



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## PULL TOGETHER

I was scrolling through articles on my phone the other day when a headline caught my attention; "91-Year-Old Spends Years Collecting Pull Tops." The article quickly related that a Wisconsin woman was known in the neighborhood to spend hours going through her neighbors' trash, including the trash dumpsters at a local sports arena. *Heavens!* I thought, I have problems going up and down the stairs while this 91-year-old woman is climbing in and out of trash dumpsters. What in the world?! But then I learned that Ruth Hana, who grew up in an orphanage, had a goal of collecting one-million pull tops to donate to **The Ronald McDonald House**. These pull tops eventually would be recycled to help families have a place to stay while their seriously ill or injured children received medical treatment at area hospitals. Then a few memories started coming back to me.

I first thought of young Chelsea, **Jan Davidson's** granddaughter, who needed a heart transplant at the age of 14. This was not in her hometown but in St. Petersburg, Florida. Jan, traveling there from Tennessee, had never heard of the Ronald McDonald House but soon learned it was right next to the hospital. Jan remembers, "For a very minimal fee, we were given adequate housing, including all necessities, access to a comfy community room with television, a gift shop, plus a huge kitchen filled with several refrigerators, stoves, and all anyone would need to prepare or reheat a meal. Agencies and businesses brought in loads of food, packaged and fresh, that we could partake of at any time." Most importantly she adds, "our energies could be directed to visiting our child being cared for in the hospital."

**Miah Faircloth** and her family also found comfort in a Florida Ronald McDonald House when Ollie, age four at the time, needed to receive treatments only available there for his battle with cancer. "It was like a home away from home," Miah says of their nearly two-month stay there. "When Ollie wasn't feeling great, the room provided plenty of space for him to relax. His sister Baird was able to have a teacher to allow her to finish the last six weeks of her school year. They provided everything we needed so we could focus on getting through treatment and making Ollie as comfortable as possible."

Brenthaven has been collecting those aluminum pull tops for years. You might not know it but there's a small collection container in the church office. Brenthaven member and Session Representative, **Jeri Behan**, makes sure those pull tops get to the Nashville Ronald McDonald House. In fact, Jeri is a former volunteer for the agency and remembers the loads of pull tops stored in the basement, waiting for the recycled aluminum to be at its highest market price. "Rooms then were \$115.00 per night but because of the donations, they only charged \$15.00 per night. And if that was a hardship, the room was free." Visitors help with chores at the house, but they can spend most of their time with their loved one.

Jeri and I are going to display that container in the narthex so all can see. We'll place a collection box near our soda machine in the small kitchen and get extra collection boxes for you to take home. Our dog recently switched to canned dog food, so we have a new way to collect pull tops at our home. But regular food cans work, too. Jeri encourages us all to check out the Ronald McDonald House website in Nashville for their "Dump & Drop Dinner" service to further help families at the home.

So how much money did the Wisconsin senior raise with her one-million pull tops? About \$366.00. Might not sound like much, but think of all the nights worried families spent in comfort while waiting for their child to heal, to be able to go home. Not a bad turn around for a piece of trash.



Ollie Faircloth



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Classes from 6:30–7:30

\*Tonight's Dinner: soup/chili

\*Oct.18<sup>th</sup> Dinner: Mexican



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As we begin this new CPWM year, we first want to express our appreciation for the numerous ways this church family supports our endeavors of service. THANK YOU, BRENTHAVEN!



For September's meeting, we gathered at the lovely home of Bill and Donna Blewett. Donna has been a blessing to our organization for several years. In addition, she is a superb cook, and she did not disappoint with her entrée of *Kentucky Hot Brown*, fresh fruit, and prize-winning sour cream apple squares, served outside on the comfy back porch. THANK YOU, DONNA!

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 am. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Scott Shepherd**.

## GOOD STEWARDS OF THE SANCTUARY

The session would like to encourage anyone who is bringing a beverage into the sanctuary to be sure that it's in a container that has a secure screw-top lid. We appreciate your help in being good stewards of the sanctuary.

## TRUNK OR TREAT TIME

Please come join the fun at this year's **Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 4–6 pm! Come to decorate your trunk, wear your costume, play games, or just have fun. We are looking for volunteers to supply the trunks (aka decorated vehicles), as well as run the different games. If you would like to help, please use the link below to sign up. Thank you!

<https://form.jotform.com/232714596166160>



## SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION PREVIEWS

### Wisdom Literature (Marcus Hayes)

Oct. 15: The Book of Ecclesiastes

Oct. 22: The Book of Job

### Christianity & World Religions (Deborah Deaton)

Oct. 15: Judaism

Oct. 22: Christianity

### CP History & Confession of Faith (Kip Rush)

Oct. 15: Basic Beliefs

Oct. 22: The CoF and the Constitution

### Faith in Practice (Sandra Shepherd, et al)

Oct. 15: Craft Bazaar Items

Oct. 22: Food for Sacred Sparks



## LET THE FALL LUNCHESES BEGIN...

Our **Ladies Small Group Lunches** have gotten off to a great start! Several groups have already met and have enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship together in different settings. If you have not signed up but are interested, call **Jeri Behan** (615-604-8015).





## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Cheryl Tabor

### Members

Greg Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Don Tabor, Valerie Thompson, 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*), 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*), 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*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Mark Wiley (*cousin of Pastor Kip*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country, prayers for the Middle East

### Deaths

Family of Kathy Harrison (*niece of Bart King*)  
Family of Al Wilburn (*nephew of Martha Stewart*)



## HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN



**Saturday, November 4**, will be the annual *Hike for Safe Haven* at **Edwin Warner Park**. This event benefits families experiencing homelessness. You can participate in the hike, but you can also help by sponsoring a family for the holidays. Donations are also welcome. For details, see [hikeforsafehaven.org](http://hikeforsafehaven.org).

## SACRED SPARKS NEWS

Relationships, community, and love are the foundations of Sacred Sparks Ministry. We always strive to build healthy community for our friends. We learned recently that community can exist and even thrive in long distance relationships. A group of nine adults from Dyersburg CP visited recently and helped us serve our friends for a few days while also taking care of some ministry needs. This was a very powerful encounter for us and them. A few days after they left, they reached out and asked that we create a group text so they can stay in touch, pray when prayer is needed, and meet needs as they can. That is community my friends, from 176-ish miles away. This is how God's kingdom breaks out on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God!

We need your help now more than ever as this ministry continues to grow! Don't forget: **SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**! This is the date for **Sacred Sparks Sunday 2023** at Brenthaven CP! This is our biggest fundraiser all year BY FAR, and we are excited that our matching donor is willing to match funds raised this year up to 10K!

Next week's teaser: *Good Grief God!*

### ADDRESS CHANGE

Jodi and Kip Rush  
9613 Kaplan Avenue  
Brentwood, TN 37027



## DONATIONS TO THE REZ

We appreciate all the donations you have made to the **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**. Because of the high cost of shipping, we have decided to ask for monetary donations at this point instead of more blankets. If you would like to make a donation, you can make your check out to Brenthaven, and put **The REZ** in the memo line. Thank you!

## WHO ARE THE SAINTS?

The whole Brenthaven family is invited to be part of our All Saints Day Celebration. On **Wednesday evening, November 1**, we will recognize not only the saints who have died this year, but also the ones (living or dead) who have had a strong influence on our faith lives. Please be thinking about the saints who have influenced YOUR faith.

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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 OCTOBER 15**

- Oct. 12** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 15** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
10:45 AM Worship  
4:30–5:30 PM KOK Play Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Oct. 16** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 18** 5:45 PM WNS  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Oct. 19** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)  
11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 22** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
10:45 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Step-Up Luncheon  
2:00 PM Youth ROCKS Hike  
4:30–5:30 PM KOK Play Practice (*Choir Room*)

*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)*

Exodus 32:1-14; Isaiah 25:1-9;  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Psalm 23;  
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 8**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	7,371.04
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	411,493.40
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	436,213.96
Difference	<b>-24,720.56</b>

**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**