

# Belmont United Methodist Church



*A community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor*

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There is an old saying, "May you live in interesting times", which certainly applies to the times we are experiencing today. Covid-19 has turned our religious lives on their heads - changing the ways we worship, experience Sunday School classes, attend church meetings and classes, and how we connect with one another. However, we have learned that even when we cannot gather in our sanctuary, we are still the church.

Belmont UMC's Encore Ministries is actively considering what the next months might look like for adults over 65 and those with underlying health conditions that create a higher risk for a more serious case of Covid-19.

For members over 65, especially with certain medical conditions, how do we stay connected to each other as the church, until it is safe to rejoin in the sanctuary at Belmont?

As we continue to watch over one another in love, we want to reach out. We have enclosed a survey to help us better understand how each member who is 65 and older feels most comfortable staying in touch during these interesting times.

Please do us the favor of answering the enclosed survey and mailing it back to the church in the enclosed stamped envelope by May 26.

Let us know how we can help each other during these times of physical isolation.

In Christ's love,

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We believe that every  
person is of sacred worth.

**Encore Ministries  
May 2020 Survey**

Please share with us the information below and mail this survey back to the church in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. THANK YOU for your help as we seek to stay connected!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you live alone?  Yes  No  
a. Would you like to be part of a phone check-in chain each day?  Yes  No

2. Do you use email?  Yes  No  
a. If YES, please enter your email address so we can stay in touch.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have internet access through a computer?  Yes  No
4. Do you have internet access through a Smartphone like an Apple iPhone?  Yes  No
5. Have you watched the livestream of Belmont's worship service on Sunday morning?  Yes  No
6. Have you used Zoom (an internet meeting program) to participate in a Sunday School class or other meeting?  Yes  No
7. If you have not connected to Sunday worship or your Sunday School class over the internet, would you like someone to call and talk with you about setting up your connection?  Yes  No
8. Have you used Facetime or Skype to make video phone calls with family or friends?  Yes  No
9. Would you like to participate in regular seminars or Bible studies, especially for seniors, using a meeting program like Zoom?  Yes  No

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10. Are you having trouble getting groceries or medicine?  Yes  No

11. How long are you planning to stay isolated from others during this Covid-19 pandemic?

Until government officials lift isolation restrictions for the general public.

Until my doctor tells me it is safe for me to be out in public.

Until there is a vaccine or a reliable treatment for Covid-19 available.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. How can the church help you and other senior adults as we live through these times? (Your suggestions here will be very helpful!)

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13. Do you know of persons in our church family who are having an especially hard time during this time of isolation with whom we should follow up?

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Thank you for your input and suggestions.  
May God bless you and all of Belmont UMC's  
church family during these times.