



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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TIME FOR KICK-OFF!!!

Brenthaven's Fall 2023 WNS schedule has been released. **Wednesday Night Special** will begin with a fantastic KICK-OFF PARTY (think: tailgating, pep rally, games, half-time show, etc.) **at 5:45 on Wednesday, September 13.** Fans are invited to wear their favorite team's colors, a team jersey, or anything else that will add to the Kick-Off Party atmosphere. See any member of the Brenthaven Staff to reserve tickets for yourself and your friends. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. (And don't worry, Linda. We'll be through in time for Choir at 7:30.)



If you are already a fan of WNS, you know about the fun we have eating and learning together each semester. This Fall's schedule has been adapted to not only serve the tried-and-true fans, but to *expand* the fan base to include *more* of the Brenthaven family! You can help by signing up right away and personally inviting others to join you for the great season your **Discipleship Ministry Team** has planned.

Regular classes **begin on September 20 and run through October 25.** That's SIX great class sessions with no Fall Break. Ron Medlin's class will look at "some huge hits in 20th century American poetry with a special shout out to Carl Sandburg and Robert Frost." Kip Rush will lead a Bible study. Sandra Shepherd will coordinate "Art for People Who Don't Think They're Artists," which will explore lots of different styles and techniques, featuring what she calls Team Art (rather than individual work), which is easily accessible for anyone!



The Post-Season Schedule includes a deeper and more uplifting look at **All Saints Day on November 1st.** Details will be published later about this celebration of individuals of all sorts who have influenced our personal lives of faith. In addition, the Team has begun planning for our version of the Post-Season Final. For now, it's a surprise, but **save November 8 on your calendar,** because you'll WANT to be involved!



IT'S TIME FOR SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS

Even if you don't usually (or ever) come to a class at 9:30 am on Sundays, **Sunday Morning Connections** is FOR YOU! The Adult Classes are taking a break to be part of this short-term experiment, so this is a great time to try something new and connect with a varied group of folks who share an interest with you.

Sunday, September 10th, please join us for breakfast and an introduction to our 8-week experiment: Sunday Morning Connections. At 9:30 am, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy breakfast, hear an explanation of the experiment, and meet the teachers to get an overview of each option for study. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. You'll also have a chance to pick the class you'd like to start with on September 17th (or not). Don't miss it!

Sandra

AUGUST CPWM PROJECT

St Luke's Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Madison is where 30-plus Sacred Sparks friends gather three days every week to wash their clothes, fellowship, and be served a meal.

For our August service project, the Brenthaven women's group signed up and provided a full Taco Bar, plus lavish dessert and iced tea.

Not only do we prepare and serve, but we sit at their tables and get to know those gathered who have far less than most of us can imagine.

It's a Blessing for us, too! □

If your class or group would like to do this, go to

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F094BA4AB2CA0FB6-sacred>

Or email sacredsparksministry@gmail.com.



CHURCH PICNIC...

We are having a **church picnic** at **Granny White Park** on **September 6** at 5:30 pm. Church members should plan to bring a side or a dessert to the park pavilion, and the church will provide burgers. We will enjoy some fun and fellowship to kick off the new school year. We hope to see you there!



YOUTH ROCKS

A new school year has kicked off, and with it a new year of Youth ROCKS! Yay! We had our kick-off pool party at the Silvus' home, and it was the perfect place to hang out, welcome everyone back, and welcome our newest Youth ROCKS members into community. So much fun was had by all and I am so thankful to the Silvus family for hosting us, Thank you!

Ean



SESSION MINUTES SUMMARY JULY 2023

1. The Session met July 11, 2023.
2. Prayer concerns were shared.
3. Anna and Eddy Brown were added to the Active Roll.
4. Pastor's Report was given. Of note, Reverend Rush will be traveling August 21 through August 25 to visit family in Austin.
5. Program Ministry Reports were given. Key points: Consignment Sale scheduled for August, Annual Picnic will be September 6, and Reverend Kim Moore will visit July 23 to share information on her upcoming mission trip to Haiti.
6. The Session approved to contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of the van for Sacred Sparks.
7. The manse inspection was completed, and results compiled. The report was given to Building and Grounds Ministry to evaluate.
8. The nominees for Elder Class of 2026 are Jeri Behan, Jan Davidson, Russ Deaton, and Joe Malloy. The Congregational Meeting will be held August 13, to elect the Session class as well as provide updates to the congregation on current issues, especially the potential plans for the manse and the Sacred Sparks van purchase.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Greg Allen, Linda Lipe, Valerie Thompson, Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*)

Members

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

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*), 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*), Nelly Corbit (*friend of Julie Travis*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), 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*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscac (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Swanson Bennett

Sandra Moyers

In Memory of John McArthur

Becky & Ronny Jones, Sandra Moyers



- Sept. 1 Sue Moser
Sept. 4 Courtney Hamilton
Scott Strickland
Sept. 5 Judy Hamilton
Sept. 6 Grant Marshall
Sept. 7 Logan McCulley
Sept. 8 Eddy Brown
Sept. 10 Syble Mitchell
Sept. 12 Brooke Gross
Sept. 13 Casey Crowe
Linda Lipe
Sept. 14 Allie Grace Johnson
Julie Travis
Sept. 17 Ellen Humphrey Cartwright
Brady Rich
Beverly Garrett
Sept. 19 Cheré Van Allen
Sept. 22 Karen Benefield
Sept. 24 Rena Sutton
Sept. 25 Joe Shoemake
Sept. 26 Will Emerson
Sept. 27 Miah Faircloth
Sept. 28 Ben Davis
Sept. 29 Lucas Johnson
Sherry Kelly

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6



Happy Birthday

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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 SEPTEMBER 3

- Aug. 31** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept. 3** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
- Sept. 4** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
(Church Offices Closed for Labor Day)
- Sept. 6** 5:30 PM Church Picnic (*Granny White Park*)
- Sept. 7** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept. 10** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Morning Connections*)
10:45 AM Worship

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

Exodus 3:1-15; Jeremiah 15:15-21;
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Psalm 26:1-8;
Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 27

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$200.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	6,243.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	349,061.79
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	370,024.98
Difference	-20,963.19

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 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