

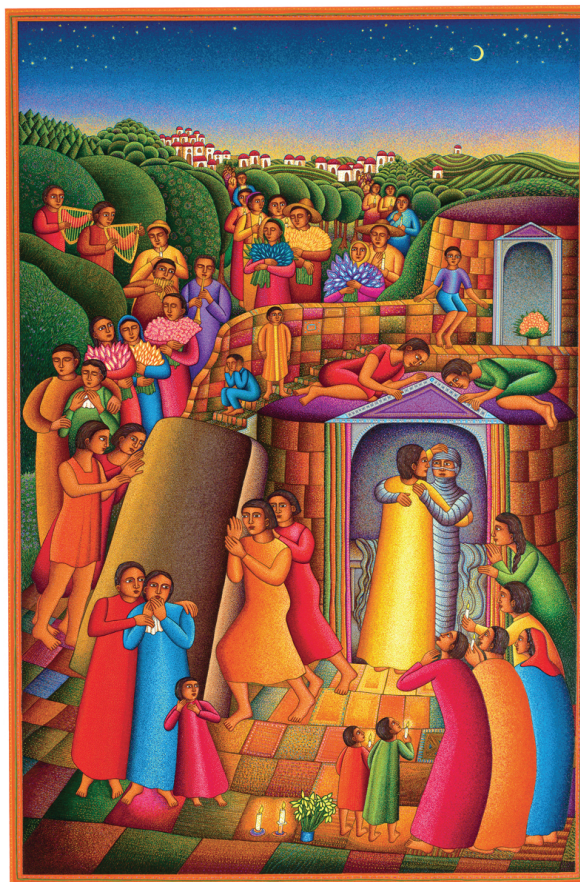
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 3, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday



Take Away the Stone by John August Swanson, 2005

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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 worship! This morning, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, remembering all those who have died in the Lord, celebrating their life and faith together. With hope in the good news of Christ's resurrection, we remember those members of our church family who have died in the past year, and all those we love but see no longer.

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

Psalms 24

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:32-44

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

NAMING THE SAINTS

Richard Hunter Armstrong, Sr.

Joyce Elaine Pratt Henkel

Esther Gertrude "Trudi" Kinney

Mary Comptom Layne

John C. "Jack" Page

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

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'll 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

"Endless Praise"

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 sing once more

CCLI Song # 7190270

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Hymn of Heaven"

CCLI Song # 7168994

**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 work of John August Swanson, an American visual artist known for works in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, as well as serigraphs, lithographs and etchings. His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. Over the course of five years, Swanson explored the Raising of Lazarus with various drawings, including an original watercolor which was later developed into a serigraph edition. He writes, "In this visual narrative I have sought a richness of color, tonality and texture. The tomb is not located in a desolate place. It is surrounded by numerous figures carrying the things of life – candlelight and flowers, music, tears and prayer. The picture contains many elements but has a central focus. It seeks to present, with simple clarity, the reality of death in the midst of life and the miracle of life in the midst of death."

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.



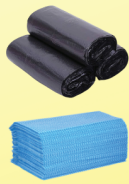
**Meet
in the
Middle**

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. 6: Corn Chowder and butternut squash
soup, salad, chicken nuggets and dessert.**

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



FLOOD BUCKET PREP

Come help roll trash bags and count out Handiwipes from our bulk supply in preparation for flood buckets.

Nov. 7th 10:30-12

then stay for lunch at the
Community Cafe

Ruth Circle's Truth Be Told Art Party has been rescheduled and YOU are invited!



**Sunday, Nov 10
2:00-4:30**

**Carpenter Hall
\$30/ RSVP to
Jennifer Martin**

A Supply Sabbath



Our bishop and receiving churches distributing supplies have asked for a pause with supply donations. They need to distribute the goods they have in storage and evaluate their need. The best way to help is to donate funds so they can purchase the uncommon items that typically are not donated. The conference will update us when they have supplies they need. To contribute to the relief efforts you can use this link or the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>



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.

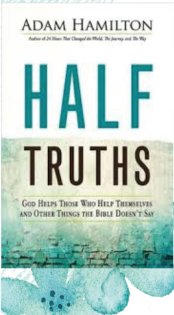
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YOUTH

Engage
Sunday
School
in
Youth
House

Nov. 3,
10, 17 &
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SUNDAY NIGHT

NOV. 10TH DURING CONNECT

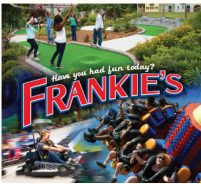
5:30-7:30

GROG!

GAME NIGHT

All Youth Are Welcome

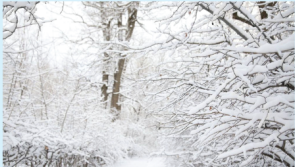
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



Christmas Youth Party

DECEMBER 8TH | 12:30-4:00

Reserve Your Spot and
pay by December 3rd



**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

Join us for the annual **Advent Workshop** (November 24, 4:00-6:00). We will eat supper and create crafts to help us experience an intentional Advent season. Register at www.fumcbelmont.org/kids.

Crossroads (4th-5th grade) meets tonight in the Old Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30. Join us for burgers, games and Bible talks!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Connect
5:30 p.m. Crossroads

Monday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

Wednesday, November 6

5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Narthex
Prayer Room
5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle
6:30 p.m. A Service of Unity & Peace
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10:30 a.m. Flood Bucket Prep
11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Friday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Port-a-pit BBQ
at Hood Memorial

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Painting Party
5:30 p.m. Connect

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Joann Leathers (John Butler)

Roy Norwood, Jane Herstine's friend

The Ragsdale Family

Maggie Moore

The Giang family after the passing of Sam Giang, Mike's father

Arthur Ligon

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:





ELECTION DAY PRAYER **AND** QUIET MEDITATION

Tuesday, November 5 | Sanctuary Open from 9:00 - 4:00

A Service of Unity and Peace

Wednesday, November 6 | Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m.



MISSIONS NIGHT

Nov 13 | 6:30

*500 total SANDWICHES

*200 Bagged LUNCHES for the unhoused

*72 FLOOD BUCKETS

* CARDS to those active in the military

HELP FROM ALL
AGES ARE NEEDED
TO ASSEMBLE



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