



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## EAN'S RAMBLINGS: ALL ARE WELCOME AND WANTED

I am still recovering from the excitement of our most recent Youth ROCKS Lock-in, but I would love to share some of the wonderful moments and lessons I personally experienced during the event. While our Lock-ins are always a time of fun and fellowship, this year's event brought a special focus to my attention—that in everything we do, reaching out and caring for people we barely know or digging deeper into old beloved relationships—we show the love of God.

### A Welcoming Embrace

One of the most heartwarming parts of this year's Lock-In was the presence of 17 teens—17 people who were interested in being a part of this church's life. And here's the kicker, seven of them were not members or regular attendees of our church! This made the Lock-In resonate the welcoming nature of God. It was inspiring to see our youth community open their arms to these new faces, making them feel like they had always belonged.



### A Place for All Ages

Our youngest teens, Caleb and Jorgia, were welcomed with open hearts. They quickly became part of the joyous atmosphere and added something truly unique to the event. One of my favorite moments was when Luke Deaton partnered with Caleb in our favorite youth group game "Grunk," and they worked together harmoniously. The way these teens embraced the newbies was a beautiful reflection of how God not only brings us all in but empowers us to love one another regardless of our background or experience.

### Leaving a Mark

Another awesome moment was when all the teens got together to paint a brick in the youth room. This simple act may seem small, but it sent a powerful message: that our church, Brenthaven, is a safe place, a home, to anyone who needs it. Children who walked into this building for the first time that night now know how dedicated we are to loving and caring for them, that they can have a permanent place in our church community. It's a testament to the welcoming and caring spirit that defines Brenthaven.

### Your Support Matters

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who support Youth ROCKS. Not just Suzanne, Jeff, Allie, and others who serve as our volunteers, but I want to thank each and every member of Brenthaven who pray, encourage, and give in ways that support us. Your willingness to support and invest in these teens is a tangible demonstration of God's love and care. It's through your support that we can continue to create spaces where young hearts can experience God's grace, love, and acceptance.

I pray that we can continue to reflect God's love and make our church a place where all people are welcome. Together, we can continue to create a community that truly embodies the spirit of God's love.

Love ya,

*Ean*



## SCENES FROM THE KOK FALL PARTY



*We want to thank Jennie & Fred Ford for their great hospitality.*

## BookEnd Book Club



*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie is this month's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** in the Adult Library.

First, there were ten—a curious assortment of strangers summoned as weekend guests to a little private island off the coast of Devon. Their host, an eccentric millionaire unknown to all of them, is nowhere to be found. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal—and a secret that will seal their fate. A famous nursery rhyme is framed and hung in every room of the mansion. When they realize that murders are occurring as described in the rhyme, terror mounts. One by one they fall prey. Before the weekend is out, there will be none. Who has choreographed this dastardly scheme? And who will be left to tell the tale?

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **Women's Meeting** is **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am**. Our guest speaker this month will be Dr. Scott Shepherd. He will share how the ministries he partners with have an impact on the community and how vital providing dental services can be to those in need. Lunch will follow.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Classes from 6:30–7:30

\*Tonight's Dinner: Potato Bar

\*Oct.11<sup>th</sup> Dinner: soup/chili



## SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION PREVIEWS

So that you can make an informed choice about which class to attend each Sunday morning in October, here are some hints at what's coming for each Connections group.

### Wisdom Literature (Marcus Hayes)

Oct. 8: Finishing the Book of Proverbs

Oct. 15: The Book of Ecclesiastes

Oct. 22: The Book of Job

### Christianity & World Religions (Deborah Deaton)

Oct. 8: Islam

Oct. 15: Judaism

Oct. 22: Christianity

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

Oct. 8: Basic Beliefs

Oct. 15: Basic Beliefs

Oct. 22: The CoF and the Constitution

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

Oct. 8: Fidget Quilt and Pew Blankets

Oct. 15: Craft Bazaar Items

Oct. 22: Food for Sacred Sparks

## TRUNK OR TREAT TIME

Come one, come all to 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 to see the fun. We will provide snacks and beverages, and there will be a unique craft table.

We are looking for volunteers to supply the trunks (aka decorated vehicles), as well as help out with running the different games. If you would like to help, please use the link below to sign up. Thank you!

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



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### 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, Cheryl Tabor, 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*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscaie (*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*), Al Wilburn (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Mark Wiley (*cousin of Pastor Kip*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country



## 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



This week, we want to share with you how Sacred Sparks Ministry is going global in Madison, TN. We are adding a fourth laundry day (Friday) to our schedule for our international friends. We have recently met several families in need from Guatemala, and many of the families we will serve from Taylor Stratton Elementary have international backgrounds. We use Google Translate and a lot of love on Fridays!

We will 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: *Long Distance Community!*

## PRAYER LIST

Please take a look at the current prayer list, and if there is someone on this list ready to be removed, contact the church office. This would allow us space to add others in the future. 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. More details are coming soon, but for now, be thinking about the saints who have influenced YOUR faith. You might even see if you can find a photo or a token of remembrance to represent them.



## DATES TO REMEMBER...

**Oct. 10: Day in the Park**

**Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat**

**Nov. 3-5: Synodic High School Retreat**

**Nov. 5: All Saints Day**

**Nov. 12: Sacred Sparks Sunday**

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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 8**

- Oct. 5**     **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 8**     **9:30 AM** Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**12:00 PM** DMT Meeting  
**4:30–5:30 PM** KOK Play Practice  
**5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS
- Oct. 10**    **10:30 AM** Bridge (*Youth Classroom*)  
**6:30 PM** Session
- Oct. 11**    **5:45 PM** WNS  
**7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Oct. 12**    **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 15**    **9:30 AM** Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
**10:45 AM** Worship

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)*  
 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Isaiah 5:1-7;  
 Psalm 19; Psalm 80:7-15;  
 Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1**

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	
Dedicated Giving	\$530.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	15,158.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	404,122.36
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	430,864.56
Difference	-26,742.20

**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**