FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 1, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.
The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday



All Saints I, 1911 by Wassily Kandinsky

United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond

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Good morning and welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We are glad you are here! Today we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, remembering those members of our church family who have died in the past year, and all those we love but see no longer. We're also continuing our series, THRIVE, exploring five marks of congregations that are flourishing in God's grace. Today we turn to kinship: the gift of belonging to one another, in this church and beyond our walls. Our scripture is Psalm 133, a song pilgrims sang on the road to Jerusalem, reminding us that we never make the journey of faith alone, but walk it together, with one another and with all the saints.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*OPENING SONG *Holy Forever* CCLI Song # 7201044

*PRAYER Jennifer Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 133

SERMON The Rev. George Ragsdale

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As a forgiven and reconciled child of God, you are invited to give your offerings and gifts to God by placing them in the offering plate when you come forward to receive communion.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

NAMING THE SAINTS

Mary Kaye Butler
James Paul Harris
Benjamin Lee Millspaw
Beulah Hux Mullinax
Benjamin Marshall Stowe, Jr.
Carol Ann Goodrum Tomlinson

During the Great Thanksgiving this morning we name and remember those members of our church who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BREAKING THE BREAD (gluten free option available)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Endless Praise

CCLI Song # 7183423

I can't wait for eternity
Join the song they're already singing
Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord
Just to bow down before Your throne
See Your face, I cry out because You're
Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord

Jesus, King of kings
Jesus, Majesty

Standing with those who have
heard "well done"
Proclaiming forever that You're the One who's
Faithful, faithful, faithful are You, Lord

What can we give You but endless praise
The heavens roar as we shout Your name is
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, You are Lord

Worthy, worthy, worthy, Lord
Another glimpse of glory
We'll sing once more
Worthy, worthy, worthy, Lord
Forever, forever

Holy is the Lamb
Righteous is the Lamb
Jesus is the Lamb
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG *The Church* CCLI Song # 7245762

** Those who are able please stand.*

WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to explore all the opportunities we have for children, youth, and adults of all ages. We seek to be a community of faith that welcomes all as we grow to be more like Jesus Christ for our community, loving and serving God and one another in all that we do.

If you are a guest, we are honored to have you with us. Please stop by the information center as you leave this morning to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We look forward to getting to know you in the days to come! Welcome!

Weekly Devotional Guides offer daily Scripture readings, reflections, and questions for contemplation and discussion. Each guide follows the theme and content of Sunday's sermon and includes a prayer for the week. Copies of the guides, along with transcripts of today's sermon, are available at the Information Center. You may also sign up to receive the guides by email, along with other church updates, at www.fumcbelmont.org/emails.

Today's Bulletin Cover features Wassily Kandinsky's *All Saints I* (1911). Born in Russia, Kandinsky gave up a career in law to study art at the age of thirty. He became one of the pioneers of abstract painting, convinced that color and form could speak directly to the soul the way music does. Here, saints and angels move in procession at the sound of heaven's trumpet. But they are only half-visible, melting into great washes of color, as if the boundaries between figures, between earth and sky, were beginning to give way. The whole canvas rings with a joyful gathering, every color reaching toward the others, the company of heaven and earth coming home together.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ways to Give at FUMC Belmont:

Online – visit fumcbelmont.org/online-giving.
By mail – Send your gift to the church address on the front of this bulletin.
In-person – drop your gift in the offering plate or the church office drop box.



Christmas Poinsettias

$15 each due by Nov. 29.

We will be decorating our worship space with poinsettias during the Advent season.

Order forms are at the Information Desk and online at **fumcbelmont.org/poinsettias**

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Alleluia Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00 and will sing at the 11:00 worship service on November 8. Email ellen@fumcbelmont.org to join.

We have ***Sunday School*** classes for all First Kids. Email jennifer@fumcbelmont.org for more info!



Pies & Praise A Fall Family Event

Wed, Nov 18 6:00-7:30

Join us for supper, stations, and praise! Each family, please bring one pie for our pie walk.

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School – Join us for a timely discussion on faithful civic engagement to discuss how we, as young Christians, can spread peace and love to fellow citizens, even those who disagree with us.

TONIGHT, Sunday Night Youth, 5:30-7:30 – Join us tonight for Game Night. Bring a card or board game to share. We will play Grog after dinner. Get ready for some fun!



Sunday, November 8, Sunday Night Youth-5:30-7:30– Join us next week as we discuss our sermon series "Thrive." We will discuss why we are better together as we study the Bible in small groups. Don't forget to share your "Thrive" photos with Quanna, too.



Youth Christmas Party, November 29, 12:00-4:30 – Join us for lunch at Culver's and ice skating at the Whitewater Center. Signup through Quanna's email or our church website.

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

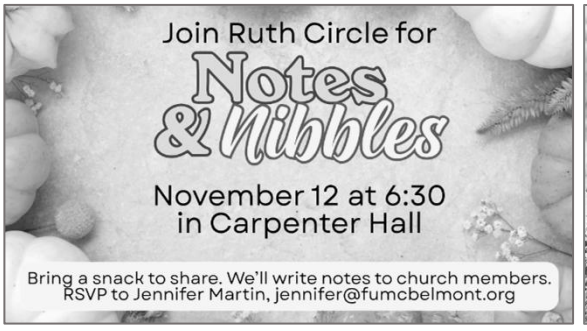
Marriage Class: Utilizing psychologist John Gottman's book, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, offering practical tools to help couples deepen friendship, manage conflict, and build a stronger, more lasting marriage. Meets in room 503, off of the Old Fellowship Hall.

Route 66: Studying *Short Stories by Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Learn how Jesus' parables may have overlooked some groups of people and how that writing impacts us today. Meets in room 304.

Salt & Light Fellowship: Begins with reviewing the Scripture for the week and looks at how God has moved in each person's life, the joys and sorrows. Meets in the Narthex meeting room, in back of the information desk.

Wanderers: Currently studying Matt Rawle's book *Jesus Revealed*. Through the I Am statements in the book of John, he shows us that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers. Meets in room 502, off of the Old Fellowship Hall.







WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Game Night

Monday, November 2
- 6:30 p.m. Service & Missions Meeting

Tuesday, November 3
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group: The Shape of Living
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Care Min Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group: Disciple

Wednesday, November 4
- 6:30 p.m. Service of Unity and Peace

Thursday, November 5
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group: The Shape of Living
- 7:00 p.m. Square 2 Get-Together

Friday, November 6
- 6:30 a.m. First Friday Men's Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Hood Memorial Port-A-Pit Fundraiser

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Pastries with the Pastor
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Crossroads
- 5:30 p.m. Youth: Thrive

Praising God for the birth of Henry Aaron Tyson, born to Aaron and Carolyn on October 22. Siblings Olivia, Ivy, and Miles are all smitten with their new baby brother!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mark Moore's 84-year-old cousin
Lee Allen (Director of S.O.C.K.S. and Preston Taylor's friend)
Ginger Feimster
Murphy Clark and family
For the Zoe communities in Rwanda, especially Jean Baptiste (19) head of household, and siblings Jacqueline (12), Jeannette (9), Jean de Dieu (3)

Submit prayer requests to: prayers@fumcbelmont.org. Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks. For continued prayers, please submit a new request.







CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 9, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we give thanks for the last year, while committing to another year of being Jesus Christ for our community and beyond. We will also elect leaders and approve the 2027 budget.

All church leaders are encouraged to attend.
All church members are eligible to vote.

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