

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – July 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.



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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 124

Margie Ligon

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

We belong to God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

God is on our side.

When we are afraid,

God will keep us safe.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 144

"This Is My Father's World"

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hymn of Peace"

McDonald

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past.
Be still, my soul: all blessed shall meet at last.
Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise;
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways.
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul, begin the song of praise.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 49)

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Beth Coley

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION No. 142

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

Chapman

Jacob, Jonathan and Renee Painter

*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!***

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal Pg. 895)

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*POSTLUDE

****Those who are able please stand.***

WELCOME! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We invite you to check out the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We offer ministries and a community of faith that will help challenge and encourage you as together we seek to grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, serving God and our neighbor in all that we do.

VISITORS: Stop by our welcome table in the narthex as you leave today to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We would love to know more about you, so please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew and share your contact information so that we can be in touch with you.

CHURCH UPDATES VIA TEXT MESSAGING: Did you know our church sends occasional news and important updates via text message? If you haven't signed up yet, text FUMCBELMONT to 313131 or visit www.fumcbelmont.org/text. You can opt out at any time.

LITURGY BOXES FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy Boxes are intended to help young children engage in our worship services with intentionally chosen items to use at different times throughout worship. If your child would like to use one of the boxes, they are located in the Narthex. Please return them following the worship service for others to use next week.

DO YOU HAVE A COLLEGE AGE YOUNG ADULT IN YOUR FAMILY? Please contact Margie Ligon at margie@fumcbelmont.org to update your child's personal contact information so we can remain in touch with them.

"SOMETIMES IN APRIL" MOVIE SHOWING JULY 30. As our church continues to be a Hope Companion to a community of orphans in Rwanda, we will use the movie "Sometimes in April" to get a glimpse into what the country of Rwanda experienced during the genocide of 1994. Following the movie, there will be a time of discussion. A meal will be served.

*Due to graphic content, viewers must be 18 or older. Child care will be available for younger children, led by our youth as they, too, learn about Zoe and the work our community is doing to learn how to support themselves.

PASTOR GEORGE IS LEADING A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND in the Spring of 2018. Exact dates are TBD but will most likely be in early to mid March. The 9 day trip will include visits to many sites recorded in the Bible. God's Word will come to life as we visit places like the Sea of Galilee, Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea, Nazareth, the Jordan River, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Qumran, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and others. More information about this exciting trip is forthcoming as travel dates are finalized with our travel agents. To express interest in joining this pilgrimage, email Pastor George at george@fumcbelmont.org. This trip will truly be a trip of a lifetime!

DID YOU KNOW? You can support Zoe's general fund every time you shop on AmazonSmile. Amazon will donate 0.05% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon that you shop, with the added benefit of supporting a charitable organization. Get started by going to www.smile.amazon.com and search for Zoe Ministry in Garner, NC. Then just start shopping as normal.

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Like FUMC? Like Facebook? Then "like" FUMC on Facebook! It's a great way to get updates on events, receive inspirational messages, and share our mission with the community. To like our page, just go to facebook.com/fumcbelmont or search for "First United Methodist Church Belmont" on the site/app.

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▲ **TODAY is the deadline to sign up for MISSION MANIA.** A two day mission blitz helping our neighbors in need. We will work for Second Harvest Food Bank, Samaritans Feet and glean corn for the Society of St. Andrews. See Margie TODAY to sign up.

▲ Today we have our next **Youth Leadership Team meeting** immediately after the 11:00 service. Lunch is provided. Parents pick up 1:30.

▲ The next **Monday Munchies with Margie is tomorrow**, July 17th. Sign up on the website to catch a snack and introduce yourself to our new Youth Director.

▲ Wednesday, July 19th, we will enjoy our next **Dinner and Devo night**. Come eat with us and share in a devotion from 6:15-7:30.



USHERS: Johnny Williamson, Sam Pennington, Jeff Kalmbach, Steve Barnette

GREETERS: Hugh Henkel, Laura Henkel, Tobey Lowe

ALTAR: Worship Committee

ACOLYTE: Parker Jones

TELLERS: Bill Layne, Boo Layne, Jeff Langley, Karen Demers

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Zoe Team Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group

Monday, July 17

- 12:00 p.m. Monday Munchies with Margie

Wednesday, July 19

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner & Devo
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Debbie Ballard (mother of Chelsea & Josh Elmore)
- Cheryl Fleming
- Bobbie Jones (mother of Crystal Cooper)
- Alan Austin and Family (Jessica Durham)
- The United Methodist Church and the Commission on a Way Forward
- Mike Harrison
- Debra Baxa and family upon the death of Mark
- Alex Ross (Lily Sloan)
- Randy Crane (Stuart Bondurant)
- Bette Armstrong
- Keith Lowe
- The family and friends of MacKenzie Loid upon her death (Nicole Stanforth)
- David Phillips (David Bashant)
- Steve & Susie Matulis
- The family and friends of Johnny Lawing upon his unexpected death
- Susan Painter (Tim Painter's aunt)

If you have an emergency or have a confidential prayer request, please contact George at the church office (704-825-2106) or his cell (704-249-0645). The names above will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise notified.

OUR STAFF

Rev. George Ragsdale ~ Pastor
Kristen Surratt ~ Director of Discipleship Ministries
Renee Painter ~ Director of Music
Janice Pennington ~ Business Manager
Margie Ligon ~ Director of Youth Ministry
Linda Smith ~ CDC Director
Carole Bertino ~ Administrative Assistant

BASEBALL TICKET ORDER FORM

Join your church family for fun and fellowship!



August 4th

Game Time: 7:05 PM

Ticket Price: \$15/person*



*Children three and under are free with a paying adult.

Ticket cost includes general admission and unlimited chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water.**

**STAY AFTER THE GAME
TO ENJOY THE FINAL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
OF THE SEASON!**

Pre-order your tickets to ensure we have enough for everyone.
You can pick up your family's tickets during office hours between July 24 and August 3.

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FUMC BELMONT NIGHT AT THE GRIZZLIES GAME

Name: _____

Email (for confirmation): _____

How many tickets are you purchasing? _____

Total cost (quantity x \$15) _____

Please submit payment with the ticket order form. Checks should be made out to FUMC Belmont and in the memo line, Gastonia Grizzlies game.

**If there are food allergies in your family, alternate pricing is available.