

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 10, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Loaves and Fishes Mosaic, Church of the Multiplication, Tabgha, Israel

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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 Book of Revelation tells us that heaven will be filled with the unceasing song of "Alleluia!"; an eternal celebration of praise around the throne of God. What might it look like to be able to sing alleluia all day long, every day of your life? What if life itself was meant to be one long alleluia? An "alleluia" filled life of uncommon gratitude recognizes and even expects God to be at work in every circumstance of life, filling our hearts with gratitude and mouths with songs of praise.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*OPENING SONG

"Hallelujah"

CCLI Song # 3091812

*PRAYER

Quanna McAlister

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 103:1-18

The Rev. Dr. Richard & Wanda Randolph

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-14

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

"How Good is He"

CCLI Song # 7184971

How good is He
Far beyond what eyes could ever see
Yet He stands in front of me
How good is He
He paints a canvas with a million stars
Yet still He holds my heart
Our Father in heaven
The Light of Salvation
Oh how good is He
The breath of Almighty
Before and behind me

How good is He
Forgiveness isn't bound by circumstance
He's the God of second chance
When a sinner's heart is all that I can bring
Still He welcomes me
How good is He
For everything thank You Jesus
If He never did another thing for me
He is all I'll ever need
How good is He

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

CCLI Song # 7190270

**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 the *Loaves and Fishes* mosaic in Tabgha, Israel. Located in the Church of the Multiplication, it is a key example of early Byzantine Christian art, capturing the story from today's Gospel Lesson with striking simplicity and symbolism. Crafted in the 5th century, the mosaic uses earthy tones and minimalistic forms to depict two fish flanking a basket with four loaves, inviting contemplation of Jesus's miracle in feeding the multitude. The absence of a fifth loaf, a detail thought to signify the Eucharistic bread at the altar above, reflects the mosaic's spiritual depth and connection to the worshipping community's celebration of Holy Communion. Restored in the 1980s, the original mosaic measured 5,300 square feet. It was first discovered in the nineteenth century.

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

Ruth Circle's Truth Be Told Art Party is TODAY! Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2-4:30 pm in Carpenter Hall.



**Meet
in the
Middle**

Please sign up to help serve
or clean up at
fumcbelmont.org/meetmiddle

Midweek Fellowship Meals
Wednesday - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 13: Chicken alfredo, green salad,
zucchini and squash, chicken nuggets
and dessert.**

Meals cost FUMC \$10 per adult, \$5 for children. We ask those who join us to contribute what they can.

Dahlia Grove Community Cafe' Every Thursday from 11:45 to 1:15pm. Dining at the cafe provides financial support and training for women recovering from human trafficking, domestic violence and drug addiction.



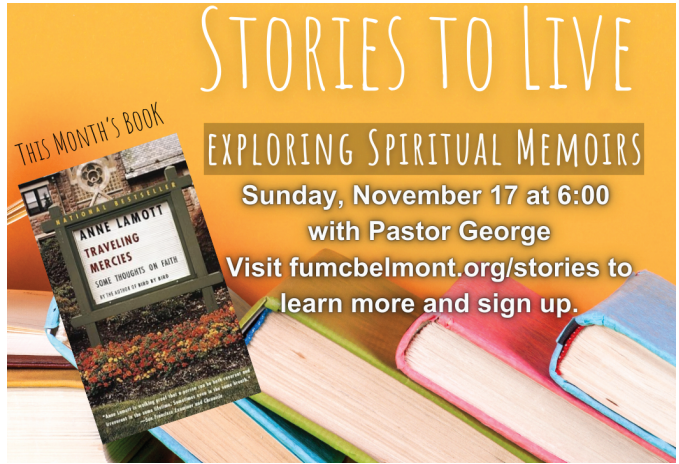
**Square 2
Get-together**

Mission for the month of November is sending our college students a little treat. Bring a Chick Fil-A or Starbucks \$10 gift card.

Thursday | November 14th | 11:45 am

Meet in Carpenter Hall for lunch at the Community Cafe. Support the Dahlia Grove Ministry.

Contact Pam Stowe for questions: westowe5612@yahoo.com



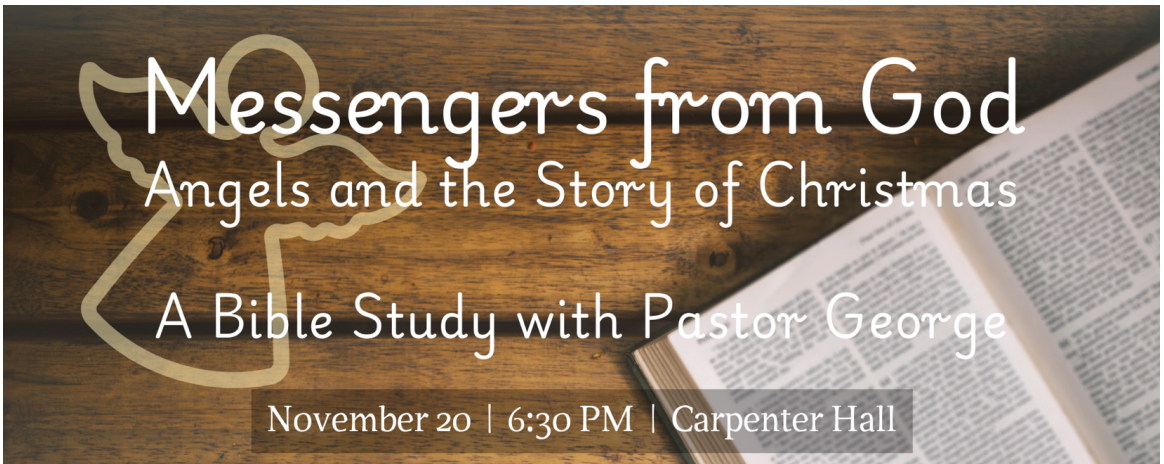
STORIES TO LIVE

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL MEMOIRS

Sunday, November 17 at 6:00
with Pastor George

Visit fumcbelmont.org/stories to learn more and sign up.

THIS MONTH'S BOOK
ANNE LAMOTT
TRAVELING
MERCIES
SOME THOUGHTS ON FAITH
BY THE AUTHOR OF BLUE HILLS



Messengers from God
Angels and the Story of Christmas

A Bible Study with Pastor George

November 20 | 6:30 PM | Carpenter Hall

Your help is needed to make our Christmas dinner special. If you are able to help serve or clean up on December 15th from 5-7:30 p.m. please contact Doreen doreen@fumcbelmont.com

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 in our freezer is ready to bring comfort to someone in need of care. To learn more, contact Debbie Thames dhthames@gmail.com

YOUTH

Engage Sunday School Studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton
Join us in the Youth House.

Sunday Night Game Night during Connect (tonight). 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Winter Retreat for Youth at Lake Junaluska Jan 24-26

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a weekend filled with community, fun and worship

Trip includes a trip to Tube World on Saturday

FIRST KIDS



BEDTIME BUNDLES

First Kids are collecting cozy pajamas, warm socks and new Bibles for Least of These Carolinas to support children in foster care.



Bring donations to the Advent Workshop on Nov 24.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10	6:30 p.m.	Missions Night
8:30 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast		
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Thursday, November 14	
11:00 a.m. Worship	11:00 a.m.	Children's Ministry Meet Up
2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Painting Party	11:45 a.m.	Community Cafe'
5:30 p.m. Connect	12:00 p.m.	Square Two Gathering
Monday, November 11	Friday, November 15	
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting		
6:30 p.m. Service & Missions Mtg.	Saturday, November 16	
Tuesday, November 12	Sunday, November 17	
12:00 p.m. Congregational Care Minister Mtg.	8:30 a.m.	Worship
7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Breakfast
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Narthex	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Prayer Room	5:30 p.m.	Connect
5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle	5:30 p.m.	Crossroads
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	6:00 p.m.	Stories to Live By
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Graham Baakko (Teri Wilson)
Kenneth Harris' father, Larry
The family of David Durham, Daniel Durham's father, who passed away
Carolyn Beall
The family of Trudi Kinney, who has died
Anne Haxton, Dottie Moore's mother
Erin Carver, Renee and Tim Painter's daughter
Murphy Clark and family

You can submit prayer requests to prayers@fumcbelmont.org or by clicking this QR code:





MISSIONS NIGHT

Nov 13 | 6:30

HELP FROM
ALL AGES
ARE NEEDED

- *500 SANDWICHES and
- *200 LUNCHEES for the unhoused
- *72 FLOOD BUCKETS
- * CARDS for active military personnel



ADVENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, NOV 24 | 4:00-6:00

REGISTER AT

WWW.FUMCBELMONT.ORG/KIDS



To learn more, check out the website or reach out to Denise or Michael Martin.

Rice and Beans serves dinner to a vulnerable population every week in Gastonia and need gently used cold weather clothing for men and women. They need hoodies, coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and socks.

Donations will be collected in the narthex through November.

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