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Belin Memorial United Methodist Church

A message from

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November 7, 2026

Stewardship emphasis is a joyful and meaningful time in the life of the church. As we reflect on the blessings God continues to pour into our lives and through our shared ministry, our response is to give thanks for and participate in the invitation to participate in God's work and to serve as the hands and feet of Christ's visible Church.

Stewardship, an act of daily worship, is derived from the Greek word oikonomos, which translates to "manager" or "steward" of all our resources. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are motivated to faithfully manage our resources as carriers of the Gospel. When we view ourselves as managers or stewards rather than owners, the pressure shifts. It frees us to serve with genuine joy and generosity. Ultimately, everything – including us, our very selves - belongs to God. We are created in and are imprinted with God's image.

As we look to the year ahead, we celebrate the lives touched and enhanced because of your generosity, care, compassion, and faith. Every gift enriches life. Every gift creates ripples. Every gift honors God.

In anticipation of Commitment Sunday, you are invited to anchor your hearts in fellowship and service through these exciting opportunities to connect, grow, and serve in the life of God's Church.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: November 8

This Sunday, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday at Belin Memorial—a joyful occasion to give thanks for the life and ministry of God's Church. During worship, we will present our financial stewardship commitment cards alongside those who have already returned theirs. Together as the Body of Christ, we will give thanks for God's blessings and renew our commitment to participate faithfully in God's ongoing work.

Annual Charge Conference for Belin Memorial UMC | Sunday, November 8, 2026 I 3 PM I Sanctuary This annual gathering provides an opportunity to review and celebrate the life and ministries and to conduct business of the church. The Reverend Steve Brown, Marion District Superintendent, will preside. All members are welcome to attend; however, vote is restricted to voting members of the Church Council.

Operation Christmas Child: Filled Shoeboxes due back by November 8

Pack a Shoebox. Share the joy! Our goal is 450 boxes this year! Every gift is an opportunity to share God's love.

Oyster Shell Christmas Ornament Workshop: November 6, 9, 13 & 20 | 9 AM–Noon | Family Life Center (FLC)

Get creative this Christmas with a coastal-inspired holiday workshop led by Leslie Lybrand! Transform oyster shells into four beautiful, handcrafted Christmas ornaments, perfect for hostess gifts, keepsakes, or your own tree. Each class is $60, including all materials. Bring three friends, and your class is free! Prepayment is required via PayPal, Venmo, or cash. To register, contact Leslie Lybrand at 864-431-2767 or ***Leslie.lybrand@yahoo.com***.

The Giving Star: November 8–December 6

Guided by God's Light. Inspired to Give. Long ago, a star guided the Magi to Jesus, where they offered gifts in celebration of his birth. This Christmas, we invite you to follow that same spirit of generosity through The Giving Star, Belin Memorial's annual Christmas giving ministry.

Help share the joy of Christmas with foster children through Epworth Children's Home, the SC Youth Advocacy Program, Children of Christmas, and local families in need. Choose a star and shop with someone special in mind. Every gift is an opportunity to share God's love and remind someone in our community of God's presence. Need more details? Contact Sherri Henderson, Director of Missions and Outreach (***sherrih@belinumc.org*** ; 843-357-5172).

Belin Page Turners: Monday, November 9 | 9 AM or 6 PM

Love a good book? Join us for lively discussion, friendship, and fellowship as we explore The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict. RSVP Here or contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries at ***marym@belinumc.org*** ; 843-357-5176.

Rollie Hanna Breakfast: Wednesday, November 11 | 8:30 AM

Join us for a special Veterans Day program featuring Bill Barber, retired Navy senior chief and member of Belin Memorial's Pastoral Cabinet, as we reflect on the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

- November 18: My Life with DNR-Department of Natural Resources
- November 25: No Breakfast

Women's Selah: Thursday, November 12 | 6:30 PM

Get a head start on holiday entertaining with an evening of food, friendship, and fellowship! Join us as we prepare delicious appetizers to freeze and enjoy throughout the holiday season. Bring a dish to share, invite a friend, and enjoy an evening of laughter and connection. All women are welcome! **RSVP HERE**.

Discover the Walk to Emmaus: Sunday, November 15 | 3 PM | Family Life Center

Looking to deepen your faith, build meaningful friendships, and grow in your spiritual journey? Join us at Belin Memorial for an Emmaus interest meeting and discover the Walk to Emmaus, a Christian renewal experience centered on faith, fellowship, and discipleship.

Whether you have experienced a Walk to Emmaus and are part of the Emmaus community or are simply curious about what a Walk involves, you are invited! Come connect with others, learn more about Seaside Emmaus, and explore opportunities to grow in faith and service. All are welcome. **Learn more.**

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Wednesday, November 18 | 11 AM I FLC

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia can be challenging, but you do not have to navigate it alone. Join us for a supportive gathering to share experiences, find encouragement, and connect with

others who understand. All caregivers are welcome. Contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries at ***marym@belinumc.org*** ; 843-357-5176 for more information.

Senior Bus Trip: Thursday, November 19 | 10 AM | FLC Parking Lot

Join us for a fun day of local thrift shopping, hidden treasures, and lunch with friends! Whether you are searching for a bargain or simply enjoying a day out, come along for great conversation, laughter, and fellowship. Contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries at ***marym@belinumc.org*** ; 843-357-5176 for more information.

Epworth Kinship Care Dinner: Thursday, November 19 | 5–7 PM | FLC Rooms 7 & 13

Help Belin Memorial extend a warm welcome to local Kinship Care families! Adult and youth volunteers are needed to serve dinner and care for children while caregivers enjoy fellowship and receive valuable support from Epworth staff. Your time and kindness can make a meaningful difference for these families. To volunteer, contact Jane Cromley at 843-602-4474 or the church office.

Lighted Shell Wreath Class: Monday, November 30 | 6 PM | FLC

Get creative and celebrate the season by making your own beautiful lighted shell wreath! Cost is $45. To register, contact Debi O'Dell at ***odmarvin@aol.com***.

Children's Advent Study: SENT — Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas
Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16 | 5:30–7 PM | Family Life Center

Help your children discover the true meaning of Christmas through *SENT: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. Through engaging lessons, meaningful conversations, and fellowship, children will explore how Jesus' birth brings hope to the world and how they can share that hope with others. Dinner and participation are free! All children are welcome. Registration is required by Monday, November 30. **Register for the Children's Advent Study Here**.

Deck the Halls: Children's Christmas Fun | Saturday, December 5 | 9 AM–Noon | Family Life Center

Bring the whole family for a morning of Christmas cheer at Belin Memorial! Enjoy festive crafts, sweet treats, hot chocolate, s'mores, and a special opportunity to visit and take photos with Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun as we make memories and celebrate the season together. **Admission is free, no registration is required, and all families are welcome!**

A Celebration of Light and Hope: Monday, December 14 | 5–8 PM | Belin Memorial Church Grounds & Sanctuary

An Evening of Christmas Wonder for the Whole Community! Experience the joy and beauty of Christmas at Belin Memorial's *A Celebration of Light and Hope*! Gather with family, friends, and neighbors for a magical evening filled with twinkling lights, flickering candles, beautiful music, and cherished holiday traditions.

Stroll beneath our majestic, lighted live oaks, enjoy complimentary hot chocolate served by Belin Memorial Youth, visit the manger animals at our petting zoo, and capture special holiday memories along the way.

Children's Live Nativity | 5:30 & 6:15 PM

Experience the wonder of the first Christmas as children from Belin Memorial bring the Nativity story to life in a heartwarming presentation celebrating the birth of Jesus.

"On With the Snow!" Christmas Concert | 7 PM | Sanctuary

Let the music of the season fill your heart! The Belin Chancel Choir presents *On With the Snow!*, a festive concert featuring beloved holiday favorites from movies and television specials. From nostalgic classics to joyful seasonal melodies, this special performance is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 PM. Seating is first come, first served. Admission is FREE, and everyone is welcome! Whether you're part of our church family or visiting for the first time, we invite you to celebrate the hope, wonder, and joy of Christmas with us. Bring a friend, gather your family, and make this a Christmas tradition to remember!

Shalom,
Sandra

We Welcome You to Worship with Us this Sunday!



Traditional Worship
8:45 AM & 11 AM

"While Waiting"
Matthew 25:1-13
Will Malambri

Livestream Here



Modern Worship
8:45 AM & 11 AM

"Living in the Delay"
Matthew 25:1-13
Sandra Stevens Poirel

Livestream Here

Weekly Attendance
(in-person and online)

458 The Harbor

1012 The Sanctuary

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Weekly Calendar
November 8, 2026


BLESSED
to be a
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EVERY GIFT ENRICHES LIFE.
Children grow.
They discover faith, friendship and a place to belong.
Families connect.
They find community, encouragement and support.
Faith deepens.
People worship, learn, pray and grow together.
Neighbors are served.
Your generosity extends God's love both near and far.
Imagine how far your ripple could go.
We can't always see where generosity will lead. We don't know whose life our gifts may enrich, which ministry will become someone's turning point, or what future will begin because we chose to give today.
But we know that God can take what we offer and use it for something greater. Your generosity becomes ministry. Your ministry enriches lives. And the ripple continues.
MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.
Prayerfully consider your annual gift and the difference it can make.
Complete your commitment card or visit belinumc.org to give.



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Do you have questions for Church Council? We encourage you to reach out via email at **Council@belinumc.org**. They are happy to help.

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Growing in Faith Together

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