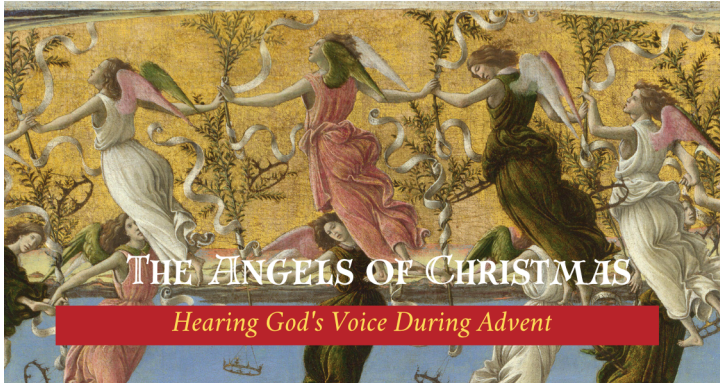


Advent & Christmas 2024

WORSHIP



THE ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS

Hearing God's Voice During Advent

Angels are at the heart of the Christmas story, bringing the good, and sometimes scary, news of God's work in the world. Join us this Advent as we consider these messengers from God, the word they offer, and the response they elicit. How is God calling us to listen and respond in this holy season? How might God use us to bring good news in our time?

December 1

Gabriel and Zechariah, Luke 1:5-25

December 8

Gabriel and Mary, Luke 1:26-38

December 15

An Angel and Joseph, Matthew 1:18-25

December 22

The Angels and the Shepherds, Luke 2:1-14

Service of Hope and Consolation

A time of reflection, prayer and hope for all those who have experienced loss this year

Thursday, December 5 | 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be served following the service.

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We welcome everyone to a quiet service of scripture, prayer, music and the lighting of candles of remembrance. For all the losses we have suffered this past year, we pause to reflect, accept how we're feeling and seek God's healing and hope in a community of grace.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 | 4 & 6 p.m.

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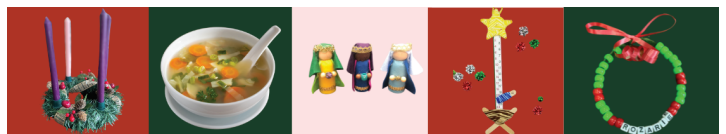
Come celebrate Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. with carol singing, a children's Nativity during the reading of the Christmas story, candle lighting and Holy Communion.

Join us for a traditional service at 6:00 p.m. with music from our Chancel Choir and string quartet, a homily, candle lighting and Holy Communion.

GROW

Advent Small Group Youth Study

Description: In this four week study during Sunday School, we reflect on moments where realities do not live up to expectations. We will explore how God disrupts expectations through Jesus' birth in the manger, provides a new possibility when Joseph's expectations of life get disrupted, is with Mary as she is confronted with large expectations, and provides hope when the community does not live up to expectations. Join Kim and Tresca at 10 am on Sundays at the youth house.



Advent Workshop

November 24 ✨ 4:00-6:00

Register www.fumcbelmont.org/advent

Advent Small Group

Tuesdays beginning
November 26th

1:30 - 2:30

4 week app based study (books are available too)

Focuses on the experiences of four
often overlooked characters
in the Nativity story.

Contact Doreen to sign up: doreen@fumcbelmont.org



"Angels in Our Midst"

2024 FUMC Belmont Advent Devotional

Each day, written by an FUMC Belmont member or Staff

Deepen your faith and focus on the birth of our
Savior as you read these faith filled stories, inspired
by witnessing others acting as God's angels.

Pickup your copy at the information
desk or in the office beginning
December 1st, 2024

SERVE

Feeding the
CHILDREN

+ PLUS



Sign up to pre-pack, cook, assemble or deliver
lunches and bags of shelf stable food to
children during Christmas break

Sign up at www.fumcbelmont.org/feedthechildren
or use the QR code



Sharing the Warmth

Help is needed to tally the hats, gloves and socks we will be
collecting for SOCKS during Advent. If you are able to help tally
the items and deliver them to SOCKS please contact Margie
Ligon at margie@fumcbelmont.org



Join us as we partner with Christ
UMC in providing emergency
housing during the winter months
for neighbors without a warm house to
call home. On scheduled Saturdays we will be
transporting those without a warm bed to
Christ UMC and providing them a
hot meal and a place to sleep.

Program
begins
Dec. 7th

To learn more go to
www.fumcbelmont.org/roomintheinn



GIVE

COMMUNITY
CAFE
supporting



THURSDAY
Dec 5, 12 & 19
11:45-1:15

Dahlia Grove

Dining at the cafe provides financial support and
training for women recovering from human
trafficking, domestic violence and drug addiction

DECEMBER 8TH

BCO
FOOD DRIVE

Collecting
non-perishable
food to help those
without adequate food resources



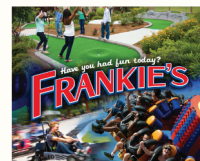
Share the Warmth

Decorate our tree with
mittens, hats and socks.
All items will be donated
to S.O.C.K.S
Crisis Ministry in the
Springwood community



DECEMBER 8TH
12:30-5:00

PLEASE JOIN
US FOR A



Christmas
Youth Party

Reserve
Your Spot
and pay by
December
3rd

GIFTS THAT

 **zoe empowers** *Matter*

For as little as \$10 you can purchase a Gift
that Matters and transform the life of a child.
Visit the ZOE table after either worship
service during Advent



CELEBRATE

Crossroads

(4TH AND 5TH GRADES)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 1 / 5:30-7:30



Candy Cane Family Night

Wednesday, Dec 4  6:00-7:30

Join us in Carpenter Hall after
Alleluia Choir for supper, hot cocoa
bar, crafts and more!

Register at
www.fumcbelmont.org/kids



Primetimers

December 10 | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Drive through McAdenville

Dinner before - WoodShed in Stanley
Contact Doreen to reserve your spot
doreen@fumcbelmont.org

Listen to the Angels Singing Concert

December 15 at 4:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of wonderful Christmas music offered by
our Chancel Choir, Worship Team, Alleluia Children's Choir,
Bellissimo Handbell Choir along with soloists and guest
musician, Sharon Martin in the Sanctuary!

Christmas Concert and Dinner

December 15 - 4 pm
dinner to follow

Deadline to sign up for dinner Dec. 8
Tickets - \$15 per person
or \$60 a family of 4 or more

Sign up at fumcbelmont.org/online-giving
or forms are available at the Information desk



Young Adult Luncheon

December 20 at 11:30

Meet at the Spruced Goose Station

Christmas Eve Nativity

December 24
4:00 p.m.



All children are invited to help tell the story of Jesus' birth
during our 4:00 Christmas Eve service.
Email jennifer@fumcbelmont.org to participate.

COMING IN 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A Light to the Nations Experiencing and Sharing the Light of Christ

Begins January 5

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Simeon sings these words in Luke 2 as Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to be dedicated at the temple. Simeon knew the truth of Jesus: though a baby born in Bethlehem, he had within him a light that would shine far beyond Israel to enlighten the whole world. Join us this Epiphany season as we explore the light of Christ, reaching outsiders and outcasts, travelling to dark places in our world and in our lives, and calling us to do the same.

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday: Matthew 2:1-12
January 12 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 19 – John 2:1-11
January 26 – Luke 4:14-21
February 2 – Luke 4:21-30
February 9 – Luke 5:1-11
February 16 – Luke 6:17-26
February 23 – Luke 6:27-38

LET'S CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

JANUARY 5TH
1-2:30



Meet at 103
Sacco Street,
Belmont

Youth Hike at Rocky Branch Trail

Primetimers Trip to Matthew's Playhouse

February 1st at 2:00 p.m.

We will see "Bright Star", a tale of love and redemption in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Tickets are \$27.

Contact Doreen to sign up: doreen@fumcbelmont.org

limited number of tickets

Sun, Nov. 24	Advent Workshop	4:00 pm
Tues, Nov. 26	Advent Small Group Study	1:30 pm
Sun, Dec. 1	Pick up Advent Devotionals	
	1st Sunday of Advent Worship	8:30 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:15 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	1st Sunday of Advent Worship	11:00 am
Tues, Dec. 3	Advent Small Group Study	1:30 pm
Wed, Dec. 4	Candy Cane Family Night	6:00 pm
Thur, Dec. 5	Service of Hope and Consolation	6:30 pm
Sat, Dec. 7	Room in the Inn	5:00 - 7:30 pm
Sun, Dec. 8	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship	8:30 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:15 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship	11:00 am
	Youth Christmas Party	12:30 pm
Tues, Dec. 10	Feeding the Children	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Advent Small Group Study	1:30 pm
	Primetimers Drive Through McAdenville	5:00 pm
Sun, Dec. 15	3rd Sunday of Advent Worship	8:30 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:15 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	3rd Sunday of Advent Worship	11:00 am
	Christmas Concert & Dinner	4:00 pm
Tues, Dec. 17	Advent Small Group Study	1:30 pm
Fri, Dec. 20	Feeding the Children	8:00 - 11:30 am
	Young Adult Lunch	11:30 am
Sun, Dec. 22	4th Sunday of Advent Worship	8:30 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:15 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	3rd Sunday of Advent Worship	11:00 am
Mon, Dec. 23	Feeding the Children	8:00 - 11:30 am
Tues, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship & Communion	4:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion	6:00 pm
Thur, Dec. 26	Feeding the Children	8:00 - 11:30 am
Sat, Dec. 28	Room in the Inn	5:00 - 7:30 pm
Sun, Dec. 29	Worship	8:30 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:15 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Mon, Dec. 30	Feeding the Children	8:00 - 11:30 am
Thur, Jan. 2	Feeding the Children	8:00 - 11:30 am