



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death—his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was difficult to give them all recognition. *All Saints' Day* was established as a way to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

In the Reformed tradition, All Saints' Day has a rather different focus. While we continue to remember the lives of extraordinary people of faith, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age.

At Brenthaven, we have continued a tradition of the Brookhaven Church, stepping forward in the worship service to place a name or names on ribbons of those saints we have lost in the last year. We remember those who may or may not have been a part of our congregation but whose life made an impact on our lives and will continue to live in our hearts.

In a sense, we are all saints, as a saint is someone who is set apart for God's special purposes. The older I get, the more I realize that I am surrounded by saints at Brenthaven Church. It has been my privilege to witness these saints in action, wonderful people who are willing to step in to assist in parenting grandchildren; to care for an ailing spouse, parent, or child; or help another church member or friend through illnesses or other struggles. The grace and fortitude that they manifest is truly amazing and an example of a Christ-filled life.

As we worship this Sunday—All Saints' Day—may we reflect on the blessings in our lives, those saints who are no longer with us but forever in our hearts, and those saints who quietly sit beside us in worship.

God's Peace,

LOAVES AND FISHES

During the month of November, our church will once again participate in the Cumberland Presbyterian Missions Ministry's Loaves and Fishes offering. Each household will receive a small box, which we fill with coins and bills that will be used to share God's love and to alleviate hunger.



LOAVES & FISHES

This year, our Loaves and Fishes offering will support our Cumberland Presbyterian Hot Lunch ministry in Iloilo City, Philippines, where children living in economic poverty receive hot lunches, educational support, and the nourishment of Christian discipleship. Through this ministry, they are encountering a God who sees them, feeds them, speaks to them, and loves them.

Boxes were handed out during worship on October 26, but you can stop by the church office to grab one if you were not present. **We will take up the boxes during worship on Sunday, November 30.**

SHEPHERD/STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16



The Session would like to invite everyone to bring a dish and have a time of food and fellowship in Shepherd groups on Sunday, November 16th. This is a time for sharing and caring, a time for getting to know one another better, and a time for the church to gather outside of worship. It will also be a time for talking about the church and the ministry taking place. Everyone will sit with their group and their shepherds. This is also a time for the church family to get together for a time of thanksgiving to God. Please make plans to be here and bring a tasty dish or two!

JOIN US!

Sacred Grounds—Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 am at Crema in Brentwood (Hosts: Rev. Ean Taylor and a surprise 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.

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? Then you won't want to miss this event.

Wine Sippers—2nd meeting November 15 at 2:00 pm at Arrington Vineyards (Hosts: Jodi Rush and Nancy Humphrey).

Can You Dig It—2nd meeting December 6, 10:00 am–12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Want to host a gathering? If these groups don't sound like you, maybe it's your time to host one! All we ask is that hosts serve in pairs (get a friend to co-host with you), try to meet once a month until at least January, and create that welcoming community Brenthaven is known for. Contact the church office with your idea; we'd love to help you get started.

Please RSVP to the hosts or the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive for Blood Assurance** will be on **Monday, November 24** from 1:00–3:00 pm outside on their bus. You can schedule your donations at: bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity. Walk-ins are welcome.



BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok is November's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, November 20** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

A deeply moving story of family, secrets, identity, and longing, *Searching for Sylvie Lee* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive portrait of an immigrant family. It is a profound exploration of the many ways culture and language can divide us and the impossibility of ever truly knowing someone—especially those we love.

SACRED SPARKS SUNDAY/TRIVIA NIGHT!

Sunday, November 9 is **Sacred Sparks Sunday**, with **Rev. Lisa Cook** preaching Sunday morning and sharing about the ministry. Then our Sacred Sparks fundraiser, **Trivia Night**, will be that evening from 5:00–8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a taco bar, bake sale, silent auction, door prizes, and lots of fun.

If you'd like to volunteer or make a donation for the **Silent Auction**, contact **Doris Cantagallo** at 415-320-0065. To **reserve your trivia table** at \$100.00 for up to 8 people, call **Barbara Dial** at 615-293-6755. (No team? It's only \$12.50 per person.)



(You're invited to bring any leftover candy and donate it to Sacred Sparks.)

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

You are invited to join in the Christmas celebration by providing **poinsettias for the sanctuary** or by giving a donation to **Sacred Sparks Ministry**. The plants are **\$10.00** and the deadline for ordering is **November 16**.

Please fill out the order blank below and mail to

516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

I wish to donate \$ _____

to be given to *Sacred Sparks Ministry* and/or



purchase _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each. (Payment is enclosed.)

Given in memory of:

Given in honor of:

By: _____

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Rev. Tim Ferrell Bill Jones (*brother of Ronny Jones*)
Beverly Garrett Pat Travis (*mother of Julie Travis*)

Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol & 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 & 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*), Harriet Gilliam (*friend of the Rushes*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Dianne Lyons (*aunt of Shali Scott*), 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*), 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*), churches in Haiti and others affected by the hurricane, those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Dezi Fletcher, Jr. (*friend of the Rushes*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT STUDY

Come join us for a fun Advent study! The Sojourner class will be exploring faith themes in the classic Christmas favorite, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. We'll start this Sunday in the Adult Library.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Wilda Patton

Loretta Sneed

In Honor of Marji Mennen for Sacred Sparks

Barbara Dial



HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN 2025

This Saturday is the 21st Annual **Hike for Safe Haven** at Percy Warner Park.. There is still time to team up and fundraise for families facing homelessness with our own **Team Sneed**. Here is the link:

<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/6742079>.



- Nov. 1 Rachel Weisz
James Tilley
- Nov. 2 Cindi Edwards
Lincoln Sutton
- Nov. 4 Jack Keiser
- Nov. 6 John Marsh
- Nov. 8 Sandra Shepherd
- Nov. 11 Bill Dobbins
- Nov. 14 Sean Thompson
Kristin Dufresne
- Nov. 17 John Edwards
- Nov. 18 Tim Ghianni
Beckett Strickland
Sophia Summitt
- Nov. 19 Mary Moore
- Nov. 20 Carolyn Hallbright
- Nov. 22 Randy Elliott
- Nov. 25 Jodi Rush
- Nov. 26 Denise Carr
Grady Deaton
Blaze Wattenbarger
- Nov. 27 Carol Gonzales
- Nov. 30 Rebecca Dandrea

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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 30** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Nov 2** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship (All Saints' Day)
12:00 PM Instrumental Practice (*Sanctuary*)
(Daylight Saving Time Ends)
- Nov 3** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Nov 5** **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Nov 6** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Nov 9** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship (Sacred Sparks Sunday)
5:00 PM Trivia Night (*Fellowship Hall*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)
 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144;
 Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7;
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;
 Luke 19:1-10

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 26

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$325.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	3,005.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	489,710.19
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	491,139.56
Difference	7,570.63

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>
Jeri Behan	Chris Fleming	Rachel Campbell
Jan Davidson	Renee McCulley	Bill Dobbins
Russ Deaton	Mike Murphy	Frank Scott
Joe Malloy	Ame Satterwhite	Scott Strickland