



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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WALK BY FAITH

This Sunday, the choir will be singing “Walk By Faith” as their anthem. The song speaks of many strong people in the Bible who trusted in God and truly walked by faith:

Noah, who built an ark as his neighbors ridiculed him...

David, who had the faith to stand up to Goliath as everyone else ran away...

Moses, who led the complaining Israelites to the promise land...

and *Esther*, who had the faith and courage to speak to the king in regard to Haman and his evil plans.

Throughout the Bible, there are numerous examples of faithful people who put their trust in God and lived their faith no matter the cost.

Having grown up in the church, I have had the privilege of knowing many wonderful people over the years, who live out their faith no matter what circumstances they have endured. The grace in which they handle life’s unexpected blows is truly amazing! But as Christians, this is what we are called to do—to walk by faith.

We are not guaranteed an easy road simply because we are Christians. Just think of what Christ endured in His lifetime. Even beyond the horrific pain of crucifixion, He suffered the pain of rejection. He was rejected by the religious leaders of his time. Then he was rejected by the people. Some of the same people who had welcomed him and proclaimed him the Messiah were in the crowd calling for his death. But through it all, Christ knew the plan for His life and that plan was to bring us closer to God and give us eternal life with Him.



As we face the challenges that life brings, may we live that life of faith knowing that God loves us and that we can turn to Him no matter what circumstances come our way. God walks with us as we walk in faith.

God’s peace be with you, *Linda*

ENGAGE BEGINS

There is a scene in a Marvel movie where one hero is looking for his partner and he asks, “Where is Gamora?” To which the person he is asking responds, “Who is Gamora?” To which a third responds, “I’ll do you one better, why is Gamora?” Yes, it is corny and yet funny, but some of you have asked similar questions. “Where is ENGAGE?” “Who is ENGAGE?” “Why ENGAGE?” “What is ENGAGE?”

Last Sunday, folks gathered in the Fellowship Hall to hear more about the program we have been talking about. ENGAGE is a program that asks a congregation to answer questions about who God has called us to be in the community we serve, where we see God leading us, who we are as the people of God, why we exist as one of many churches, and many other questions that we often fail to ask.

Sunday’s session reminded us that first and foremost, our task as Brenthaven Church is to follow the Great Commission, creating disciples in all the world. These were the words Jesus left with his disciples and call us to do. Over the years, the way we have done that has changed and we must we ask ourselves, “how do we do that now?”



The important thing to remember about ENGAGE is that it has only begun. Over the next months there will be opportunities to evaluate and plan for the future of Brenthaven. We will be having gatherings to talk about spiritual gifts, programming, and other pertinent issues of the church. All with the goal of getting ENGAGED!

ALL MINISTRY MEETING

Our next **Ministry Team Meeting** will be **Sunday, September 7**, after worship in the fellowship hall. We would like for all team members to meet with their ministry teams.

BRENTHAVEN CHURCH PICNIC



Join us for our **Church Picnic** **Wednesday, September 10**, starting at **5:30 pm**, at **Granny White Park** in the pavilion. The church will provide burgers and hotdogs. We ask that you bring a side dish to share. Join us for an afternoon of food, friends, and fun!

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



What Was Mine by Helen Klein Ross is September's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting on **Thursday, September 18** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

What Was Mine is a compelling tale of motherhood and loss, of grief and hope, and the life-shattering effects of a single, irrevocable moment.

SAVE THE DATE FOR...Trivia Night



Sunday, November 9
from **5:00–8:00 pm**

Sacred Sparks Fundraiser

We need donations for the Silent Auction and volunteers to help with the fundraiser. If you are interested, contact Doris Cantagallo at 415-320-0065 or call the church office.

☀️CHECK IT OUT!☀️

Do you enjoy cooking, baking, or just collecting recipes? Do you like to read, travel, or take in local activities and interesting finds? Do you have some special news or event you would like to share? We would like to see and hear about it!

We invite you to be a part of our feature called "Check It Out!" Email us with all the details at secretary@brenthaven.org (don't forget the pictures, if applicable). Or you can call the church office (615) 373-4826. We look forward to hearing from you!

KOK NEWS

KOK had a great time on Sunday! During Sunday School, they followed *Fred Abraham* through the wilderness and then during the adults' three-hour meeting, they watched a movie and played on the playground.



SOJOURNERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Sojourner class invites you to join us for our new Sunday School study, *Parables—Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place*, by Josh Scott.

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive for Blood Assurance** will be on **Friday, August 29** from 10 am–2 pm in the fellowship hall. You can schedule your donations at: bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity. Walk-ins are welcome.

THE REZ

With another cold winter coming up, the CPWM is collecting warm clothing for the **Lakota Indians on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** in South Dakota. This is one of the largest reservations in the United States, and encompasses several counties that are among the poorest, as well.

If you would like to support our mission efforts, please bring new and gently used warm clothing items, such as coats, hats, gloves, or scarves to the church during the month of **September**. There is a bin for donations in the narthex.

Thank you!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Ty Allen

Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*)

Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Jan Davidson, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Garrett Gross, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennessy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, 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*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), 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*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), 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*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), Joyce Malone Wilding (*sister of Marilyn Elliott & Peggy Phelps*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Pat Blanton (*friend of Barbara Dial*)

THANK YOU!

God's love and grace have been evident in the support from our church family while I've been recovering from my hip surgery. The healing is going very well and my mobility is strong. The prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, smiles and hugs are THE best medicine! Larry and I both give thanks to our Brenthaven family of faith and love.

Blessings to each of you,
Jan Davidson



SAVE THE DATE...



Baby Boy Shower

Sunday, October 19, 2025 (Following Worship)

For Kristin (Wattenbarger) & Chris Dufresne

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 516 Franklin Road
 Brentwood, TN 37027-5909

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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

- Aug 28** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Aug 29** **10 AM–2PM** Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Aug 31** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- Sept 1** **(LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED)**
- Sept 3** **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Sept 4** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept 7** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM All Ministry Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 31

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16;

Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;

Luke 14:1, 7-14

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 24

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$0.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	5,698.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	379,327.85
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	372,327.48
Difference	7,000.37

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 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser

Class of 2026

Jeri Behan
Jan Davidson
Russ Deaton
Joe Malloy

Class of 2027

Chris Fleming
Renee McCulley
Mike Murphy
Ame Satterwhite