

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 26, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Children's Sabbath



Ikizere (Hope)

Mamba Empowerment Group, Rwanda

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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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Today we are participating in the multi faith observance of Children's Sabbath. What unites us is our belief that God calls us to protect children, especially the most economically disadvantaged and vulnerable, and the conviction that our faith calls us to live out God's justice and compassion. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* Matthew 19:14

PRAISE AND PRAYER

*OPENING SONG

"Rejoice"

CCLI Song # 7232227

*PRAYER

Jennifer Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 19:13-15

Fletcher Martin

SERMON

The Rev. Gaston Warner

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

"By Our Love"

CCLI Song # 5489329

Brothers let us come together
Walking in the Spirit
There's much to be done
We will come reaching
Out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love
Sisters we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness
As He shines through us
We will come reaching
With a song of healing
And they will know us by our love
The time is now

Come church arise
Love with His hands
See with His eyes
Bind it around you
Let it never leave you
And they will know us by our love
Children you are hope for justice
Stand firm in the Truth now
Set your hearts above
You will be reaching
Long after we're gone
And they will know you by your love

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"God of Justice"

CCLI Song # 4447128

**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!

This morning we are delighted to welcome Rev. Gaston Warner, an elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Warner has led congregations in inner-city, multi-ethnic, and suburban settings, from Chicago to Bristol, England. He has consulted with and served on a number of non-profit boards and as staff for Habitat for Humanity, Duke Divinity School, and Duke University Chapel. Gaston joined Zoe Empowers as a board member in 2007 and currently serves as CEO, Global North.

Rev. Warner earned a BA from Brown University, an MDiv from Duke Divinity School, and an MBA from The University of Durham, England. He lives outside of Hillsborough, NC, with his spouse, the Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner, who teaches at Duke University Divinity School, their daughter Clare, and various pets and livestock.

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.

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By Mail – Send your gift to the church address listed on the front of this bulletin.

In Person – Drop your gift in the secure Drop Box outside the church office, available 7 days a week.



**TODAY
IS
THE DAY!**

ZOE

not-so-silent **AUCTION**

during Sunday breakfast
and Sunday School

Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, November 10
Administrative Council Meeting - Monday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.
FUMC Belmont Annual Charge Conference following at 6:30 p.m.

GATHERINGS FOR ADULTS

Sunday School

Disciple: If you are wondering what we teach the youth in confirmation classes visit the Disciple class. They will talk about essential lessons of the Christian faith and Methodism.

Route 66: *"Faithful and Inclusive"* by Robert Fuquay

Salt & Light Fellowship: A place to have real conversations and build relationships.

Wanderers: *"The Bible Jesus Read"* by Phillip Yancy

GATHERINGS FOR YOUTH

All youth are invited from 5:30 to 7:00 tonight to help run games at Trunk or Treat. It'll be a spooky good time of fellowship!

Nov. 2 Connect: All youth are invited for Game Night! We will play board games first and then play the popular game Grog later in the evening. Youths need to wear white so you will glow in the dark.

Nov. 9 Connect: Youth from both Myers Memorial and Park Street United Methodist Church will join us here for an awesome night of fellowship and Bible study. We will play games, enjoy pizza and dessert, and get to know other United Methodists in our community.



GATHERINGS FOR CHILDREN

Crossroads is meeting on November 2 from 5:30-7:30 in the youth house. All 4th-5th graders are invited to join us for games, supper, and a lesson on priorities.

Join us on November 16 from 4:00-6:00 for Experience Advent, our reimagined Advent Workshop. Families will receive an Experience Advent devotion book and will create their own Jesse Tree to use throughout the Advent Season. Register today at www.fumcbelmont.org/signup.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Serve as an Offering Teller Looking for an easy but important way to serve? Offering Tellers work in teams to count the Sunday offering after the 11:00 service, helping us be good stewards of the gifts God provides. To learn more or sign up, contact Russell Tindall at rbtindall@gmail.com.



Join us for Lunch
on Thursdays 11:45-1:15

Dahlia Grove cooks lunch here at FUMCB.

Invite your friends and neighbors to dine with us and support the women in the Dahlia Grove community who are survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, or addiction.

**Feed
the
HOUSE**



Help the families in residence at Catherine's House by dropping off a simple meal on November 10 or November 24
www.fumcbelmont.org/signup

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26

Children's Sabbath

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. ZOE Auction & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 28

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

11:45 a.m. Community Cafe'

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Connect

5:30 p.m. Crossroads (4th/5th Grade)

6:00 p.m. Stories to Live Small Group

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Owen Harris

JoshnCourtney Poynter's family & friends, after her sudden passing (Nichole Standforth's friend)

The family of Margaret "Peggy" Robinson, David

Surratt's grandmother, who passed away

Cindy Jenkins on the passing of her father, Claude Ward

Chip Stansell's sister, Regina

The Slayton family in the loss of their sister

Sima Ellis

Clay Jones, a friend of Mary and Pete Rutledge

Judy Fann (Cassie Fann's mother)

Patty and Taylor Hayward

Jeff Byrum, Jacob Somers, and Lisa Brooks

(Barbara Byrum)

South Point teacher, Brian Ziemer (Leigh Nance)

The family & fiancée of their nephew, Justin Martin, who died (Thomas & Heather Taylor)

Deborah Cornwell, friend of Teri and Claude Wilson

The family of Marie Widenhouse, who passed away

The family of Anne Tria, who passed away

The family of Elizabeth Bunce upon her passing

The family and friends of Justin Frady upon his passing

Ginger Feimster

Marshall Stowe, brother of Sally Bashant and Wes Stowe

Murphy Clark and family

For our ZOE communities in Rwanda, especially:

Samweli 18, head of household, and siblings,

Jean Paul 14 and Theophile 5

*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.



Trunk or Treat is tonight!

Invite your friends and neighbors.
Join us on the field 5:30-7:00
20 trunks, free hot dog supper, youth-led
games, and more!

FUMC FELLOWSHIP
Pizza Dinner!
WEDNESDAY, NOV 05 | 5:30 PM | CARPENTER HALL
FREE | PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERT
Join us before Missions Night

MISSIONS NIGHT
Nov 5 | 6:30 pm
ALL AGES ARE NEEDED TO SERVE
Cards for our military
Sandwiches for our Unhoused Neighbors
Flood Buckets

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