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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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## DEEP LOVE

As Mother's Day approaches, I reflect on the wonderful Mama that I was blessed to have. She was a loving, caring mother but, more than that, she was my best friend.

Mama was there for me at all times, including the most important events of my life—my marriage to Larry and the birth of our girls, Laura Ellen and Lorri Jean. The bond that she and Larry formed over the years was touching to witness. As I taught piano in the afternoons, she was always ready and willing to take care of the girls from the time they were born. Her relationship with them, and the memories that they carry, continues to warm my heart to this day.

As I reflect on the blessings of a loving, godly mother, I am well aware that not everyone has been fortunate enough to have parents who love, support, and care for them. And for that, I am truly sorry.

Regardless of your family situation, you have a God who loves you and will never forsake you. A God who loves you so much that He sacrificed His own Son for YOU! It's unfathomable to imagine that tremendous sacrifice and that deep of a love.

May God's peace surround you and may His love comfort you today and always.

Love, *Linda*



*"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while  
but their hearts forever!" —Unknown*

*We celebrate and honor our mothers who stepped into motherhood with grace  
and love and helped write the stories of our lives.*

*Thank you, Mom!*



## GRADUATION NOTES



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year. A display is set up in the church narthex highlighting our high school seniors. Please take a moment to fill out a note card on the display for **Luke Deaton** and **Lilly Van Allen**. Include your wishes, prayers, or your support and guidance as they prepare to take the next steps in their journey. You may also bring your own cards. We will present these special youth with a Bible during worship on **Sunday, May 25**.

## HAVE A SPECIAL GRADUATE?

Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email: [secretary@brenthaven.org](mailto:secretary@brenthaven.org) or by phone: 615-373-4826 to leave your information. We would like to know your relationship to the graduate, any honors received, plans after graduation, and type of degree (if from a college).



## MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

**Loads of Love**—The Missions Ministry is collecting laundry detergent for Sacred Sparks Loads of Love Ministry throughout the **month of May**. Please bring your donations and leave them on the Sacred Sparks table in the narthex.

**Youth Missions Trip**—The Missions Ministry is also collecting items for the Youth Missions Trip through **June 15**. Place the items below in the basket next to the church office. (You may bring the gas cards to the church office and place them in the basket on the front desk.)

- ◆ Garden or Work Gloves
- ◆ Individual Size Snacks for Treat Bags
- ◆ Gas Cards (for those who deliver goods)
- ◆ Boxed/Bagged Brownie or Cookie Mix

**Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering**—You may give anytime throughout the year, but we will be collecting a special offering on Pentecost Sunday, **June 8**, for **Stott-Wallace Missions**. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our annual trip to Thistle Farms Café never disappoints. This ministry lights the way for women seeking sanctuary from trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. By providing housing, healing, and meaningful employment, it empowers women to survive and regain dignity.

We enjoyed delicious food in an atmosphere filled with hope and smiles,

followed by browsing and buying in the adjacent gift shop. Most of the products sold are handmade and packaged by the



women at the Thistle Farms manufacturing facility nearby. We hope you will join us next time! ([thistlefarms.org](http://thistlefarms.org))

## BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



*The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon is May's selection for **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, May 15** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

This is a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

## BRENTHAVEN VBS 2025



*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* is the theme for our **Vacation Bible School Program** this year. While the kids learn to follow God as their compass, adults are invited to explore a deeper, more mature take on the same theme.

It all starts on **June 23** and goes through **June 26** from 5:30–8:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm for all attendees and volunteers. **Registration forms** are in the narthex and also at [Brenthaven.org](http://Brenthaven.org). **Sign-up sheets** for the adult class are in the office.

**We need volunteers** for all areas, including assisting teachers, shepherding the children, administering first aid, decorating, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning up. Contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*)  
Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*)

### 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, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, James Talley

### Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), 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 Miah Faircloth*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), David Dowland (*husband of Tere Dowland*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), 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*), Rev. Dwight Liles (*CP Minister*), 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*), 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*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), 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

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF  
**2025**

**Jackson Hasty**, son of Michelle and Michael Hasty and grandson of Brenda and Ron Medlin, graduated from Belmont Law School cum laude and with five other honors distinctions. Congratulations, Jackson!



### THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to our Brenthaven family during the last few weeks. Losing my mother was very difficult, but the support of our church family was felt every day. To those who brought food, came and visited, attended the service, sent donations to Brenthaven, Graceworks, or Second Harvest, prayed for us and loved on us, your kindness is so appreciated.

Rachel, Barry, and Jackson Campbell

### MAY BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, May 27** from 12–5 pm. There will be a bus from **Blood Assurance** in the church parking lot. You can schedule your donations: [bloodassurance.org/](http://bloodassurance.org/) [brentwoodcommunity.com](http://brentwoodcommunity.com). Walk-ins are welcome.

We will be partnering with Blood Assurance, as well as the American Red Cross, throughout the year for our blood drives. We will indicate in the newsletter where to register if you would like to schedule your donation ahead of time.

### IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**May 25:** Graduate Recognition Sunday

**Jun. 1–6:** High School Synodic Camp

**Jun. 16–21:** Youth ROCKS Mission Trip

**Jun. 23–26:** Vacation Bible School

**July 6–11:** CPYC

**July 6–11:** Junior Camp

**July 13–18:** Middle School Camp

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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

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 11

- May 8**      **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 11**      **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Mother's Day)
- May 13**      **10:30 AM** Bridge Group (*Youth Room*)
- May 14**      **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- May 15**      **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)  
**11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 18**      **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (*white*)

Acts 9:36-43;  
 Psalm 23;  
 Revelation 7:9-17;  
 John 10:22-30

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MAY 4

### OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$500.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	9,030.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	199,830.18
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	227,781.55
Difference	-27,951.37

## 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**