am ENCORE Lunch and Learn
11:30am Fellowship in the Foyer
1:30pm Carillon Ringers rehearsal
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal
5:30pm United Methodist Youth
7:30pm Castro Valley/TSU concert,
sanctuary

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Special concert at Belmont UMC next Sunday evening

Sunday, April 6, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary

Join us for a special concert next Sunday, April 6, at 7:30pm, in the sanctuary, featuring members of the Castro Valley High School Concert Choir, in collaboration with Tennessee State University's Meistersingers. This concert is free and open to the public. Learn more at belmontumc.org/concert.

Save the date for our next mini retreat!

Saturday, April 12, at 10:00am in the prayer room

On Saturday, April 12, we will explore the spiritual practice of adventure as part of our Spiritual Practices for the Wilderness mini-retreats. This retreat will offer time to contemplate the ways God is showing up, to be in community and to engage in spiritual practices. This retreat will take place from 10:00am-12:00pm at Belmont UMC. For more information, contact Heather Harriss (heather@belmontumc.org).

Pastor Heather prepares for renewal leave

Belmont UMC has been awarded a generous grant from the National Clergy Renewal Program, funded by the Lilly Endowment. These grants allow congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from their ministries and responsibilities.

From April 21 to July 14, Heather hopes to experience God in ever-deepening ways through the spiritual practices of pilgrimage, creativity, and adventure—and she hopes you will, too!

On Palm Sunday, April 13, during the Sunday school hour, stop by the Iris Room to learn more about Heather's plans, enjoy some Italian treats, and pick up a Mini-Renew Retreat Kit and Guide. During worship, we will bless her as she embarks on this sacred time away. Learn more about Heather's plans at belmontumc.org/heather-renewal-leave.

Save the date!

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10:00am Adventure mini retreat,
prayer room

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:30am Palm Sunday parade

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:00pm Good Friday worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:10am and 10:30am Easter worship

**MONDAY, JUNE 23 - THURSDAY,
JUNE 26**

5:00-7:00pm Camp Firelight
Vacation Bible School

Join us for Camp Firelight VBS in June!

Monday, June 23 - Thursday, June 26, 5:00-7:00pm

Join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) summer camp adventure with God at Belmont UMC's Camp Firelight! Inspired by Psalm 56:3, this unique VBS program from Cokesbury Kids invites children on a journey where they will learn to trust God in every situation, know that God is always with them, and feel confident sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

We will gather Monday, June 23, - Thursday, June 26, from 5:00–7:00pm. Each evening will begin with campers enjoying dinner together with their fellow campers and camp counselors in the mess hall (Community Center).

We hope you'll join us for this exciting adventure! If you're interested in volunteering to help make this event a fun and memorable experience for our children, please contact Whitney Ruf (wclodfelter@gmail.com).

We would love to connect with you!

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card in the pew or sign the attendance register at the end of your row.

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