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A SUMMER OF FAITH

As I write this, I'm surrounded by the hum of Middle School Camp. I am among songs echoing from the chapel, laughter over shared meals, and quiet prayers rising from around the lake at quiet time. It's the kind of holy noise that reminds me how near God is, especially in the lives of our young people. What a gift this summer has been to me!

We began our journey with Synodic Camp, where the theme was "True Colors." It was a week about identity, belonging, and recognizing that each of us is uniquely created in the image of God. Our youth explored how to be honest, courageous, and full of compassion in a world that sometimes asks them to hide. The community they formed was a beautiful reflection of the diverse and colorful body of Christ.

Next came our Youth Mission Trip to Greeneville, Tennessee. There, we literally got our hands dirty as we weeded, planted, and restored a neglected butterfly garden and an old sanctuary that now hosts a soup kitchen. We spent time turning them from spaces that had been forgotten into spaces that invite life. To me, these projects became a living metaphor for the kingdom of God: that life and community can grow again with work, care, and trust. We talked a lot about how faith isn't just a feeling but a *practice*. It is something we do with our whole selves in service to others. The youth reminded me that even small acts of restoration can speak loudly of God's love.

Then we attended CPYC (Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference), centered on the theme "Be Still and Know." In a world that moves fast and asks so much of us, they were invited to pause, breathe, and recognize the nearness of God. Through worship, silence, small group conversation, and play, they remembered that God meets us—not just in answers to life's big questions, but in presence, stillness, and silence.

And now we are at Middle School Camp, where our theme is "This Is Our Prayer." Campers are learning that prayer is more than words. Prayer is trust, listening, longing, and living. Here, kids are discovering that prayer isn't just for the perfect or the polished Christian, but for the honest, the tired, the joyful, and the wondering—just like them.

And still, we're not done. Triennium is just around the corner, where a group of our youth will gather with CPs from across the country to ask again what it means to belong to God in this time and place.

Each of these experiences has sown something lasting: the courage to show their true colors, the stillness to know God's voice, the strength to serve when it's hard, and the trust to bring their full selves to God in prayer. I am humbled and filled with hope.

Thank you, Brenthaven Church, for every prayer, donation, and hug at the church door! You make this kind of faith formation possible. You don't just support our youth; you disciple them through your care and witness. And I'm so grateful to walk this journey with you.

Love ya,



MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

We have been made aware of some immediate needs for the ministries we support. Please place donated items in the bins marked for each ministry.

Sacred Sparks has a need for the following food items for their friends: sugar, olive oil, rice, pasta, salt, Nescafe instant coffee, juices, breakfast cereal, baby diapers and baby wipes, Nido (red top) toddler formula, and Similac (blue top) baby formula.

GraceWorks is in need of food items for their fuel packs: fruit cups, pudding cups, pull-top cans of Beanie Weenies, pastas and soups, and granola/breakfast bars.

Our very own **Allie Crawford** is a teacher at **Norman Binkley Elementary School**, a Title I school. A new hygiene program is starting at the school this year and the following items are needed for many of the students. A bin to collect these items is outside the church office. We will collect hygiene items **through Sunday, August 17**. They need the following items: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, bar soap, wash clothes, feminine hygiene products, hair brushes, ponytail elastics/hair ties, shampoo, and lotion. As always, thank you for your help!

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



The Women by Kristin Hannah is July's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, July 17** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

BACKPACK BLESSING



When our children, youth, and teachers return to school in August, they do not go alone. They go with the grace of God, the love of Christ Jesus, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit! They also go with the love and support of the Brenthaven Church family.

On **Sunday, August 3, during worship**, we will celebrate our annual **Backpack Blessing**. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Toddlers are invited to bring their diaper bags. Adults are encouraged to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, purses, sports bags, or other forms of conveyance for their daily "stuff" to be blessed, as well. Join us to be blessed, regardless of your age or stage of life!

BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY



YARD SALE! Friday, July 25 at 8-2 and Saturday, July 26 at 8-12

In our **July meeting, July 22**, we will be preparing for our Yard Sale. You can bring your lunch or order in, and dessert will be provided. Come and enjoy some fellowship while we work. There's still time to bring your donations to the fellowship hall!



CHERYL MORRIS RETIREMENT PARTY
03 AUGUST 2025

You don't want to miss this one!

Help us celebrate **Cheryl Morris on August 3!** We invite you to honor her during the service and stay afterwards for a celebration luncheon. Please help us spread the word to friends and family who have been loved by Cheryl over the years.

DONATIONS FOR REZ

We are supporting the efforts of a local church in South Dakota to assist with school supplies for students of all ages from the **Lakota Tribe**. This is the same tribe (REZ) that CPWM supports each fall with warm clothing and blankets. We will **not** be collecting school supplies, but if you are interested in helping, you may send a check or order supplies and send them directly to the address below. If you have any questions, you may call the church office. Thank you!

Lakota Memorial Church of the Nazarene
P.O. Box 1538
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Bob Dozier

Members

Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennessy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, 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*), Marcine Cook (*friend of the Rush Family*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), CPL Andrew Dial (*grandson of Barbara Dial*), 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*), 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, Texas floods



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dot Dobbins

Jan & Larry Davidson

In Memory of Richard Keiser

Jan & Larry Davidson, Beverly Garrett

SACRED SPARKS UPDATE

We are SO EXCITED about the progress being made on our rebuilt laundry room at St. Luke Cumberland Presbyterian Church! It is becoming a reality, and it's going to be better than ever.

A huge shoutout and heartfelt thanks to TW Frierson Contractor, Inc. for their incredible generosity. They donated over \$20,000 worth of material and labor so that the space is equipped with hook ups for four washers and five dryers right from the start. That's a major blessing for our community and the friends we serve through **Sacred Sparks Ministry** and our **Loads of Love** laundry ministry.

There's still work ahead, but we're filled with gratitude and hope as this sacred space begins to take shape once again. And yes, we left our prayers and blessings on the walls before they're covered up with drywall and said a prayer in the room with St Luke elders and the contractors!



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

July 28–31: Triennium

August 3: Backpack Blessing & Retirement Celebration for Cheryl Morris

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, July 22** from 12–5 pm. There will be a bus from **Blood Assurance** in the church parking lot. You can schedule your donations: bloodassurance.org/ brentwoodcommunity.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

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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

- July 17** **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club *(Adult Library)*
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- July 20** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- July 21** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- July 22** **9:00 AM** CPWM-Yard Sale Set-Up *(FH/Narthex)*
- July 24** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- July 25** **8 AM–2 PM** Yard Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- July 26** **8 AM–12 PM** Yard Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- July 27** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(green)*

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52
 Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15;
 Colossians 1:15-28;
 Luke 10:38-42

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 13

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$300.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,174.44
Manse Rental Income	4,860.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	301,800.45
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	336,985.40
Difference	-35,184.95

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

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan	Chris Fleming
Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson	Renee McCulley
Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton	Mike Murphy
Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy	Ame Satterwhite