

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles by Duccio di Buoninsegno, 1308 -1311

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***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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Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! Today is Trinity Sunday, a day set aside to honor the mystery of our belief in the Triune God: one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today, we do not come to explain or fully comprehend this mystery, but to acknowledge our limits and open ourselves to God's ongoing revelation. May this time of worship deepen our humility, renew our trust, and attune us to the Holy Spirit who still speaks and guides us today.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*OPENING SONG

Doxology "God Be Praised"

CCLI Song # 7134391

*PRAYER

Doreen Collins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

Matthew Henry

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BREAKING THE BREAD (gluten free option available)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

"King of Kings"

CCLI Song # 7127647

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering

You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING OF DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TEAM

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Sal Fragapane

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Praise the Father, Praise the Son"

**Those who are able please stand*

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 and stages of life. 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!

Today's Bulletin Cover features *Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles* (1308–1311) by Duccio di Buoninsegna, a panel from his monumental Maestà altarpiece for Siena Cathedral in Italy. In this quiet scene, Jesus speaks his final words to the eleven disciples—Judas already absent—preparing them for a future they do not yet understand. Duccio leaves out halos to avoid crowding the space, allowing the soft drapery and gentle gestures to carry the emotional weight. The half-open door behind Christ casts a dark, uncertain void, a powerful symbol of absence, transition, and possibility. What will they do without him? The scene invites humility—not just from the disciples, but from us—as we acknowledge that understanding often comes slowly, and only by the Spirit's patient, guiding grace.

Prayer after each worship service is available in the prayer room off of the Narthex. Our Congregational Care Ministers and retired clergy are available to pray with you.

Welcome, New Member! This morning we are blessed to welcome a new member into our church family. Joining today by Transfer of Membership from North Olmsted United Methodist Church in Olmsted, Ohio is Sal Fragapane. If you would like more information about joining our church family, please call or email Pastor George (704-249-0645 or george@fumcbelmont.org) or speak with him after the service today.

Pray for our team going to serve near Asheville for recovery work from hurricane Helene

Sarah Melendez Kelly
Keith Moore
Ann Marie Rogers

Tina Moore
Lisa Millspaw
Quanna McAlister



FUMC Belmont
Sunday, June 29th
3-6pm

VOTED IN.
TERRORIZED OUT.

AMERICAN COUP
WILMINGTON 1898

Join us
for film viewing
& discussion.
Refreshments &
childcare provided.

Discover the
little-known story
of a deadly insurrection
to overthrow the multiracial
government of Wilmington, NC in 1898

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Combined Adult Sunday School

**Join us during the Sunday School Hour
for an Informative Talk About House of Mercy**

Today at 10 AM
Carpenter Hall

Speaker
Latoya Gardener;
President and CEO

**History, current needs,
and program goals**



House of Mercy
TRANSFORMING LIVES



**All are welcome no matter
where you are
on your spiritual journey.**

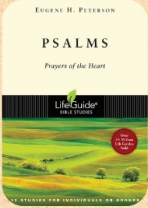
This summer when there is more time to think; spend time with a small group of 3-4 people, who can support you in your spiritual growth.

Sign up for Engage and find more information at fumcbelmont.org/signup



Summer Study on the Psalms

- Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- June 17 through July 29 (no class the week of July 1st)



Sign up at:
fumcbelmont.org/signup

Learn how to relate to God through your doubt, fears and anger. Coincides with George's sermon series

Possible evening study if enough interest. 



GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

July 1 - Summer Night Youth Hangout - All youth are invited to a night of fellowship and fun at the Youth House. This event is for rising 7th through 12th graders. We will enjoy pizza, ice cream, Gaga Pit, and board games. Let's spend time together.

September 19-21 - Youth Fall Retreat at Mt. Shepherd - All rising sixth through twelfth graders are invited to gather with other United Methodist Churches in our district for a fun-filled weekend with lots of recreation, fellowship, worship, and small group sessions. Recreation will include the zip line, ropes course, climbing tower, and much more. You are welcome to sign up today online. *Please sign up and pay by Friday, August 1st.*

Email Quanna at quanna@fumcbelmont.org for more details or to sign up for our youth events.

GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Bible Bingo packets are ready for pick up on the children's shelf in the Narthex. Kids are encouraged to use the Bingo cards to spend time in the Bible every day over the summer. Bring your card back each week to earn a prize.

Vacation Bible School is July 13-17, and we invite all 4-year-olds through completed 5th grade to join us for our *True North adventure!* VBS is 5:30-8:00 and includes supper each night. Visit www.fumcbelmont.org/vbs for more details and to register.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15

- Disaster Relief Mission Trip
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 16

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 17

- 1:00 p.m. Small Group Study on the Psalms

Wednesday, June 18

Thursday, June 19

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21

Sunday, June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Karr family upon the death of Beverly Karr

Judy Harris

The family of Bill Fogerty, Lisa Millspaw's father
who has passed away

Anne Hinkle's sister, Paula

Ginger Feimster

Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter

Frances Wilson, Denise Andrews' mother

John and Susan, Jim Griffin's brother and sister in-law

Nicole Stanforth's family after the passing of her
grandmother, Sue Ananda

Jennifer Stiver, Elizabeth Boney's friend

Anne Haxton, Dottie Moore's mother

Rita Wilson's brother

Jamie Washam

Murphy Clark and family

*You can submit prayer requests to
prayers@fumcbelmont.org*

*Prayers remain on this list for 4 weeks. If your loved
one needs continued prayers, please resubmit a
new request.*

Father's Day 2025

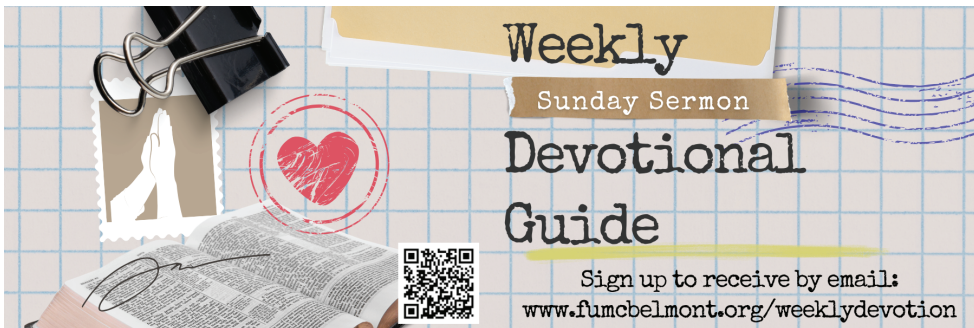
Supporting Global Missionaries
Michelle Kunce and Eric Kalumba

Gifts have been given to honor and remember these loved ones

Lefty Harris, Tom Fortenberry,
Josh Fortenberry, Jason Rowland,
and Chuck Clark
Given by Becky Fortenberry

Our fathers, John and Bob
Given by Arthur and Margie Ligon

Charles Burnette and Milton Allen
Given by Bob and Susan Burnette



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