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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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## WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is one of my favorite days in the church year. It is the day we celebrate communion with all our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world. Worldwide Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. Worldwide Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the world—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord’s Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom.

The choir anthem for Sunday is *A Communion Invitation* with lyrics by Pamela Martin and music by Craig Courtney. These lyrics were inspired by an experience Pamela had at her church, and I’d love to share that with you.

“Some time ago, Craig Courtney asked me to write lyrics concerning Christ’s role as Host of the Communion table. A few months later, I arrived early to church on a Sunday morning. The sanctuary was empty and I sat in one of the back pews, near the corner. I savor these moments alone because I have often found that God speaks to me more loudly, more personally than at any other time, moments that often become the source of my writing.

On this Sunday, as I sat in the stillness, I realized I was not the only person enjoying the solace. A man, perhaps in his late thirties or forties, sat in one of the center pews. I recognized him as one of the homeless who frequents the downtown area where my church is located. Something in his face set him apart from the ones who come in merely to escape the cold weather. There was an aura of peace around him; he seemed in quiet meditation as he looked straight ahead where the Communion table had been prepared.

The church gradually filled, the service began, and Communion was shared. As the people left, I wanted to make my way to this man and welcome him, but he slipped out quickly and anonymously. The door to the sanctuary had been left open that morning, open to all who wished to enter. God had welcomed each of us to His table, those who had come for refuge: the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, the weary. For a little more than an hour, we were part of one family; we shared a home, a meal, fellowship, a moment of rest. We had come to the table a broken and mismatched lot. Christ had brought us together as one, and through the seemingly simple act of breaking bread, restored us to wholeness. The inspiration for the lyrics of this anthem was borne from that experience.”

Now, let me share the text of our anthem this Sunday:

### ***A Communion Invitation***

*Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide. All of you are welcome, come and step inside.*

*Enter with My blessing, no one is denied. Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.*

*Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.*

*Ev'ry weary trav'ler, ev'ry troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.*

*The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share, the bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.*

*Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.*

*Ev'ry weary trav'ler, ev'ry troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole, and leave the table whole.*

I pray that as we gather for worship this Sunday, we will take a moment to reflect on these beautiful words, knowing that we join our brothers and sisters throughout the world to partake of the selfless gift given to us by our Lord. Through His gift, sacrificing His blood and body for our redemption, we are brought into communion with God.

God's Peace, *Linda*

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT—JACKSON CAMPBELL

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Jackson will be working to refresh the **Prayer Garden** outside Brenthaven on **Saturday, October 16**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm There are several ways you can support the special project. Monetary donations are appreciated and can be made through the church website by selecting the *Building and Grounds* category. You can also help by providing meals or snacks for volunteers on the day of the project, or by joining us to lend a hand with the work. Jackson will be grateful for any way you choose to be involved and looks forward to bringing new life to this space. Thank you!



### CPWM NEWS

**Crafters and Artisans for Rescued Animals (CARA)** is a group that was formed in 2020 following the Australian wildfires, during which many crafters around the world stepped up to make pouches for the Australian wildlife. Since then, CARA has emerged as a source of handcrafted items for animal rescue groups here in the US. Each month, ten US-based rescues are sponsored through the CARA Facebook page, and a list of requested items for each rescue are posted for crafters. Crafters then make and ship the requested items directly to the rescue for use in their important work for the animals, which range from cats and dogs to squirrels, raccoons, skunks, foxes, birds, and many others.



The items that the CPWM assisted with will be finished and sent to rescues across the country. I am so grateful for the assistance of this wonderful group of ladies! Thank you so much, and I can't wait to come back and do it again!

Thank you, Rachel Campbell



### KOK PLAY DAY AT THE PUMPKIN FARM

Our next KOK Play Day will be at a Pumpkin Farm. You have made your choice! We will be going on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned. More information to come.



### BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



*Go as a River* by Shelley Read is October's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting on **Thursday, October 16** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

This is a heart-wrenching coming-of-age story and a drama of enthralling power. Combining unforgettable characters and a breathtaking natural setting, it is a story of survival and becoming, of the deepest mysteries of love, truth, and fate.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive for Blood Assurance** will be on **Tuesday, October 21** from 1:00–5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. You can schedule your donations at: [bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity](http://bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity). Walk-ins are welcome.



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

**A Sacred Sparks Fundraiser**

**Taco Bar, Door Prizes, Bake Sale**

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation for the **Silent Auction**, contact **Doris Cantagallo** at 415-320-0065. To **reserve your table** (\$100.00 for teams of up to 8 people per table), please call **Barbara Dial** at 615-293-6755.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*)  
Rev. Jim Ratliff (*friend of Kip Rush*)

### Members

Ty Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Jan Davidson, 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 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*), Sherry Franks (*aunt of Ean Taylor*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), 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*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), 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*), Anne Walker (*friend of Tere Dowland*), Sandi Walter (*sister of Jim Tilley*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Ann Ghianni

Becky and Ronny Jones



## BABY SHOWER...YOU ARE INVITED!

### Dufresne Baby Shower

Sunday, October 19 (following worship)

For Kristin & Chris Dufresne & Baby Calvin

Amazon baby gift registry link: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kristin-dufresne-september-2025bradyville/1FB5X3F4LH46N?ref=cmswrapindpAKWKDD54FGEEPXPF42E1&language=en-US>

OR go to Amazon.com and search *Baby Gift Registry*, and type in their names.



## SOMETHING NEW: JOIN US!

Something new is on the wind! Keep an eye on your newsletter for details about a new mid-week program called **Join Us!** Whether you're looking for community, conversation, or something a little different, **Join Us** will be perfect for you! Stay tuned for details!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Make a difference in a child's life with **Operation Christmas Child**. We will collect the Shoeboxes throughout the month of **October**. Look for the display in the church narthex. For more information, see the display or the website at [samartanspurse.org](http://samartanspurse.org).

## SPARK IN THE PARK



Presented by...  
**Sacred Sparks Ministry**

**Tuesday, October 14**  
**10:00 am–2:00 pm**

**Montgomery Bell State Park**

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING...



**Trunk or Treat**  
**Sunday, October 26**

**4:00–6:00 pm in the**  
**Front Parking Lot**

(More information to come.)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 5

- Oct 2**      **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 5**      **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
                  **10:45 AM** Worship
- Oct 6**      **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 8**      **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Oct 9**      **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 12**     **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
                  **10:45 AM** Worship  
                  Youth Lunch Out (following worship)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)  
 Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26 or Psalm 137;  
 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9;  
 2 Timothy 1:1-14;  
 Luke 17:5-10

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 28

### OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$0.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,549.96
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	435,483.25
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	440,991.56
Difference	<b>-5,508.31</b>

## 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

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