



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING ELSE

Finally, it's April—my birthday month. I've been thinking about this month for quite some time, along with my group of friends from high school (amazingly, some of us go back to grade school but still manage to stay in touch and get together occasionally). We've all been thinking about the significance of the months in this year because we all turn 70. What?! 70?! Were we not just 18, getting ready to walk down those aisles dressed in our caps and gowns thinking we knew it all? We were so mature, so prepared for what lay ahead, so ready to make our mark. We were delusional and still very young. But we were friends and the roots that link us together are still strong, just a whole lot older. And believe me, I'm grateful for every gray-haired one of them, as well as the ones who still follow the hair color mantra: "because you're worth it."

So, as we celebrate and cheer each other on, we talk about our kids and grandkids (for those who are so blessed), how our spouses are doing, what ailments or surgery is up next for us, and the sad news of yet another classmate who has passed away. Those are always tough to hear. But there's always fun news about who is going on what trip, seeing their pictures on Facebook, and the familiar message of how great retirement life is. And I've been listening. Which brings me to my news: it's time for me to join the ranks of retirement.

Soon after Vacation Bible School is complete and packed away this summer, I plan to retire my job as Coordinator of the Children's Ministry at Brenthaven Church. And every time I say that the tears begin to well up in my eyes. I love what I do. I love the children I have come to know. I love the families of those children. I love the congregation that supports all our children's activities and the volunteers that help whenever needed. And I love and appreciate the congregation and staff that have supported me personally through the difficulties that life presents. And no one more than Pastor Kip—he is a pillar, a solid rock of support to me. We are so lucky to have him.

These past 22 years have been a roller coaster of highs and lows. From the joy of watching the children grow up, seeing the KOK'ers in their first Christmas play, to leading the sermon on Youth Sunday, I've been fortunate enough to attend special events in their lives—soccer games, school plays, graduations, and even their weddings. Some of them have children of their own now. It's amazing. And I've had the privilege of being there to comfort some of those same children during moments of sickness, sadness, or even loss. It's been a privilege.



In return, I have been given so much more. But as you know, my health has taken a few tough downturns these past few years. As has the health of my husband, Marty, or "Mr. Cheryl" as some call him. Because if not for his help and support these past 22 years, I would not have been able to accomplish what I hope we have done.

But there is plenty yet to do and I need to focus on that and the children I love so much. As to the future of the Children's Ministry, I promise to help in whatever way I can. I'm not leaving, just stepping aside. (And I promise to clean out my office. Lord help me with that mess!)

And for the days ahead, which will not be easy for me, I turn to the words of a children's educator I have long admired for comfort—Fred Rogers: "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." Mr. Rodgers always had the right words.

Ms. Cheryl

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS



With what seems like everyone worrying about the price of eggs lately, there is absolutely no need to worry about the **Brenthaven Easter Egg Hunt**. We have eggs, albeit plastic but reusable, so we're a go. Soon you'll see the children of this church and their friends storming the church grounds as they hunt eggs that the youth group has hidden with great care. **Easter Sunday is April 20**, and the Easter Egg Hunt will follow **our service**, around noon. All children through 6th grade are invited, including visitors. **You can help us by donating candy** that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. A collection basket is outside the church office for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome. Thanks!

Ms. Cheryl

VBS INVITES CHILDREN AND ADULTS

This year we're heading to Alaska where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids travel the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!



And this year we're inviting adults along with us. As the kids trek through their workshops, adults will have their own classroom with Rev. Ean and Pastor Kip. Plan to join us because it will be the church event of the summer: **Monday June 23rd through Thursday June 26th (5:30–8:00 pm)**.

You are invited to be a part of this important ministry. We need volunteers to serve in all areas, including assisting teachers, shepherding the children, administering first aid, decorating, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you would like to help.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Celebration of Life for **Sue McClelland** (*mother of Rachel Campbell*) will be held on **Tuesday, April 8** at **Brenthaven Church**. Visitation will be from 1:00–2:00 pm. And the service will follow at 2:00 pm.

MY OWN BACKYARD MINISTRY

The **Missions Ministry** will be collecting food items for **My Own Backyard Ministry** during the month of **April**. Kathleen Murphy, founder of the ministry, has requested the items below. Please look for the donation bin in the narthex.



- * **Ramen Noodle Packs or Noodle Cups**
- * **Apple Sauce or Fruit Pouches**
- * **Individual Size Packs of Chips, Pretzels, Goldfish, Cookies, or Fruit Snacks**

CPWM NEWS

For our **April CPWM meeting**, we will be going to Thistle Farms for lunch. Our meetings are usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month, but we will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 29** for this month. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am to sign cards and to carpool. We hope you will join us!

SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE



Brenthaven is hosting a special blood drive in Memory of Frank Corrigan, **Friday, April 11, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. You can schedule an appointment to donate by logging onto redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **frankcorrigan** or contact **Julie Corrigan** at corrighjk6@gmail.com.

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon is April's selection for **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, April 17** at 9:30 am in the Youth Room. This is a lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday	April 13	10:45 am	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
Thursday	April 17	7:00 pm	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
Friday	April 18	7:00 pm	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</i>
Sunday	April 20	10:45 am	<i>Easter Service</i>



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*)

Members

Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Brooke Gross, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Syble Mitchell, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Janiece Redmon, Jodi Rush, Madison Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, James Talley, Pat White

Family and Friends

Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), Claire Cheek (*friend of Becky Jones*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), David Dowland (*husband of Tere Dowland*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Charlotte Galambos & Michael Gerandas, Jamie Travis Gallimore (*sister of Julie Travis*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Rev. Tommy Jobe (*father of Renee McCulley*), 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*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Shari Mehok (*sister of Karen Benefield*), Kathleen Murphy (*daughter of Julie & Mike Murphy*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird, and Miab Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Rev. Buddy Travis (*father of Julie Travis*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather MacDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Joyce Malone Wilding (*sister of Marilyn Elliott & Peggy Phelps*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*)
Family of Jackie Maynard (*widow of Rev. Terry Maynard*)
Family of Naomi Orr (*wife of Rev. Melvin Orr*)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bill Blewett

Judy Harden, Lori Sharp, Martha Stewart

In Memory of Earline Rolman

Joyce Burch, Jan & Larry Davidson, Beverly Garrett, Becky & Ronny Jones, Linda & Larry Pulley, Martha Stewart

In Memory of Sue McClelland

Becky & Ronny Jones, Linda & Larry Pulley

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

April 4-6: Middle School Retreat

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service

April 18: Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

April 20: Easter Service/Egg Hunt

May 25: Graduate Recognition Sunday

Jun. 1-6: Synodic High School Camp

Jun. 16-21: Youth ROCKS Mission Trip

Reminder: This is the last week to order Easter lilies. The deadline is this Sunday, April 6.



EASTER LILIES

You are invited to join in the Easter celebration by providing a **gift** for *My Own Backyard Ministries* and/or purchasing a **lily** for the sanctuary. Lilies are **\$ 10.75 each**.

I am purchasing _____ lilies (payment enclosed).

I am donating \$_____ to *My Own Backyard Ministries*.

Given in memory of

Given in honor of

By _____



Please make your checks payable to Brenthaven Church.

Deadline for ordering is **April 6, 2025**.

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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

- Apr. 3** **9:30 AM** Lent Bible Study (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 6** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- Apr. 7** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 8** **10:00 AM** Bridge Group (*Youth Room*)
 6:30 PM Session (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 9** **5:45 PM** WNS Supper & Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Apr. 10** **9:30 AM** Lent Bible Study (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 13** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Palm Sunday)
 12:00 PM DMT Meeting (*Adult Library*)
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent (*purple*)

Isaiah 43:16-21;
 Psalm 126;
 Philippians 3:4b-14;
 John 12:1-8

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 30

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,379.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,744.25
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	155,560.99
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	162,880.80
Difference	-7,319.81

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