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# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to love and serve God and neighbor*

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## GIFTS OF ADVENT: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, & LOVE

This Advent, our worship services have included small gifts that are all just simple items with a deeper purpose. Each one has been meant to help us slow down, notice God's presence, and live more fully into the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. They're not just keepsakes but invitations to focus more clearly each week.

Hope was first, with a candle or glow stick reminding us that even the smallest light pushes back the darkness. Hold on to hope in the midst of darkness. We are able to share the light of hope for those around us as encouragement, service, and kindness.

On Peace Sunday, we gave out feathers meant for breathing prayers. In a hectic season, peace often begins by pausing long enough to breathe and remember that God meets us in stillness. As we rest in that peace, maybe we will also learn how to offer it to others through listening, helping, and supporting.

This week's theme is Joy, and our gift will point us toward the kind of joy that looks like creativity, play, surprise, or simply noticing goodness in this day God gives us. And just like hope and peace, perhaps this joy will be something we want to share.

We'll end Advent with Love, the foundation of the whole season (or perhaps the whole gospel). God's love shapes how we see ourselves and how we treat others. Our final gift will remind us that the warmth of love is both something we receive and something we're sent to give away.

As we move toward Christmas, may these small gifts continue to shape us, that they might help us carry hope, practice peace, choose joy, and live out love in a world that needs all four.

Love ya,



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**This Sunday**, the Sanctuary Choir will present this year's cantata, *Glory to the New Born King! Celebrating the Light of Christmas* by Lloyd Larson. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the **Brenthaven Christmas Lunch**. The Fellowship Ministry will provide meat and drinks, and everyone is asked to bring a covered side dish or dessert to share. Come and be blessed with the music of Christmas, and enjoy a festive lunch with family and friends.



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Brenthaven members, family, and friends are invited for a service celebrating the arrival of God's gift to ALL. This candlelight service is a meaningful tradition for many and a special time for all ages. Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** at 6:00 pm.



# SACRED SPARKS MINISTRY & POINSETTIAS



## IN MEMORY OF

Louise & Grady Adcock  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Myra Nix Agee  
*David Agee*

Mary Helen Alexander  
*Mary Lynn Alexander &  
Kathy Brian*

Leonard & Mac Arnold  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Marita & Don Beck  
*Anita & Jim Tilley*

Bill Blewett  
*Donna Blewett*

Bobby Bristol  
*Gloria & DJ Jenkins*

Florence Brooks  
*Phyllis Lewis*

Mildred & Bennett Brown  
*Becky & Ronny Jones*

Charles Burch  
*Joyce Burch*

Pat Campbell  
*Rachel & Barry Campbell*

Christine Carter  
*The Strickland Family*

Jerry Chesnut  
*Patricia Chesnut*

Ann & Neal DeMarcus  
*Bob Dozier*

Billy Dial  
*Bob Dozier*

Mary Lee & Claude Dickinson  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Rev. Ray & Mary Alice Dobbins  
*Kathy & Bill Dobbins*

Barbara Dozier  
*Bob Dozier*

Ray Flanagan & Russ Flanagan  
*Gloria & DJ Jenkins*

Charlie Floyd  
*Treva Floyd*

Artie & Charlie Ganus  
*Bart King*

Georgie & James Hill  
*Bob Dozier*

Lucille & Woodrow Jones  
*Becky & Ronny Jones*

Margaret & Durham Keene  
*Joyce Burch*

Luttie & Lona King  
*Bart King*

Mary King  
*Bart King*

Sue McClelland  
*Rachel & Barry Campbell*

Lady Jane &  
Charles E. McGee  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Robertta & Ewing McGee  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Naomi Mayhan  
*Ame Satterwhite*

David Medlin  
*Brenda & Ron Medlin*

Betty & John L. Murray  
*Joyce Burch*

Marjorie Neuhoff  
*Bob Dozier*

Wylene & Briggs Nix  
*David Agee*

Wilda Patton  
*Amity, John, & Caleb Marsh*

Gay Payton  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Scott Powers  
*Susan Powers*

Eddie Redmon  
*Janiece Redmon*

Dot & Lee Roy Satterwhite  
*Bob Dozier*

*Susan Powers*  
*Ame Satterwhite*

Barbara Shoemake  
*Joe Shoemake*

Guy Sneed  
*Douglas Powers*  
*Loretta Sneed*

Jimmy Stewart  
*Martha Stewart*

Mildred Strickland  
*The Strickland Family*

Fay & Thomas Tilly  
*Anita & Jim Tilley*

Kelly Ford Wallace  
*Janiece Redmon*

Joyce Malone Wilding  
*Marilyn Elliott*

Rev. Bill & Kathryn Wood  
*Kathy & Bill Dobbins*



## IN HONOR OF



Austin, Shelby, Reed, & Jonah Agee  
*David Agee*

The Greg Allen Family  
*Bart King*

Lisa Cook  
*The Keiser Family*

Jan Davidson  
*Barbara Jordon*

The Russ Deaton Family  
*Bart King*

Barbara Dial  
*Beverly Garrett*

Kathy & Matt Dozier  
*Bob Dozier*

Carol Ford  
*Jennie & Fred Ford*

The Jay McCulley Family  
*Bart King*

Susan Powers  
*Ame Satterwhite*

The Larry Pulley Family  
*Bart King*

Janiece Redmon  
*Jennie & Fred Ford*

Darlene & Johnny Rush  
*Bob Dozier*

The Kip Rush Family  
*Bart King*

Ame Satterwhite  
*Susan Powers*

Liz Strickland  
*The Strickland Boys*

The Don Tabor Family  
*Bart King*

Grandchildren (Breanna & Bryson)  
*Treva Floyd*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Caden (*grandson of Nina Sullivan*)  
Amy Glenn (*daughter of Becky & Ronny Jones*)  
Jenny Rowe (*sister of Liz Strickland*)

### Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol & Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Larry Pulley, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl & Don Tabor, Jane & James Talley

### Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Waylon Cogbill (*great-grandson of Pat Chesnut*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Harriet Gilliam (*friend of the Rushes*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Dianne Lyons (*aunt of Shali Scott*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), Judy Rebner, Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Gary Tessar (*friend of Jan Marshall*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Pat Travis (*mother of Julie Travis*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Sandi Walter (*sister of Jim Tilley*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

## OTHER GIFTS (SACRED SPARKS CONT.)

Lori Rucker



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Bill Jones*

Barbara Dial (for Sacred Sparks)

### *In Memory of Joyce Malone Wilding*

Jan & Larry Davidson



## LIVE NATIVITY

Our **Live Nativity** is coming up **Sunday, December 21** from 5:00–8:00 pm. This is a church-wide event and an opportunity to welcome our neighbors and remind all about the *Christ* in Christmas. We need volunteers for set up, welcome tables, cooking and bringing soups, working in the kitchen, serving guests, hosts for walking groups of people through the live nativity, actors in the live nativity, and clean up after the event. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Jonelle Summitt (615-414-4550 or [jonellesummitt@gmail.com](mailto:jonellesummitt@gmail.com)).

## CPWM NEWS

Our Christmas fellowship began as we gathered, signing greeting cards for others along with light-hearted chatter. Following a devotional and prayer, we filled our plates with an array of delicious dishes and desserts.



The program featured **Sandra Shepherd**, speaking on a timely topic—Gifts! She shared several scriptures about gifts along with some of her own gifting experiences. She asked all of us pointed questions concerning gifts, including spiritual ones. And it really made us think! Next, we played a festive game that was both entertaining and celebratory. Leave it to fun and creative Sandra to delight us like children.

This month, one of our ministry projects was collecting paper products for **Safe Haven Family Shelter**. So as we came together to celebrate the season, we brought gifts to help others do the same.

## ORGAN CONCERT

On **Sunday, January 4**, at 3:00 pm, we will be hosting an organ concert, featuring guest organist **Brenda Johnson** and our own **Amity Marsh**. You won't want to miss this special event!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 14**

- Dec 11** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Dec 12–13** Young Adult Christmas at the Springs
- Dec 13** 9:30 AM Choir Practice (*Sanctuary*)
- Dec 14** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Worship (Christmas Cantata)  
 12:00 PM Christmas Luncheon (*Fellowship Hall*)  
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Dec 15** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Dec 16** 9:30 AM Advent Study (*Adult Library*)  
 1–4 PM Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Dec 18** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Dec 21** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Live Nativity

Third Sunday of Advent (*blue*)

Isaiah 35:1-10;

Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55;

James 5:7-10;

Matthew 11:2-11

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 7**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$1,049.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	9,460.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	583,554.84
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	572,482.12
Difference	11,072.72

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

**Kip J. Rush**, Senior Pastor  
**Ean Taylor**, Associate Pastor  
**Linda Pulley**, Director of Music  
**Amity Marsh**, Organist  
**Karen Benefield**, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

**Session** – The Elders

*Class of 2026*

**Jeri Behan**  
**Jan Davidson**  
**Russ Deaton**  
**Joe Malloy**

*Class of 2027*

**Chris Fleming**  
**Renee McCulley**  
**Mike Murphy**  
**Ame Satterwhite**

*Class of 2028*

**Rachel Campbell**  
**Bill Dobbins**  
**Frank Scott**  
**Scott Strickland**