



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## PARTY!?! REALLY???

At first glance, it might sound strange to make “PARTY!?!” the theme for the year in Brenthaven’s youth ministry. We all know church is supposed to be all about being serious and introspective, right!?! We all know that true faith looks like discipline and commitment. Faith looks like solemn hands held in your lap and a head bowed in silent prayer. Obviously I am making a joke; that is truly one way to see what our faith looks like, but our faith is also about joy. Scripture tells us again and again that God’s people are called to rejoice. In Luke 15, the shepherd celebrates when one sheep is found, heaven rejoices when a sinner repents, and a father surprisingly celebrates his child returning after squandering his early inheritance.

Life is busy. Responsibilities weigh heavy. We adults often get caught up in worry, comparison, and stress. We have made the church a place where celebration is sometimes belittled in preference to solemnity. Yet in the middle of all of this, God invites us to notice blessings, to give thanks, and to truly rejoice in our community. Celebration is not just about balloons and cake to us, it is about living with awareness of God’s presence and God’s promises.

This fall, our youth will lead the way with their “PARTY!?!” theme, exploring stories of celebration in scripture and learning that joy is not a luxury, but part of faithful living. I think this reminder is one that we all need. Discipleship includes rejoicing together, welcoming new faces with joy, and celebrating God’s work in every season of life.

So when you see the youth gathering for a party this year, don’t just think of it as balloons and cake. Think of it as an invitation to all of us. The Kingdom of God is often described as a feast. Let’s not miss the party.



Linktr.ee/YouthROCKS

And if you feel called to PARTY alongside our youth this year, consider volunteering with Youth ROCKS. Whether it’s showing up as a helper, helping me facilitate a Bible study, or simply being a friendly adult presence, your role matters. You can find more details and sign up here: <https://tr.ee/Xpp-glonRR>.

Party on,

*Ean*



## Tonight...Church Picnic at 5:30 pm



Granny White  
Park

See you there!

### 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.

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!



### CPWM NEWS

Our next CPWM meeting is **Tuesday, September 23** at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers room. We will be making pet items for Rachel Campbell's animal rescue group. We will bring lunch and eat in. Please join us!

### COMING SOON...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.

### SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive for Blood Assurance** will be on **Tuesday, September 16** 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.

Donors are entered to **win a \$500.00 Visa** for Fall Break! One lucky donor will win. All donors who give September 16–30 automatically will be entered to win. The winner will be contacted via phone.



### 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.

### 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 *Dominos*. 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

Kevin Bird (*cousin of Karen Benefield*)  
Larry Pulley  
Anne Walker (*friend of Tere Dowland*)  
Sandi Walter (*sister of Jim Tilley*)

### 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, 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*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country



### SAVE THE DATE...

## Dufresne Baby Shower

Sunday, October 19, 2025 (following worship)

For Kristin & Chris Dufresne & baby Calvin



**Caleb Marsh** recently auditioned and earned a spot in the TN Youth Symphony. It is a high school group of top musicians in Tennessee and surrounding areas. Congratulations, Caleb!

### KOK PLAY DAY THIS SUNDAY!

Join us at Brentwood Skate Center from **1:00–5:00 pm** for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Admission is **\$9.00** with a **\$4.00 skate rental**. Don't miss our very first KOK Play Day of the year!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Starting **Wednesday, September 17**, the Youth will meet at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for a time of food, fellowship, and growing in your faith. See Ean for more details.

### GREETING CARDS & GIFT BAGS

Check out the expanded line of greeting cards and gift bags that are perfect for all occasions, located in the church narthex.

All funds from the sale of the cards and bags help to support **Sacred Sparks**.



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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**

- Sept 11**    **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept 14**    **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**1–5 PM** KOK Play Day (*Brentwood Skate Center*)  
**5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Sept 15**    **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Sept 17**    **5:45 PM** Youth Group (*Fellowship Hall*)  
**6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Sept 18**    **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)  
**11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept 21**    **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14;  
Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10;  
1 Timothy 1:12-17;  
Luke 15:1-10

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 7****OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$200.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	9,810.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	409,163.85
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	406,042.24
Difference	3,121.61

**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 2026*

**Jeri Behan**  
**Jan Davidson**  
**Russ Deaton**  
**Joe Malloy**

*Class of 2027*

**Chris Fleming**  
**Renee McCulley**  
**Mike Murphy**  
**Ame Satterwhite**

*Class of 2028*

**Rachel Campbell**  
**Bill Dobbins**  
**Frank Scott**  
**Scott Strickland**