



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## Easter Year Round

This past Easter Sunday, I shared a story with the children. I brought a picnic basket and said I had packed it with bread. But when we opened it, it was empty. That surprise helped us talk about Communion. Every month we take bread and remember that Jesus is not dead. Jesus is alive, working in and among us all year!

Easter is not a one-day thing. It's a way of life. Jesus is alive, and He keeps showing up in the lives of His people. Like the women at the tomb and the disciples on the road, we will keep seeing Him in unexpected places. Anytime we gather, serve, and break bread together we experience the loving presence of Jesus.

Here's how I foresee we'll keep walking in the story of Easter in the weeks and months ahead:

### **All Ministry Meeting: May 4**

On Easter morning, the women ran to tell the others what they had seen. Our Church still does this. We will gather to share what God is doing, where we feel God is leading our ministry teams to go, and to plan how we will follow Jesus next.

### **Mother's Day: May 11**

Mary Magdalene was the first to share the good news: "I have seen the Lord!" On this day, we honor the women who have passed faith down to us, celebrating those women who have loved us like Jesus does and helped us see Him in our lives.

### **Graduate Recognition Sunday: May 25**

The risen Jesus gave the disciples a mission to go into the world. On this Sunday, we bless our graduates as they step into new beginnings and charge them with the mission to love God and neighbor.

### **High School Synodic Camp: June 1–6 (As well as C.P.Y.C: July 6–11 & Triennium: July 28–31)**

The Easter story didn't end at the tomb. It kept going on the road, in meals, and in the creation of brand-new communities based on equality and love for Jesus. At camp, our high schoolers experience the joy of shared faith and dedicated time with Jesus and each other.

### **Mission Trip to Greeneville: June 16–21**

Jesus didn't stay still after Easter. He showed up in locked rooms, on the beach, and on the road. Our youth will follow His example by going out into the world to serve others and show love in action.

### **Vacation Bible School: June 23–26**

After Easter, Jesus kept teaching. He still leads us, just as He led His friends after He rose. VBS is one of our ways of learning to grow in faith, especially for our youngest in faith. This year, we'll learn to trust Jesus as our "True North," for both children and adults.

### **Junior Camp: July 6–11 & Middle School Camp: July 13–18**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Camp is where kids and teens come close to Jesus. They hear His story, share meals, sing songs, and discover that faith is something to carry into everyday life.

Church, Easter is not behind us. It's alive in every one of these moments. Whether we are at church, at camp, in a kitchen, or on the road, we are living as Easter people. We are telling the world that Jesus is alive, and His love never ends. Let's keep walking in that story together.

Love ya,



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



For our **April CPWM meeting**, we will be going to **Thistle Farms** for lunch. We will be meeting at the church on **Tuesday, April 29** at 10:30 am to sign cards and to carpool.

## REMINDER...

Our next **Ministry Team Meeting** will be **Sunday, May 4**, after worship in the fellowship hall. We would like for all team members to meet with their ministry teams.

## MY OWN BACKYARD MINISTRY

The **Missions Ministry** is collecting individual-size snacks for **My Own Backyard Ministry** during the month of **April**. Please look for the donation bin in the narthex. Thank you!

## TRUE NORTH: THE ADULT CLASS

While the kids learn to follow God as their compass, adults are invited to explore a deeper, more mature take on the same theme. What does it really mean to walk in the *Jesus Way*? It's more than just believing in Him; it's choosing to shape our lives around how Jesus lived, even when the world feels noisy, uncertain, or overwhelming.

This adult VBS class will meet in The Adult Lodge, a relaxed, welcoming space with refreshments and room to slow down. Whether you stay for the full session or drop in for a moment of rest, you are welcome!

We'll spend time in Scripture, reflect on quotes from Eugene Peterson's "The Jesus Way," and respond through simple art and honest conversation. (Sign-up sheet for adult class is in the church office.) It's all happening **June 23–June 26, 5:30–8:00 pm**. You can register your children (age 4 through completed grade 6) for VBS at **Brenthaven.org**.

## SCENES FROM EASTER SUNDAY...



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*)  
Beverly Garrett



### 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, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Janiece Redmon, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, James Talley

### 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*), 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*), 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*), 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

## 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**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

### Graduate Recognition Sunday



Coming up **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). We will begin publishing this information in future newsletters.



## 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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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Apr. 24**      **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 27**      **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
                  **10:45 AM** Worship  
                  **5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Apr. 29**      **10:30 AM** CPWM (*Thistle Farms*)
- Apr. 30**      **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- May 1**        **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 4**        **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
                  **10:45 AM** Worship  
                  **12:00 PM** All Ministries Meet (*FH*)  
                  **5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 27**

Second Sunday of Easter (*white*)  
 Acts 5:27-32;  
 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150;  
 Revelation 1:4-8;  
 John 20:19-31

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 20**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$234.25
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,746.44
Manse Rental	4,860.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	184,783.18
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	202,565.66
Difference	<b>-17,782.48</b>

**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

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
<b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b>	<b>Jeri Behan</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>
<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Jan Davidson</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>
<b>Mark Humphrey</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>	<b>Mike Murphy</b>
<b>Gwen Keiser</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>	<b>Ame Satterwhite</b>