

THE SPIRE

BELLE MEADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Body of Christ

BY TOM GILDEMEISTER

The Body of Christ. The Church. That's what we are. Not the buildings. The people. You and me. We are a manifestation of the Body of Christ. As we participate in the holy catholic church, the universal body of believers from many Christian traditions, we are the incarnation. Humbling, isn't it?

And as the incarnate Body of Christ, we are called to worship Almighty God. We are called to grow in our relationship with Almighty God. We are called to gather and join hands in fellowship. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to welcome the stranger into the Body of Christ...to reach out into the world, offering healing, and bringing God's soul-sick children into the Church.

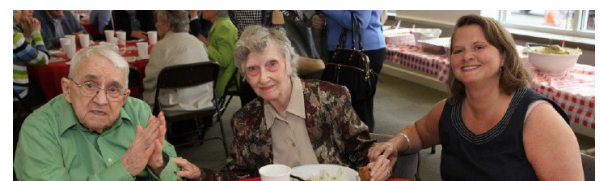
Our building is a vehicle to live into our sacred calling—nothing more and nothing less. In other words, our worship, our spiritual formation, our evangelism, our fellowship, and our outreach rely on our building. It is the place from which all this happens.

That's why the Great Heritage, Great Future capital campaign is important.

Yes, we have a list of projects that require this capital funding. And yes, we have a financial goal of \$1.2 million. But the greater goal of the capital campaign is about our being the Body of Christ—enhancing our worship, spiritual formation, hospitality to visitors, fellowship, and outreach.

I ask you to pray for God's guidance as you consider your gift. Pray that Belle Meade will continue to embrace our sacred calling.

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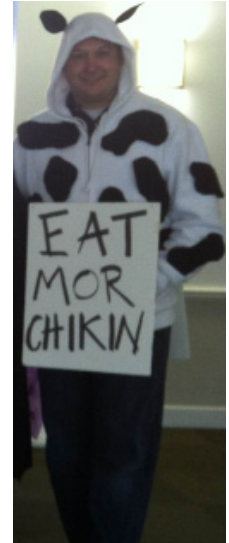


We Say Good-bye to Jeff McCormick

This Sunday, May 19th is Jeff's last day. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to honor him during the Sunday School hour. Please join us as we wish Jeff good luck and farewell.

If you'd like to contribute to a going-away gift for Jeff, you may place your gift in the offering plate or bring it by the church. Please be sure to designate the gift for Jeff.

Please pray for Jeff and Sarah and our church as we seek new leadership for our youth and Youth Ministries.



Farmers Market Begins This Month

Johnny Howell Farms will again sell produce in the church parking lot beginning May 21st. The stand will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to church ministries. Look for the tables and truck on the Davidson Road side of the church.

More Caring Companions Needed

We are excited about our new ministry through which our homebound members and those living in nursing homes and rehab facilities receive care and support through a relationship with members of our church family. **We are looking for 10 more people to join this growing ministry.** You will be connected with an individual or couple to visit, send cards and make phone calls. You will be amazed at the blessings you receive from reaching out and sharing God's love in this way. Please contact Kristin at the church (615-352-6210) to receive a name and all the information you need to begin this relational ministry of care.



Remember the Prayer Vigil for Our Capital Campaign

Don't forget the Prayer Vigil this Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. This day is set aside to prayer for our church, its leaders, missions, and the upcoming Capital Campaign. You may come to the Chapel and pray as long as you wish, anytime during the day. There will also be prayer stations set-up throughout the church and grounds weather permitting. Please make plans to come by the church on this day of prayer.

Wednesday Night Together

The menu for Wednesday, May 22nd is: Pulled Pork; Grits and Greens; Cucumber Salad; Green Salad; Dessert; Kid's Table. Supper is served beginning at 5:00 PM and through 6:15 PM.

To make a reservation for dinner, call the church at 352-6210 or sign up at the front desk in the lobby. Stay after supper for 6:15 PM programs that include: Men's Bible Study; Prayer Shawl/Knitting Group; Pastor's Bible Study; and Youth Bible Study. Since children's choirs have completed their year, children are invited to participate in supervised play or be a part of Painting Prayer with parents.

Wednesday Night Together Schedule

Pot Luck Supper - May 29

May 29 is the last regular Wednesday Night Together of the year. We'll have a potluck supper together. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide the meat and drinks. This will be the last night of regular programming as well. Our fall Wednesday Nights Together begins August 14.

Pot Luck Supper - June 12

Pot Luck Supper July 10

Agape Circle

The May meeting of the Agape Circle will be Tuesday, May 21st at 10:30 AM in the lounge. Our speakers will tell us more about two interesting opportunities - our United Methodist Women's Reading Program and the BMUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. All women are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

Attention Seniors

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Cumberland Playhouse. The date is Tuesday, June 4th; the show is '9 to 5' with lunch before the show. Sign up at the reception desk.

You Are Invited

*The honor of your presence
is requested at a reception celebrating
the 65th Wedding Anniversary
of Marjorie and Sonny Blazer.
June 2nd from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Church Lounge*

RSVP to 646-1096

Prayer Concerns

The church prayer list cannot be included on our website due to privacy issues.

You can find the list in the church bulletin or in the e-mail newsletter.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact the church office at 352-6210 or sign up at the church website, www.bellemeadeumc.org, under the newsletter and events page.



Church Offices Closed on Memorial Day

The church's offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th. We will re-open at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28th.

In Honor

Gifts were made to the Choir Robe Fund by Marsha Arnold and Carol Cartwright in honor of Georgia Hobb.

Paid Research Study Opportunities for BMUMC Members:

Alzheimer's Study:

For people diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer's who have a caregiver. Study evaluates promising new drug. Requires 12 office visits spread out over 21 months. Compensation: \$50 per visit.

Diabetic Device Study:

Need people who have diabetes to test a new glucose meter. Only one visit is required, and compensation is \$50.

HPV Vaccine for ages 16-26:

The CDC recommends that both males and females receive this vaccine to protect against Human Papillomavirus. Participants are guaranteed to receive the vaccine plus \$320 compensation.

Clinical trials are how new medicines are converted to generic status or approved as treatments. If you don't want the compensation, consider participating for the sake of science and then donate your compensation to the Capital Campaign! For details on any of these, or to participate, call Melissa Carro at 329-2222 ext. 304 or email melissa@clinicalresearchassociates.com



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Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor or remember someone with an altar flower dedication, contact Betty McAlister at jbmac5960@gmail.com or 352-4102.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Worship in the Chapel

Sermon: Tom Gildemeister
Music by BMUMC acoustic ensemble

8:45 AM - Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

A 15-minute time of communion with prayers and liturgy.

10:30 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary

Sermon: Tom Gildemeister
Music: Belle Meade Choir and Instrumentalists

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages