

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 11, 2016 – 8:30 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

"As the Deer"

House

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and See, Come and See.

We come to see for ourselves who Jesus is.

Come and See, Come and See.

We come with open hearts to experience his love.

Come and See, Come and See.

We come to follow Jesus wherever he leads us.

Come and See, Come and See.

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Come and See, Come and See.

Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

*HYMN (Insert)

"Here I Am to Worship"

*OPENING PRAYER

Jesus our teacher, help us to come to you, to learn from you, to learn of you.

Jesus, come and journey with us.

Jesus our Lord, help us to obey your commands, to listen attentively to your word of life.

Jesus, come and journey with us.

Jesus our Savior, forgive us our sins and set us on a new path of love and faithfulness.

Jesus, come and journey with us.

Jesus our God, help us to leave what is unimportant behind and follow you with courage.

Jesus, may we always journey with you. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 92)

John 1: 35-42

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

SERMON

Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.***

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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music During Communion

"Come and See"

Leblanc

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN No. 60 Upper Room Worshipbook

"The Summons"

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Pam Martin
- Mark & Deb Baxa
- Sharon Lineberger and family (Cat Bashant)
- Debbie Ballard (mother of Chelsea & Josh Elmore)
- Soronia Drayton (co-worker of Bob Burnette)
- Tom Bingham and family (friend of Thomas & Heather Taylor)
- Kaylan Cuthbertson (friend of Renee Painter)
- Sam & Esther Garneau (friends of Shawn & Danielle Kelly)
- The Family of Shawn Kelly upon the passing of his grandfather and for his grandmother who has been hospitalized
- Shannon Sauerwein and her friends daughter, Sarah
- Amber and Joan (Kristen Surratt's step-sister and step-mom)
- Becky Cardwell (Rita Greene's sister in-law)
- Ellen Adams niece's son, Brody

If you have an emergency or have a confidential prayer request, please contact George at the church office (704-825-4187) or his cell (704-249-0645). The names above will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise notified.

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.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF EVENT: Today from 5:00-7:00 PM at Goat Island Park. All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP: September 18, 6 - 7PM in Carpenter Hall followed by *Youth Family Commitment Service*, 7 - 8PM in the sanctuary.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED: Please send updated college mailing addresses (even if it remains the same year to year) to sara@fumcbelmont.org

SECOND BLESSINGS CONSIGNMENT SALE: The Children's Council will be hosting our semi-annual children's consignment sale on September 17, 2016 beginning at 7:00am. The fall sale will feature gently used fall and winter clothing for children of all ages at a very reasonable cost. Toys, baby items, furniture, maternity wear and sports equipment are also sold. If you are interested in consigning, our consignor packets are on the church website at www.fumcbelmont.org/consign/. Consignment drop off occurs on the Sunday and Monday prior to the sale, with early entry into the sale on Thursday for all of our consignors. If you are interested in helping, we have a variety of opportunities throughout the week and on the day of the sale. Email Kristen@fumcbelmont.org for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Sunday school registration for the coming year has begun! Parents of children ages infant through 12th grade, please complete the electronic registration form found on the church web-site and in your email inbox. These forms will help us to place your child in Sunday school classes, ensure that we have current contact information and also give us all of the information we need for any programs on and off-site through out the school year. Hard copies are available in the narthex.

GODSQUAD AND SONSHINE CLUB: Registration for our afterschool GodSquad and Sonshine Club is under way. GodSquad is an opportunity for 3rd-5th graders to learn the stories of the Bible, play tone chimes and learn to read and sing music. Each week children will wrap up their time playing Orff instruments. GodSquad meets on Mondays until 5pm. Sonshine Club is an opportunity for kindergarten through second graders to learn the stories of the Bible in new and engaging ways and to learn how to read and sing music. The Sonshine Club meets on Tuesdays until 4pm. For more information and to register visit www.fumcbelmont.org/afterschool.

MUSIC NOTES: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...we give you plenty of opportunities to do just that! Our music programs is gearing up again and there are offerings for folks of all ages!

- Adult Bell Choir – Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m. began September 7
- Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. began September 7, Middle School - Adults
- Godsquad – Mondays, 2:45 - 5 p.m. beginning September 12, 3rd-5th graders
- Sonshine Club – Tuesdays, 2:45 - 4 p.m. beginning September 13, K-2nd graders
- Youth Bell Choir – Sundays, 5 - 5:30 p.m. beginning September 18, Middle-High School
- Youth Choir – Sundays, 5:30 - 6 p.m. beginning September 18, Middle-High School

We also are looking for people interested in leading worship through music during our 8:30 a.m. worship services. This may be the right fit for you if you have a gift of playing an instrument or singing and enjoy our more casual service.

If you enjoy our music, come and serve your church by joining one of these ministries. Contact Renee Painter (renee@fumcbelmont.org) for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Care Team Training
- 3:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Kick-off

Monday, September 12

- 1:30 p.m. UMW Circle IV
- 2:30 p.m. Godsquad
- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, September 13

- 2:30 p.m. Sonshine Club

Wednesday, September 14

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Missional Network Meeting

Friday, September 16

- Youth Rafting Trip
- 5:30 p.m. Food Truck Friday

Saturday, September 17

- 7:00 a.m. Second Blessings Consignment Sale

Sunday, September 18

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
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