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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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WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY!

Did you hear that choir sing? Did you see Ean's suit? Did you hear the congregation meld their voices together in singing and praying? Did you smell the lilies? Did you notice the smiles on the faces of children and parents? Did you hear the news that the stone has been rolled away? Jesus has Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is such a beautiful day in the church and Brenthaven Church was filled with that beauty last week. Pulling into the parking lot, you noticed the blooming trees and the colorful flowers all standing in their majestic wonder. I watched from my office as folks bounded into the church with a bounce that one sees most often on Easter Sunday. New clothes, bright colors (some REALLY bright), pastel colors, cute hats, and extended families all together for a special day of worship. And let me say, if you are reading this and couldn't be here or be online, go right now and listen to the choir! Those two pieces of music were SUPERB!

The Bible isn't filled with the daily activities of the disciples after Jesus had risen. We know some things, but not all. Some went back to their daily chores until Jesus showed up. Some hid out until he showed up. But then what? It's kind of the same with us. Easter is so filled with awe and excitement, but then what? The church isn't likely to be full next Sunday, in fact they call it Low Sunday for a reason. So I want to issue a challenge, or maybe food for thought. What will you do next? May the glory of Easter carry over more than a day.

Grace and peace,

RENOVATING THE MANSE AND RAISING THE ROOF

The Easter season is one of resurrection, renewal, and rejuvenation. While our congregation joyously celebrated Jesus's resurrection last weekend, our church now finds itself at a moment of renewal and rejuvenation. As was presented in announcements last week before worship, Brenthaven has undertaken two major developments.

First is that over the past few months, the Session has engaged a contractor to renovate the manse. The house, originally constructed in the 1960s, was recently vacated when Pastor Kip and Jodi purchased their own home last year. The Session, as previously reported to the congregation, decided to rent the house and generate an income stream to help offset church expenses. Thus, the manse has new flooring, fresh paint, renovated bathrooms, new gutters, landscaping, and other repairs all of which will command a healthy price in the rental market. We have engaged a property manager who is actively seeking a tenant to move in as soon as possible. On **April 14**, we will **host an open house right after worship** so that you can see the renovation work.

The second development harkens back to the major storm that blew the steeple off the roof two years ago, doing sporadic but significant damage to several parts of the roof. That, coupled with the fact that the roof is original to the building and is thus 18 years old, necessitates its replacement. The Session did its due diligence and ultimately has engaged a local roofing company to replace the entirety of the shingled roof. Notice, we are specifying the shingled portion because there is also a flat part of the roof that they have inspected and believe is still in good working order.

The roof work is projected to cost around \$170,000. After several smaller repairs to the church building, the insurance proceeds remaining from the storm are at approximately \$60,000. Thus, Brenthaven needs to generate the \$110,000 balance in order to fund the new roof. Representatives from the Session have begun to engage our long-time banking partner, Pinnacle Bank, about a potential loan. However, a confidential donor from this congregation has **pledged to match all gifts towards the roof between now and May 1st, up to \$55,000** (or half the balance needed to fund the roof). With this generous gift, the Session believes and hopes that this congregation can raise sufficient funds to pay for the new roof without going into debt.

These developments allow the church to renew its facilities and to provide good stewardship over the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. As your elected representatives on the Session, we thank everyone for their faithfulness and commitment to our mission of *loving and serving God and neighbor*.

SCENES FROM EASTER SUNDAY 2024



MAH JONGG GROUP

Our **Mah Jongg group** will be meeting **Friday, April 5** at 1:00 pm in the Choir Room. If you are interested in learning, you are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

CPWM

Our next **Women's Ministry meeting** is coming up **Tuesday, April 23** at 10:30 am. We will be visiting Thistle Farms for lunch. We hope you will join us.

LADIES BRUNCH

Coming up...

When?

Saturday, May 11th

9 am–1 pm

RSVP by April 20th by calling the church office. Bring a guest!



APRIL BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive is coming up April 18th, from 12:00–4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**. Streamline your experience by completing preliminary questions the day of your appointment. Go to RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

The Guncl by Steven Rowley is April's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, April 18** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be **June 24–27**. Each evening begins at 5:30 pm with dinner, followed by Bible story fun and some Olympic-themed games. It's all free, and we hope your children, age 4 through 6th grade, can join us!

Please contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you would like to volunteer.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Kay Julien (*friend of Karen Benefield*)

Members

Gladys & Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Billy Dial, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Syble Mitchell, Cheryl Morris, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn and Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Forrest Sutton (*brother-in-law of Ean Taylor*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

SAFE HAVEN FAMILY SHELTER

Safe Haven relies on donations of household items to help make families feel at home as they move into their own housing. We have been made aware of an immediate need for **new essential household items**. Please see the list below for some needed items. Look for the donation table in the narthex.

16-20oz. Plastic Cups
Pot holders/Oven Mitts
Pots & Pans with Lids

Mops & Buckets
Brooms & Dust Pans



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Talent Show from 6:30–7:30

Tonight's Dinner: Mexican & More

Next Week: Deli Deliciousness

Trivia Night...

April 10, starting at 5:45 pm.
Don't miss all the fun!



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Giff Jordan

Kaye & Mac Holland

In Memory of Wylene Nix

Kaye & Mac Holland

In Memory of Eric Ghianni

Bart King, Linda & Larry Pulley,
Loretta & Guy Sneed

SESSION MINUTES SUMMARY

MARCH 18, 2024

- * Prayer concerns were shared.
- * Program Ministry Reports were provided.

Building and Grounds Ministry: Everything is on track to have the manse rented ASAP. Mighty Dog Roofing representatives attended the first part of the Session meeting to explain the quote options and answer questions. Motions were made and approved to –

- Hire Mighty Dog Roofing
- Pay 50% of the material cost immediately to avoid quarterly cost increase in materials of \$5,000
- Request permission from Presbytery to apply for a loan for roof completion (maximum \$130,000)
- Initiate negotiations with Pinnacle Bank in preparation for loan, if needed

Discipleship Ministry: All of the money needed for the summer youth Mission Trip was raised.

Missions Ministry: Continuing to stay in contact and receiving updates from Reverend Kim Moore

- * AA Meetings will begin Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall on April 1.

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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. 4** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 5** 1–3 PM Mah Jongg (*Choir Room*)
- Apr. 7** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM Member Care Meeting (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 9** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 10** 5:45 PM WNS—Trivia Night
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Apr. 11** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 14** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 7

Second Sunday of Easter (white)

Acts 4:32-35;

Psalm 133;

1 John 1:1-2:2;

John 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 31

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$150.00
Donations for Roof Repair	13,170.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,885.00
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	172,754.49
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	182,674.35
Difference	-9,919.86

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Assoc. Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children’s Ministry
Ean Taylor, Assoc. Pastor for Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser

Class of 2026

Jeri Behan
Jan Davidson
Russ Deaton
Joe Malloy