

Belmont United Methodist Church
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“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you” (Ephesians 5:13, 14).

This was the key passage featured in the recent New Room Conference that Rachel and I attended in Nashville, Tennessee. The main theme was “awakening,” which focuses on spiritual and inner renewal. The heartfelt singing of spiritual awakening, the challenging and revitalizing messages, the teaching in the breakout sessions all dove tailed together to revive our souls and our minds for deeper spiritual living and effective ministry.

One particular speaker spoke from his heart about his church that had 80 people in worship attendance weekly. He said, “We often operate in a deficit and I don’t know if our church will still be here in three years, but my church and I keep passionate about ministering to people in need. We’re not giving up our passion for the lost and the needy.” Their food pantry and ministry to the poor is a vital part of their ministry. I thought, “That’s similar to church. What an inspiration for us to continue on even when we don’t know the future either.” His passion for ministry and for people made a great impact on me to keep doing the same thing no matter what the future holds. God is faithful to them and to us.

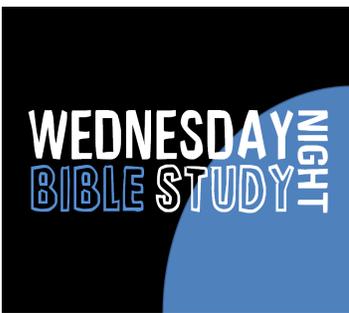
And there is much to be excited about here at Belmont as God continues to work in our midst. This month of October will present some challenges and some great opportunities of ministry and fellowship. For the challenges, please pray for our leadership team and financial task force as we make headway in the challenging areas of finance. The regular leadership team meeting will take place after church on October 7th, and a special meeting with task force and leadership is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st, also after church.

We are still inviting people to come to our Sunday morning worship service series on Hope for Dayton, featuring our famous people from Dayton and how they have contributed to society. Moreover, what can we learn from their example that will lead us into a bright future? This is a great time to invite someone to church.

Then on Saturday, October 27th from 4 to 6 p.m. we will celebrate with the fall festival. We are preparing for this special time with our community, our partnering schools, and our Belmont businesses, who have been invited. So, come on out and bring a friend with you. And most of all bring the kids!

Take care and have a great October everyone!

Pastor Randy



On Oct. 31, the Wonderful Wednesday Women will begin a 24-week book-and-video study of the Old Testament, *The Epic of Eden*, by Dr. Sandra Richter. "The OT can feel like a junk drawer--a disorganized collection of important stuff we don't want to lose yet don't know what to do with. From the Pentateuch to patriarchs and from kings to prophets, it can feel like a puzzle we've tried to put together but end up putting back in the box because it's too complicated." Is that your experience with the Old Testament? Then join us for this deeply substantive and profoundly spiritual explanation of the OT, that shows us how "Old Testament understanding leads to fresh depths of New Testament faith for everyday life in the real world." The WWW meet in the youth room (upstairs behind the balcony), 6:30-7:30 p.m. Facilitator: Rachel Coleman. Cost" \$18 for the book. (Scholarships available.)

Pastor's Bible Study: A Bible study based on the upcoming sermon. Come and grow as you preview the Bible text of each sermon. This class is located in the office.
Leader: Randy Coleman

The Wednesday Parlor Bible study, is going through *Disciple: Under the Tree of Life* (New Testament part), which covers the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally Revelation. Each week includes a selection from Psalms (the Bible's prayer book). Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion; the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in Revelation. Facilitator: Dick Kooser



SAVE THE DATE!

October 27TH

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

FALL FESTIVAL HERE AT BELMONT UMC

Watch for more details on our Facebook Page bulletins and our website!



Children/Youth: We offer classes for children from ages 2-high school. Please see Becky Fultz for assistance in getting your child connected with the appropriate teacher/location. Connect with Stephanie Black to get involved with Junior and/or High school youth.

Bridge Builders: A Bible discussion format that leads to lively discussions. Located in Bride's Room near the nursery.

Treasure Seekers Sunday: Not in a Sunday School class? The Treasure Seekers invite you to join them for a study of the **Book of Revelation**, beginning October 7th. HINT: You'll find this book a lot less scary than you thought and at the same time more timely and challenging than you ever imagined. Located at the bottom of the basement steps.
Facilitator: Rachel Coleman

Trinity: Bible Study Sunday School. Studying 1 Corinthians. Located in the basement.

Homebuilders: Discussion based lessons each week. Located in the church office.

Searchers: We're working our way through a book called "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". Come learn with us.



Wonderful Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is a great time of fellowship for everyone before our fall studies and practices begin at 6:30 p.m. We enjoy great food, a time of prayer and sometimes play games and share a few jokes. It's a great time to get to know members of the congregation as well as those from our community. A donation of \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child is suggested. If you would like to help with cooking or prepare a meal, please contact or see Mary Credlebaugh. Child care is available from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for any activities taking place in the church during the evening.

ESL IS BACK FOR A NEW SESSION

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS 6:30 P.M.

with childcare available on Wednesdays.

Please see Randy or Hope Pawleski if interested.



Did you know that Red Bird Mission collects and uses Box Top for Education coupons? If you bring them in we will make sure they get to Red Bird!



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

SERVES THE 45420 ZIP CODE

ENTER THROUGH THE BELLAIRE AVE. ENTRANCE

The food pantry is in need of cereal, soup, beans, crackers, juices, canned meat and jelly, toilet paper and other toiletries. Plastic bags are always needed.

We are also in need of more volunteers. Please let Linda Pelfrey know if you are able to help. 937-344-2560.



PRESCHOOL NEWS!

In September God blessed the preschool with 11 new families and 9 students from returning families. We are excited that 2 of those new families are children of our alumni.

We learned the Pledge of Allegiance, celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making applesauce, and are beginning to understand that we live in Ohio, one of the states in the United States of America. We also learned to look for safety signs and sang nursery rhymes.

Along with looking for the colors of Autumn and learning about Christopher Columbus, in October we will be talking about owls, bats, and healthy habits. We will finish of the month with our annual Halloween Costume Party on Wednesday, October 31st!

Feel free to check out our postings on the preschool's Facebook page to see all the different costumes.

Carrie Bates

~A great place for children to learn and grow~



Thank you to Becky Fultz for providing an air conditioning unit in the nursery and to Jerry Taylor and Danny for installing it! We really appreciate it!!

To the Student Aid Endowment Committee,

I would like to thank you for your gracious scholarship towards my academic endeavors. As you know, college isn't cheap and this is my Junior year, which means living off campus in my first apartment. The adventure is great, but does add to my expenses. The funds awarded me will help with these added expenses as well as my studio material expenses and books. I have received the scholarship these last three years and I appreciate it very much. Thank you so much to my church family for all of your prayers and support!

Blessings,

Jenna Saul



Psalm 127:3

“Children are a heritage from the Lord- offspring a reward from Him.”

Squawk, whine, argue, complain... squawk some more. It is easy as a mom to forget the significance of this verse and the blessing that my children are to me. Compound that by 20, with kids whom are not my own, and it can be downright challenging as a teacher sometimes too! And yet, the Lord says that children are a heritage, a reward. If I always focus on the irritating, negative aspects of raising children, that will be all I ever get. What if, instead, I shift my focus on the joy, innocence, and gifts that these young people bring to their world? I, and certainly you, can truly make a difference in the lives of these precious little people. In fact, King Solomon knew this very well, stating in Proverbs 22:6, “Train up the child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Now, we all know all too well that some children are raised in church and make other choices in life that separate them from God’s spirit. So perhaps, Solomon was not commanding a promise, but rather a general principle in life. Then again, perhaps through his life he had seen those that struggle but come to witness in the last breaths of their life. Whatever the path, the war on our children is strong and the battle is waging.

Did You Know?!? 85% of people who come to Christ, do so by the age of 18!

I don’t know about you, but every time I hear or think of this shocking statistic, I am convicted to earnestly pursue young people. Our children and our youth depend on our outpouring of ministry and influence in their lives, and these little beings all too soon take control of society and the course that is set for entire communities. An article I recently read proclaimed it this way, “Churches that build great worship centers, coffee shops or adult spaces but neglect their children's ministry space are making a serious mistake. Churches that spend big budget money on adult ministry but skimp on their children's ministry budget are limiting their impact. Churches that have a large worship ministry staff but are understaffed in their children's ministry will not reach as many families.” Our impact on the church and its future lie with 0-18 year olds. D.L. Moody, founder of the Moody Institute, began his ministry with children before becoming an evangelist. Toward the end of his tenure, he is quoted to say, "If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children."

Mark 9:37

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me."

I will leave you with this verse. As I begin my ministry here at Belmont United Methodist, I entreat you to journey alongside me in continuing to welcome our children and our community’s children to concretely understanding and knowing Jesus as their personal savior and friend. We will be naming our children’s ministry program: KIDZ JAM for “Jesus and Me.” This might even be a familiar name for some of you! Shortly, I will reintroduce worship and praise as part of our KIDZ JAM focus. Goals for children’s ministry is to fully integrate them as participating members of our congregation in worship and service. Our mission statement reflects the church’s mission where “United we grow and serve together!” You might be asking yourself, “What can this possibly require of me?” Can you not see it? YOU are a vital part of my children’s ministry staff. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your ministry. Thank you for your undying love and commitment to our children.

1. Use the Bible Bookmarks our children have created to keep with your Bible or other books you are reading. Commit to praying for your child by name often. Work to get to know your child, and what they like. Surprise them in ways that speak love into their lives.
2. Serve in your capacity with time. We have a wonderful, committed, and faithful nursery worker who knows and works with our kids aged 0-4 years old. However, to keep her and the children safe, we need an extra body with her each Sunday while she works. Please donate 12% of your Sunday worship time, or once every 8 weeks, to the service of our youngest children.
3. Serve at the Fall Festival October 27th from 4-6 by sitting at a carnival station, handing out prizes or sitting at a trunk, passing out candy.
4. Provide donations for our Fall Festival through candy, treats, or monetarily reimburse for these expenses.
5. Sign up to visit us between 10:00-10:30 one Sunday this fall to tell the children of your experiences and faith testimony, as well as just sit to chat with us and get to know us.

In the famous words of Jenny Gotwald, “Thank you for making the church go!”

OUR VISION

**Belmont United Methodist Church is a welcoming
community of authentic, Christ-centered disciples on a lifelong
journey of faith and love.**

OUR MISSION

**MAKING NEW AND GROWING DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF
OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.**



FACEBOOK



WEBSITE



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Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Randy Coleman
Worship Leader	John-Philip Fultz
Youth Director	Stephanie Black
Children's Coordinator	Becky Fultz
Administrative Assistant	Susan Saul
Treasurer	Mary Credlebaugh
Organist	Connie Ignatiou
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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Worship

Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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