

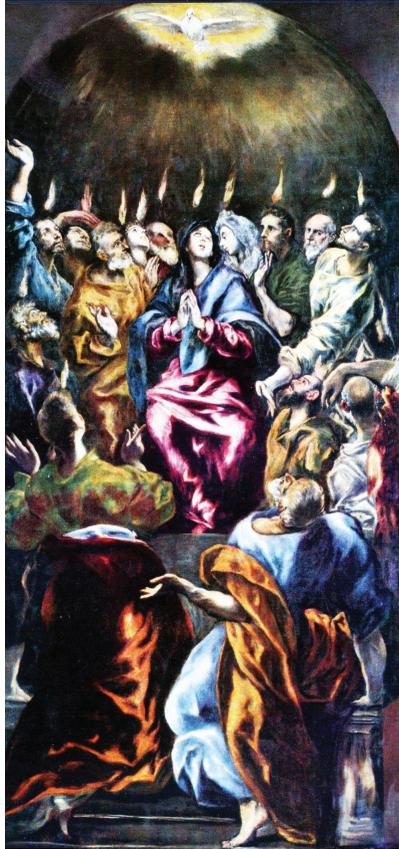
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 8, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost by El Greco, ca. 1600

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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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The Day of Pentecost

Good morning! Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church of Belmont! Today we celebrate Pentecost: the day the Holy Spirit descended with wind and fire, filling the church with power, courage, and voice. But more than a miracle of speaking, Pentecost is a miracle of hearing. The good news is that God breaks the power of prideful speech and opens our ears to truly hear—not just one another, but the mighty, life-giving work of God. In a world of noise and division, the Spirit still makes understanding possible—not through control, but through awe and worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Fantasia Prelude on "Veni Creator"

Dennis Eliot

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Beaty

Come, Holy Spirit,

Flame of heaven, fall upon us.

Open our ears to wonders we cannot speak,

And open our hearts to truths we cannot tame.

In the silence beyond words, teach us to listen.

In the mystery beyond knowing, teach us to worship.

Descend with wind and whisper,

Stir our hearts and awaken our praise.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, we confess that we have closed our ears to your voice and filled the silence with our own noise. We have spoken more than we have listened, and sought control where you invite surrender. Have mercy on us. Breathe through us again, that we may hear your Word, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

Ed Hanigan

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

MUSIC

"Beautiful City"
J. Michael Beech, soloist

Stephen Schwartz

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

INVITATION TO PRAYER

***Lord, hear us when we pray;
in every troubled day we seek your face.
Your name be glorified, your greatness magnified;
matchless your works abide, O Lord our God!***

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Spirit of the Living God"

Audrey Assad

THANKSGIVING

*ACT OF PRAISE

"Doxology"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal No. 895)

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 404

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*POSTLUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Moses Hogan

**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 El Greco's *Pentecost*, housed in Madrid's Museo del Prado. It vividly portrays the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin Mary and the Apostles. The elongated bodies and flickering gestures evoke tongues of flame, linking the figures themselves to the miracle of speech. Their hands encircle the scene in a shared posture of awe, suggesting both communion and understanding. The dove descends from above, its light drawing the scattered into unity. This work, typical of El Greco's late style, uses distortion and dramatic color to express spiritual intensity and power.

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.

FUMCDC Summer Camp is open! Sign up for the weeks that you need. Kindergarten-5th grade. Email Heather for more information heather@fumcbelmont.org

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School

Disciple: Bible Project videos and class questions to start conversations about what we believe as Methodists and how we respond to people who think differently.

Route 66: Studying "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton.

Salt & Light Fellowship (new class): A place to have real conversations and build relationships.

Wanderers: Studying "The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton.



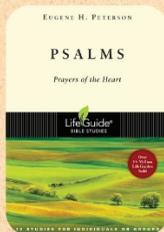
All are welcome no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

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

June 12 - 12:00-4:30 - All youth are invited to a fun afternoon kayaking or paddleboarding at the Whitewater Center. Bring extra money for ice cream. *Note: youth must have already signed up and paid in order to attend.*

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Know a neighbor who is sick or in need of comfort? Take them a quart of Chicken Noodle Soup made by our Soup for the Soul cooking team. The soup is in our freezer ready to bring comfort to someone in need of care.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 8

- 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 9

- Staff Retreat
- Church Office Closed
- 6:30 p.m. Service & Missions Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Racial Healing & Reconciliation Mtg

Tuesday, June 10

- Staff Retreat
- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 11

- Staff Retreat
- Church Office Open in Afternoon

Thursday, June 12

- 12:00 p.m. Youth Trip to White Water Center

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14

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
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Walkamolies Walking Club

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Judy Harris

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.

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

Sunday June 15 – 10 AM
Carpenter Hall

Speaker
Latoya Gardener;
President and CEO



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



Father's Day June 15th

Honor that special man or person
in your life with a donation to support our global
missionaries. Michelle Kunce is serving in Brazil in a
ministry providing safe afterschool care for children.
Eric Kalumba is a church planter in Madagascar.

Forms are in the narthex, or use the QR code provided.



Weekly Sunday Sermon Devotional Guide

Sign up to receive by email:
www.fumcbelmont.org/weeklydevotion

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