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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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BRENTHAVEN'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Happy Fall, Y'all!

We are excited to invite you to get involved with our upcoming events! Mark your calendars for **Trunk or Treat** on **October 26 from 4:00–6:00 pm**. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community, and we anticipate welcoming many visitors. We have made some event promo cards (located in the Narthex at the tables with the Sunday bulletins) for folks to hand out as fun invitations. We encourage you to take some, share them with your family, friends, neighbors, or anyone you feel comfortable inviting. All are welcome at Brenthaven, and we want to extend that invitation to anyone seeking a place to connect and feel at home.

We have started a **Sign-Up Genius** (link below) as we really want to encourage a big church presence to welcome all the guests we will have. We would love for you to join us, even if you don't have little ones or don't plan on hosting a trunk. For folks that do host a trunk, it would be great if you would include a game aspect along with the trunk, as that was a huge hit last year (though certainly not required).

For the Trunk or Treat event, we will have music, games, crafts, raffle prizes, costumes, "best of" prizes, and lots of fun to be had, so please everyone attend! We are also having snack, game, and craft tables that will need volunteer support, and we will be handing out candy bags with promo cards for our December church events.

In **December**, we will be hosting a **Live Nativity** event—another occasion that draws guests and spreads holiday cheer. To make these events successful, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to welcome guests and invite them to future services and events. We will be sending out another Sign-Up Genius link for specific volunteer spots for Live Nativity, so please keep an eye out for that.

If you're interested in getting more involved with our ministry, we would love to have you join us! Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our community.

Blessings, Liz Strickland
Brenthaven Outreach Committee

Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA9AF29A0FAC70-59416390-brenthaven>

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 4:00–6:00 pm

Costumes, music, candy, games, and more!

**TRUNK
or
TREAT**



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.

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 samaritanspurse.org.

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.

CPWM NEWS

This month's CPWM meeting will be **Tuesday, October 28** at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers Room. Our guest speaker will be Emily Wright with Friends of Adziwa Christian School in Malawi. We will be having lunch out after the meeting.

YOUTH ROCKS WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Youth ROCKS meets almost every Sunday from 5:00–7:00 pm and Wednesday evenings from 5:45–7:30 pm. These times are full of fellowship, fun, and faith. For a complete semester schedule, check out our Linktree at linktr.ee/YouthROCKS.



GAME SHOW NIGHT...FUN FOR ALL!

Thanks to everyone who came out for Game Night, it was a huge success filled with laughter and friendly competition. Congrats to all our winners!



PRAYER GARDEN REFRESH

As part of his **Eagle Scout** project, **Jackson Campbell** will be working to refresh the **Prayer Garden** outside Brenthaven on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Monetary donations are appreciated and can be made through the church website by selecting the *Building and Grounds* category. You also can 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.

JOIN US!

We have a new ministry at Brenthaven Church called *Join Us* (please see last week's newsletter for all the details). Here are some upcoming events...

***The Wine Sippers*—Saturday, October 18** from 4:00–6:00 pm at the Rush Home (Hosts: Jodi Rush and Nancy Humphrey). This will be an evening of wine, laughter, and conversation with a chance to slow down, sip wine, and share life with friends—old and new. Come enjoy a night filled with stories, connection, and plenty of good cheer.

***Can You Dig It*—Saturday, October 25** from 10:00 am–12:00 pm at Brenthaven Church (Hosts: Anita Tilley and Donna Kirby). Are you *dig'n* a mid-morning gardening adventure with amazing and simple ideas to ready you for the holidays? There will be lots of fun and hands-on takeaways to ease your fear of plants (FOP) and to nourish your body and soul. We are *dig'n* you joining us, and we promise you'll dig it too!

***Sacred Grounds*—Saturday, November 1** at 10:00 am at Crema in Brentwood (Hosts: Rev. Ean Taylor and a surprise local pastor). We will gather for open conversation over a good cup of coffee. Bring your questions—faith related or otherwise—for a thoughtful, round-table style discussion that welcomes curiosity and connection. It's a chance to share life, explore ideas, and build community.

***The Meat-ing*—Sunday, November 2** from 6:00–10:00 pm at Brenthaven Church (Hosts: Chris Fleming and Scott Strickland). How does a hearty dinner straight off the grill sound, followed by *cheering* on the game together on the big screen—good food, good football, and good fellowship? Then you won't want to miss this.

(Please RSVP to the hosts or the church office.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, 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, Scott Shepherd, 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*), Waylon Cogbill (*great-grandson of Pat Chesnut*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*), 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*), Rev. Jim Ratliff (*friend of Kip Rush*), 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 & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Ann Ghianni

Joyce Burch

In Memory of Guy Sneed

Betsy Canupp

In Honor of Kaye Holland

Betsy Canupp

You're Invited: Dufresne Baby Shower

This Sunday, October 19 (following worship)

For Kristin & Chris Dufresne
& Baby Calvin

For baby gift registry go to Amazon.com and search *Baby Gift Registry*, and type in their names.



KOK PLAY DAY AT GENTRY FARMS

Join us for our next **KOK Play Day** at Gentry Farms on **October 25** at 10:00 am. Bring the family for fun and invite a friend to join us! Contact Ean to let us know you're coming.



HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN 2025

Saturday, November 1 is the 21st Annual **Hike for Safe Haven** at Percy Warner Park (7199 Hwy 100). This is a Nashville favorite for outdoor fun for friends and family (and is pet friendly). Below is a link for our **fundraising team** (Team Sneed). <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/6742079> Come support the leading shelter-to-housing program in Middle Tennessee.

Trivia Night!

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** at \$100.00 for up to 8 people, please call **Barbara Dial** at 615-293-6755 (to play without a team is \$12.50 per person).



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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

- Oct 16** **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 18** **9 AM–2 PM** Prayer Garden Refresh
- Oct 19** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM Baby Shower (*Fellowship Hall*)
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Oct 20** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 21** **1–5 PM** Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Oct 22** **5:45 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Oct 23** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 25** **10 AM–12 PM** *Can You Dig It* Garden Event
 KOK Pumpkin Patch Play Day
- Oct 26** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
4–6 PM Trunk or Treat

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 19Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104;

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121;

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;

Luke 18:1-8

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 12**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$645.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	9,264.44
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	472,520.19
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	466,007.88
Difference	6,512.31

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