

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost



The Persistence of Memory by Salvador Dali

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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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Good morning and welcome to First United Methodist Church of Belmont! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us! This morning, we're continuing a worship series exploring Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. In this week's reading, Paul encourages us to "Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time." We'll explore the meaning of time, both chronos and Kairos and what it might mean to us to "redeem the time" we have been given.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

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| *OPENING SONG | <i>"God is For Us"</i> | CCLI Song # 7121853 |
| *PRAYER | | Doreen Collins |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN | | The Rev. Kim Ingram |

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

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| NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | Ephesians 5:15-20 | Jane Herstine |
| SERMON | | The Rev. Ellen Robison |
| 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

"Come Jesus Come"

CCLI Song # 7154136

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade
Come Jesus come
We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong
We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home

Come Jesus come
Come Jesus come
There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak
And the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name
One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today
The time is right now there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Beginning to End)

CCLI Song # 7109317

**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 Persistence of Memory*" by Salvador Dali, also known as *Soft Watches* or *Melting Clocks*, is one of Dali's most famous pieces. The piece is small, measuring just 9.5 × 13 inches. Several of Dali's favorite recurring images are present in this work. The setting is one he often used: the seashore of northernmost Catalonia at Cape Creus, with a favorite landmark, Mount Pani, casting its shadow upon the beach. His melting-clock imagery mocks the rigidity of chronometric time. The painting was completed in 1931 and first exhibited in New York in 1932 where it sold for \$250. The buyer donated the painting to the Museum of Modern Art two years later, and it has been a centerpiece of the museum's collection ever since.

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.

A graphic for "Meet in the Middle" featuring a calendar with "TUE" and "WED" visible, and a yellow pencil. The text "Meet in the Middle" is prominently displayed in the center.

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.

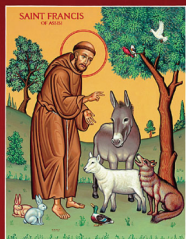
Oct. 16 meal: Fried chicken, bean medley, roasted vegetables, fresh green salad, and dessert.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

October 20 at 5:00pm
Outdoor Pavilion



Bring your pets to be blessed; to remember those pets who have died, and to celebrate the gift God has given us in all God's Creatures, especially those who are our companions.

JOIN THE LADIES OF SQUARE TWO

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH
HOOD MEMORIAL AME CHURCH
(COWGIRL THEME - JEANS/BOOTS)
REID PARK - OCTOBER 27
OUT TO DINNER AFTERWARDS

All ladies
welcome! RSVP ALICE FARRIS:
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Community FALL FESTIVAL



We are taking a beloved tradition (Trunk or Treat), partnering with friends and making something new, and we need your help! On **October 27** from **4:00-6:30**, FUMC Belmont and Hood Memorial AME Zion will provide a **Community Fall Festival** at **Reid Park**. We will have trunk or treat, games, hot dog supper, and more. This is an exciting way for us to live into our mission, and we have jobs for everyone. Please use the link below to sign up.

www.fumcbelmont.org/fallfestival



**Please donate candy and/or small prizes
for our Community Fall Festival
youth-led games.**





BCO

Drop off
by
Nov 3

Collecting monthly non-perishable food to help those without adequate food resources

TOP 20

- Rice
- Jelly
- Pop tarts
- Grits
- Oatmeal
- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Instant Potatoes
- Crackers
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Beans
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Cookies

Canned: Meat
Tomatoes
Vegetables
Pasta
Fruit



MISSIONS NIGHT
Nov 13
6:30

HELP FROM ALL AGES ARE NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE

- *500 total SANDWICHES
- *200 Bagged LUNCHES for the unhoused
- *72 FLOOD BUCKETS
- *CARDS to military in active duty



YOUTH

COME EXPLORE WHAT
"WELCOME ALL"
MEANS

Engage Sunday School

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, AND 27
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE

WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?







Join us at Connect for a series on poverty
Oct 13 & 20
5:30-7:30

FIRST KIDS

Bible Art CREATING WITH GOD - Wednesdays nights - 6:30-7:30 - 3 years to 5th grade

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

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

6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Monday, October 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Service and Missions Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Racial Healing and
Reconciliation Mtg.

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
5:30 p.m. Connect
5:30 p.m. Crossroads
6:00 p.m. Stories to Live By

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 p.m. Meet in the Middle
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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
The family of Luc Albee upon her passing (Adrian Lunsford's cousin)
Cordell Shirten (Teri Wilson)
Brian Nixon (Teri Wilson)
Jim and Cindy Griffin
Kenneth Harris
Meredith Dayton's nephew, Jacob, her sister, Kristen, and their family
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:



Dear FUMC Family,



A fire at the Parsonage has caused significant damage to the home of Pastor George and his family. Not only have they been displaced from their home, they will have many unexpected expenses as a result of the fire.

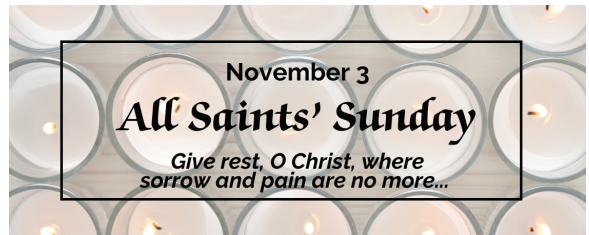
If you would like to contribute to a Love Offering for the Ragsdale family to help them through this difficult time, you can make your donation directly to FUMC Belmont and just note "Love Offering" on the memo line.

Ways to Help Hurricane Victims

- Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.
- Drop off supplies at the Park Street UMC office from 9-3:30 (M-Thurs) or anytime the pumpkin patch is open.

Water
Food that does not
have to be cooked &
cans with pop-tops
Manual can openers
Paper plates, napkins,
cups, plasticware
Diapers - adult & baby
Baby formula - premade

Ensure supplement
Feminine hygiene
products
First aid supplies
Over-the-counter meds
(i.e. Tylenol,
Benadryl, Imodium)
Gas cans



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