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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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SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS

The Discipleship Ministry Team is pleased to announce its plan for this Fall's Christian Education Season. The Team has worked together to develop a special experiment to be held during what is commonly known as the Sunday School hour. This September and October, we will offer adults exciting options for Sunday Morning Connections. We hope to focus on enhancing our connections with one another across age groups and outside our already-well-established groups of friends. We're inviting our high school seniors to join us, too.

We believe that this experiment will open our Sunday mornings to people who haven't chosen to join one of our regular classes yet. There is a wide variety of reasons some folks are hesitant to commit to a Sunday school class that is already established. This experiment, which will last only 7 or 8 weeks, might encourage some of them (you?) to come for a special class and to "dip their (your?) toes into the water" of Sunday morning activities here at Brenthaven. Options we're planning include a Bible Study taught by a visiting scholar, a video-based study and discussion of Adam Hamilton's "Christianity's Family Tree," and two sections of "Applied Missions"—one group cooking for Sacred Sparks Ministry and another group crafting to benefit different causes (CARA, Brenthaven's Craft Fair, etc.). Watch for details as we approach September, and please mark your calendars now to join us for Sunday Morning Connections. Combining fellowship with education and discipleship development seems like a good combo for us all!

Let me say that again: Combining fellowship with education and discipleship development seems like a good combo for us all! That's what we always aim for with Wednesday Night Special, too! This fall we'll be adjusting the schedule a bit for WNS. Actually, the only change to the calendar is that we're ignoring Fall Break since not everyone's life revolves around school schedules. We'll begin September 13 and meet each Wednesday evening through November 15. We're planning to sprinkle in some whole-church fellowship events on some of those Wednesdays. Watch for details as the time draws closer. There should be something for everyone!!!

Meanwhile, have a wonderful summer!

Sandra

LET'S
connect

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



Count the Night by Stars is a historical novel by Michelle Shocklee, and this month's selection for BookEnd Book Club, meeting July 20th at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

Count your nights by stars, not shadows. Count your life with smiles, not tears. 1961. After a longtime resident at Nashville's historic Maxwell House Hotel suffers a debilitating stroke, Audrey Whitfield is tasked with cleaning out the reclusive woman's room. There, she discovers an elaborate scrapbook filled with memorabilia from the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Love notes on the backs of unmailed postcards inside capture Audrey's imagination with hints of a forbidden romance . . . and troubling revelations about the disappearance of young women at the exposition. Audrey enlists the help of a handsome hotel guest as she tracks down clues and information about the mysterious "Peaches" and her regrets over one fateful day, nearly sixty-five years earlier.

1897. Outspoken and forward-thinking Priscilla Nichols isn't willing to settle for just any man. She's still holding out hope for love when she meets Luca Moretti on the eve of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Charmed by the Italian immigrant's boldness, Priscilla spends time exploring the wonderous sights of the expo with Luca, until a darkness overshadows the month's long event. Haunted by a terrible truth, Priscilla and Luca are sent down separate paths as the night's stars fade into dawn.

Brenthaven Consignment August 10-12

We are having a consignment sale **August 10, 11, and 12**. We need your stuff and your volunteer hours. Contact **Jonelle Summitt** for details (brenthavenconsignment@gmail.com), and watch *The Messenger* for more information.



Soccer Anyone? — Wednesday, July 12

We are trying to get a group made up from churches in Nashville Presbytery to attend the July 12th match between Nashville SC and Philadelphia Union at GEODIS Park. We only have about a week to decide. So, if you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Kip or the church office know as soon as possible. The cost per ticket will be \$33.00. Soccer anyone?



BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are always delighted to welcome **Rev. Lisa Cook**, founder and chaplain of **Sacred Sparks Ministry**. For 10 years, Lisa has served the homeless community of Nashville and beyond. During our June meeting, before hearing updates about the ministry, Lisa shared a devotional: *Breathing and Praying*, based on I Thessalonians 5: 16-18. Through Lisa's dedication, God's love is experienced by these friends through many tangible symbols.



At St. Luke's CP church in Madison, the "Loads of Love" laundry ministry began over a year ago, where at least 50-60 people each week are served a nourishing meal, wash and dry their clothes, take showers, and are blessed through caring relationships. For the last seven years, before "Loads of Love," this chore occurred at various laundromats where Lisa transported them to wash and dry their clothing and eat pizza. Now it's loads of clothes and more loads of LOVE!

MORE RECENT NEWS... Sacred Sparks has acquired a newer, larger, and more reliable van, so the friends and Lisa will be able to travel more comfortably and safely! Some supporters of this ministry have agreed to match funds to cover the cost of the van. Lisa has provided so many opportunities for our Brenthaven family of faith to take part in sharing God's goodness. If you feel led to contribute, you can do so safely through the church website: Brenthaven.org or Sacredsparksministry.wordpress.com. Or you can mail a check to Sacred Sparks Ministry, 516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027.

In our July meeting, **July 25th**, we will be preparing for our Yard Sale, happening on **Friday, July 28** at 8:00 am-2:00 pm and **Saturday, July 29** at 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday's work day.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

CPYC

Middle School Camp

Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*)



Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Corina Crowe, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Elliott, Marilyn Ewen, Baird Faircloth, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Brooke Gross, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Jay McCulley, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Matt Anglin (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), 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*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Christi Dale (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), John McArthur (*brother-in-law of Larry Davidson*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), George Peay (*father of Trent Johnson*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Bill Rolman (*father of Deborah Rolman*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Dawn Rush (*sister of Kip Rush*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Jane Talley, James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), those serving our country



THANK YOU, BRENTHAVEN!

Thank you so much for your donation in support of our van fundraiser. Our friends will be riding in a tangible symbol of your love for them!

In gratitude, Rev. Lisa Cook, Sacred Sparks Ministry



GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES

GraceWorks accepts food donations, as well as personal hygiene items. However, diapers are among the most expensive items in budgets of families with small children. They are in constant need of sizes 4, 5, and 6, especially. If you would like to donate any of these items, there is a basket in the narthex.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT...

If you are looking for some fun and fellowship during the week, the church has several weekday activities that you are welcome to check out. Here are a few...

Young @ Heart meets every first, third, and fifth Monday at 10:00 am in the Adult Library. Bring a lunch.

Bridge Group meets every second Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Youth Classroom. Contact Beverly Garrett if you are interested in making a reservation.

BookEnd Book Club meets every third Thursday at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. Please check the newsletter for current books being read.

Creative Crafts meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the Adult Library. See Barbara Dial if interested.

CPWM, our Women's Ministry, meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers Classroom. Watch the newsletter for details.

Call the church office if you want to learn more.

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive is coming up **Thursday, July 13**, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**.

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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

- July 6** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 9** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
2:00 PM Middle School Camp Registration
- July 11** 10:30 AM Bridge Group (*Youth Classroom*)
6:30 PM Session
- July 13** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
11 AM-4 PM Blood Drive
- July 16** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Psalm 145:8-14;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 2

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$4,595.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,803.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	270,754.06
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	270,796.07
Difference	-42.01

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, 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 2023

Deborah Deaton
Melinda Fleming
Jay McCulley
Christi Peppers

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser