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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CLOTHED IN LOVE

Saturday, I returned home from a week in Montreat, having participated in the annual Worship and Music Conference. Once again, it was an amazing week! Montreat is located in the mountains of North Carolina, just a few miles from Black Mountain and close to Asheville. It is a beautiful place that lends itself well to worshipping God and witnessing the wonder of His creation. This year's theme was *Clothed in Love*. From the opening worship—the beautiful art work from Mike Moyers (the son of the late Hardy Moyers and Sandra Moyers), the thoughtful liturgy, the beautiful instrumental offerings, the inspirational sermons, and the meaningful hymns sung with hundreds of other music directors, pastors, and fellow worshippers—the week was off to a wonderful start.

Each day in worship we were invited to be clothed in love by "putting on Christ." Sunday night's worship was an introduction to the theme with a short testimony by five different individuals on each of the areas of focus: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Meekness and Patience. Our daily worship services were composed of scripture lessons, sermon, special music, and hymns that tied in the individual areas of focus, one each day.

I had the opportunity to take several informative classes, explore new music, sing in a 400-member choir, and ring handbells. Our handbell class was a lot of fun and certainly different from any other I had ever participated in. We started class with warm-ups, accompanied by a wide range of music from *Surfin' USA* to *Sweet Home Alabama*. Who would have expected that in a handbell class?

As always, the Worship and Music Conference is a wonderful place to reconnect with old friends in the music ministry and meet new friends who are on a similar journey, serving their individual churches. The conference is sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, but the attendees come from a wide range of denominations, all eager to learn and share with each other.

As the conference wrapped up on Friday night with a concert—complete with four choirs, three handbell choirs, instrumental groups, and one commissioned piece at the conclusion, directed by the composer, Michael Burkhardt—I truly felt clothed in love, wrapped in the warmth of a week spent focused on music. And I was thankful for the time I was able to share with my older daughter, Laura, and the friends that we have come to love along the way in our Montreat experience.

I thank you for allowing me to have this experience each June.

Blessings,

“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:12,14,17)

ATTENTION: ALL BARGAIN HUNTERS...



Starting Tuesday, July 1, the **Brenthaven Women's Ministry** will be accepting treasures for their **Yard Sale** happening on **Friday, July 25** at 8:00 am–2:00 pm and **Saturday, July 26** at 8:00 am–12:00 pm. Requested donations are household items, working electronics, children's toys, seasonal items, books, CD's, DVD's, VCR tapes, furniture, and miscellaneous items. **Starting July 1**, you are requested to place your donations on the **fellowship hall stage**. Please **DO NOT** bring clothes or shoes. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

July 6–11: CPYC

July 6–11: Junior Camp

July 13–18: Middle School Camp

July 28–31: Triennium

THE LEAST COIN OFFERING



The Least Coin Offering began in 1956 and has helped millions of people from all over the world. When you give your offering, say a prayer for peace and reconciliation at home and abroad. All monies collected will be sent to **Church Women United** through the **Brenthaven Women's Ministry**. Look for the donation jar in the narthex.

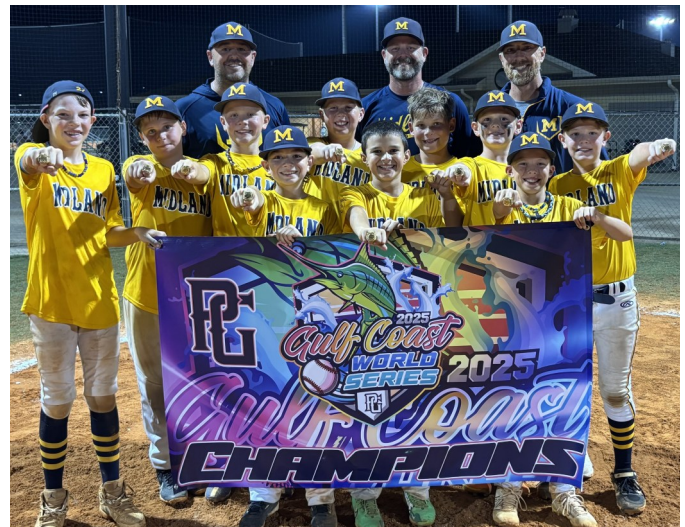
☀️ CHECK IT OUT! ☀️

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 call the church office (615) 373-4826. We look forward to hearing from you!



Kade Gregali's 10U baseball team won the Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series in Alabama. They played eight games and their record was 7-1 for the week. Kade had 12 hits, including two home runs! Congratulations, Kade! (Pictured far left)



MORE WAYS TO CONNECT...

If you are looking for some fun and fellowship during the week, check out these options.

Young @ Heart meets every first, third, and fifth Monday at 10:00 am in the Adult Library. The games played are *Rook*, *Shanghai Rummy*, and *Dominoes*. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Bridge Group meets every second Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Youth Room. Contact the church office if you are interested in making a reservation.

CPWM, our **Women's Ministry**, meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers Classroom. Watch the newsletter for details.

BookEnd Book Club meets every third Thursday at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. Please check the newsletter for current books being read.

Creative Crafts meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the Adult Library. You may bring your own art supplies and work on your own craft.

Call the church office if you want to learn more.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Sharen Butler (*friend of Pat Chesnut*)
CPL Andrew Dial, stationed in Syria (*grandson of Barbara Dial*)
Jodi Rush

Members

Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, David Dowland, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Phil Slagle, Cheryl 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*), Jamie Travis Gallimore (*sister of Julie Travis*), 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*), Rev. Dwight Liles (*CP Minister*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Kathleen Murphy (*daughter of Julie & Mike Murphy*), 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*), Rev. Buddy Travis (*father of Julie Travis*), 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



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Charles Belew

Loretta Sneed

In Memory of Dot Dobbins

Beverly Garrett, Becky & Ronny Jones, Linda & Larry Pulley, Loretta Sneed

In Memory of Richard Keiser

Becky & Rooney Jones, Linda & Larry Pulley

In Memory of Guy Sneed

Margot Cook, Molly & C.T. Cozart, Bill Davis Family, Libby & Larry Ennenga, Barbara Linder, David Varn

In Honor of Suzanne Ghianni and Jackson Campbell

Becky & Ronny Jones



Happy Birthday

- July 3 Mac Holland
Matthew Thayer
- July 5 Jan Davidson
Samantha Worrall
- July 13 Rose O'Hara
- July 15 Ty Hanner Allen
Julia Dobbins
Matthew Morris
Cheryl Tabor
- July 17 Paul Moser
Lori Wooten
- July 18 James Scott
Ray Scott
- July 19 Haley Lutts
Wesley Thayer
- July 23 Michael Morris
- July 26 Cathy Forester
- July 28 Pat Chesnut
- July 31 Ellie Kate Fleming



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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

- June 26** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
5:30–8:00 PM VBS
(Closing VBS Ceremony: 7:30 pm)
- June 29** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
- June 30** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- July 3** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 4** **July 4th—Office Closed**
- July 6** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 29

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16;

Galatians 5:1, 13-25;

Luke 9:51-62

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 22

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$975.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,687.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	262,434.06
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	294,402.25
Difference	-31,968.19

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Ean Taylor, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Morris, Children's Ministry
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