



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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NEW AT BRENTHAVEN

Hi Brenthaven! I'm Rena!



If we haven't met, I'm Kira's, Lilah's, and Lincoln's mom! At church, you will usually find me with the kids during Sunday school, as my natural inclination is always to be with the children, and I love to sit in the corner of the sanctuary during worship service. Not because I'm away from people, but because it's my time of peace. From my seat, I love to watch the seasons change through the adjacent window, and when it's rainy with nothing but dark clouds, I can look at the two picture windows with their bright, never-changing colors, listening to worship that seems like it's "just for me."

I'm happy to be working with children, but I'm equally blessed to have found a church home. We have moved around a lot and the belonging we feel here is finally solidified with me accepting a position to lead KOK!

About me: I'm an artsy homeschool mom of three and a lifelong learner. I love to teach almost as much as I love to learn, and my passion is Jesus' message. I homeschool the kids and have experience teaching group classes in many subjects, such as Art, English, STEM, and Science. I'll chat anytime about plants and music, and we spend every minute we can outside in nature. My own faith journey began in

middle school, with hot summers at Crystal Springs Camp. Forever a camp kid, I've been a part of CP churches ever since. Those early experiences taught me that faith is something to be lived with joy, laughter, questions, and community. I'm devoted to cultivating an environment where young ones feel safe, seen, and excited about learning who God is and who he's created them to be. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve and walk alongside families as we grow together in faith.

Peace and Love be yours,

Rena



REMINDER: ALL-MINISTRY MEETING

There will be an **All-Ministry Meeting** this **Sunday, January 18** in the Fellowship Hall after worship service. We would like for all ministry team members to meet with their ministry teams.

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



The Women of Oakridge, by award-winning Southern fiction author Michelle Shocklee, is January's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, January 15** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

CPWM NEWS

Our next **CPWM** meeting will be **Tuesday, January 27** at 10:30 am. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall to prepare products to help young women in third-world countries so they can attend school. We will be eating here, so bring a lunch.

The Women's Ministry also will be filling bags soon with the items below for **Sacred Sparks**. We would like your help with donations of these **small, individual-size items (travel size is perfect)**. Please bring them by **Sunday, February 15** and put them in the **CPWM** bin in the Narthex.

Toothbrush/Toothpaste	ChapStick
Hand Warmers	Tylenol
Nuts/Trail Mix	Band-Aids
Kleenex Packages	Deodorant
Peanut Butter Crackers	Soap
Shampoo & Conditioner	Baby Wipes
Razors (men's & women's)	Cereal Bars
Hand Sanitizer	

CP BIRTHDAY BASH AND CHILI CLASH!



Join us on **Wednesday, February 4** at 5:45 PM as we celebrate the birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with a night of fun, fellowship, and food at our **Birthday Party and Chili Cookoff!** We'll honor our church's story, share laughs around the table, and see who takes home the bragging rights for the year.

This night is also about giving love away. We'll be making Valentine boxes for our college students and shut-ins, reminding them they are seen, loved, and prayed for. You can help by donating candy, small goodies, sugar-free snacks, and any favorite treats you think a college student would be excited to receive. Come hungry, come ready to celebrate, and come ready to share the love!

JOIN US...

SACRED GROUNDS: Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 am at **First Watch** in Brentwood. (Host: Ean Taylor)

CAN YOU DIG IT: Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 am at **The Farmstead Nashville** restaurant in Berry Hill (2806 Columbine Place, Suite B, Nashville). RSVP is required by Thursday, January 22, as we need to confirm our reservation. Please RSVP to hosts Donna Kirby or Anita Tilley.

WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL "SNOW GAMES"

The Winter Olympics are here, and we are celebrating with a special Winter Bible School. Join us for The Snow Games, a day filled with fun, games, and faith.

Children will rotate through activities that mix Bible stories, hands-on learning, play, and serving others. It's designed to be active, joyful, and meaningful.

The Snow Games are open to all children K–6th grade. This event is on **Saturday, January 31** from 10:00 am–3:00 pm and best of all it's free to all! If you want to join the fun, register at Brenthaven.org/VBS. We can't wait to play, learn, and compete together.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...

We're putting together **Valentine's boxes** for our college students, and we need your help. We're collecting candy, treats, sugar-free snacks, and any fun goodies a college student would love. Drop donations in the bin by the church office and let's remind our students they're loved and remembered!



And as part of this Valentine's season, our youngest church members are going to embark on a very special outreach—we're bringing back the **LOVE BUS!** On **Sunday, February 15**, we'll decorate the van and visit some of our older church members and shut-ins. With smiles, hand-made decorations, and thoughtfully prepared gift baskets in hand, we'll deliver more than Valentine treats—we'll share love, connection, and the reminder that our church family is never forgotten.

You can help us in this outreach by bringing treats (sugar-free items welcome) and little useful gifts, such as Chapstick, travel-size lotions, cozy socks, or tea. Drop them in the bin next to the church office. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*)
 Amy Glenn (*daughter of Becky & Ronny Jones*)
 Donna Kirby
 Nina Sullivan

Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, 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*), 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.*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), Jenny Rowe (*sister of Liz Strickland*), Darlene & Johnny Rush (*parents of Kip Rush*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Caden Sullivan (*grandson of Nina Sullivan*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Gary Tessar (*friend of Jan Marshall*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Sandi Walter (*sister of Jim Tilley*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Jerry Wayne Leitschuh

Becky & Ronny Jones
 Ame Satterwhite
 Loretta Sneed



MARK YOUR CALENDARS— YOUTH SUNDAY!

Sunday, March 22 is Youth Sunday! Our youth will be leading worship, and we can't wait to see how they share their gifts with our whole church family. Make plans to be there and join us as we worship together!

SYNODIC MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Middle school students are invited to the Synodic Middle School Retreat, **March 27–29!** The theme is “Pause,” all about learning how to slow down, focus, and grow in faith in the middle of busy lives.

It will be a weekend full of fun, friendships, and faith. We will also learn some of the basics that help us follow Jesus: how to pray, how to read Scripture, and how to live out what we believe every day.

Registration opens **February 22**. Find all the details and sign up at tnsynodcpc.org.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED...

We now have information about upcoming events on our TV monitor for everyone to peruse while passing through the Narthex. It threads through activities going on daily, weekly, and monthly. This is a helpful reminder of all the many activities here at Brenthaven. So check it out!

The display features a weather forecast for Sunday, January 11, with a temperature of 40°. It includes a calendar for January and February, with a 'JOIN US!' button. The main announcement is for 'Sacred Grounds' on 1/17 - 10AM, featuring Rev. Ean Taylor and a rotating pastor from Nashville Presbytery for an open discussion over coffee.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 15** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Jan 17** 10:00 AM Sacred Grounds (*Frist Watch/ Brentwood*)
- Jan 18** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM All-Ministry Meeting (*F/H*)
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Jan 19** 10:00 AM Young @Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Jan 21** 6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Jan 22** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Jan 24** 11:00 AM Can You Dig It (*Farmstead Nashville*)
- Jan 25** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany (*white*)

Isaiah 49:1-7;
 Psalm 40:1-11;
 I Corinthians 1:1-9;
 John 1:29-42

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 11

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$10.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,075.00
Weekly Need	10,835.00
Received Year-to-Date	20,557.14
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	13,842.67
Difference	6,714.47

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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

Session – The Elders

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
Jeri Behan	Chris Fleming	Rachel Campbell
Jan Davidson	Renee McCulley	Bill Dobbins
Russ Deaton	Mike Murphy	Frank Scott
Joe Malloy	Ame Satterwhite	Scott Strickland