



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## LOAVES AND FISHES SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER



**LOAVES & FISHES**

In November, our church will once again participate in the Cumberland Presbyterian Missions Ministry's Loaves and Fishes offering. Each household will receive a small box, which we fill with coins and bills that will be used to share God's love and to alleviate hunger. This year, our Loaves and Fishes offering will help to feed children in the Me Ama (He Loves Me) after school program, sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Armenia, Colombia. This afterschool program serves 25 children between ages 6 and 11; many more families are on the waiting list. Children come to the church each week, Monday through Friday, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm to receive help with their homework, a daily devotional, and a nutritious snack.

More than half of the children served by the *He Loves Me* program are from families that have fled Venezuela and have experienced great hardship and disruption in their lives. The Armenia Church supports the children in their transition to new schools. A nurse and physician from the church assess their health and provide medical exams, schedule much-needed dental care, and provide dental hygiene kits. The program director and volunteers are attentive to the children's emotional needs; many of these children were forced to leave behind a parent, grandparents, and other family members when fleeing Venezuela. The children are vulnerable because of the complex situations their families face as they look for employment, a safe place to live, and regular, secure access to food.

The *He Loves Me* after school program began in 2019 with funding from Colombia Kids, a small nonprofit my siblings and I founded in 2015 in memory of our parents. My sister and I visited the afterschool program last year, met with the incredible volunteers, and were delighted to see how the children are being served and loved. With the support of the

denominational Missions Ministry and the Loaves and Fishes offering, our hope is that the program will expand to cover more families and that together we will heed Christ's urging, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14



— *Kathy Wood Dobbins*

Loaves & Fishes Boxes will be handed out during worship this **Sunday, Nov. 5** and returned **Sunday, Dec. 3**. However, we will have plenty available for those who might miss worship this week.

## SHEPHERD GROUPS POTLUCK LUNCH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 AFTER WORSHIP



The Session would like to invite everyone to bring a dish and have a time of food and fellowship in Shepherd groups on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for sharing and caring, a time for getting to know one another better, and a time for the church to gather outside of worship. Everyone will sit with their group and their shepherds. This is also a time for the church family to get together for a time of thanksgiving to God. Please make plans to be here and bring a tasty dish or two!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

All Saints Remembrance 6:30–7:30

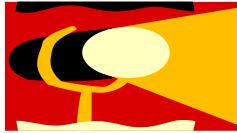
\*Tonight's Dinner: Italian

\*Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Dinner: Deli Night

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## PROVIDING THANKSGIVING MEALS

Please help our **Step-UP youth** provide Sacred Sparks families with a warm Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to help us with the costs, go to the church website, click on *Giving*, then *Donate Now*, and find the listing *Thanksgiving Meals for Sacred Sparks Families*. Or, mail or bring money to the office.

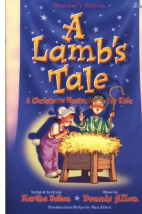


## SPOTLIGHT!



**Ellie Kate Fleming** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and **Caleb Marsh** (7<sup>th</sup> grade) recently played in the Oliver Middle School Fall Band Concert where they both attend. Ellie Kate plays flute and Caleb plays trumpet. They will be performing some of the same pieces at Solo & Ensemble coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## KOK CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 5:00 pm for the 2023 **Children's Christmas Program, "A Lamb's Tale."** A reception will immediately follow.

## YOUTH ROCKS

We would like to cordially invite you to worship with us **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30–6:00 pm. We will be having worship over dinner, and we want you to be at the table with us. We will be further exploring the creation story and connecting across the meal. Please RSVP by emailing Ean at

[Brenthavenyouth@gmail.com](mailto:Brenthavenyouth@gmail.com).

## TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

The **Outreach Committee** wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who came out to Trunk or Treat on Sunday. We really appreciate all of the volunteers we had, the trunks that were so amazingly decorated, and all of the candy donations! Special thanks to **Jackson Campbell** for making our amazing balloon arch and **Allie Grace Johnson** for donating her face-painting skills for the event.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Larry Ennenga, Fred Ford, Sr., Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Cheryl Tabor, Guy Sneed

### Members

Greg Allen, Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, 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*), C. T. Cozart (*brother-in-law of Becky Jones*), 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*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), 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*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), 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



## SACRED SPARKS SUNDAY

Sacred Sparks Sunday is **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Pastor Lisa Cook will share with us, and afterwards there will be a box lunch, a bake sale, and a craft sale from **12:00–3:00 pm**. Please come out and help support this important ministry.



## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Valerie Thompson

Jan Marshall

## THANK YOU!

Dear Kids of the Kingdom, Ms. Cheryl, Jonelle, and Ms. Suzanne,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift basket and hand-painted pumpkin you gave me. Everything from the yummy treats to the beautiful towel, and of course the cute prayer pumpkin, has brightened my spirits. I have my pumpkin on display on my patio “porch.” I am thankful for you!

Thank you and much love, Julie Travis



## SERVICE FOR VALERIE THOMPSON

The service celebrating the life of Valerie Thompson will be on **Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 pm**. Visitation will follow. It will be at Midtown Fellowship Church, 3410 Granny White Blvd, in Nashville. Please keep her dad, Phil Slagle, her husband Mike, and the children and their families in your prayers.

## POINSETTIAS

You are invited to join in the Christmas celebration by providing **poinsettias** for the sanctuary or by giving a donation to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. You may wish to purchase a plant or donate in memory of or to honor a special person. The plants are **\$9.75 each**.

Please fill out the order blank below and mail to  
516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to be given to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

and/or

purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$9.75 each. (Payment is enclosed.)



Given in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.  
Deadline for purchasing is **November 19, 2023**

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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**

- Nov. 2** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Nov. 3–5** Synodic High School Retreat
- Nov. 5** **End of Daylight Saving Time**  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship *(All Saints Day)*  
4:30–6:00 PM KOK Practice
- Nov. 6** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- Nov. 8** 5:45 PM WNS (Hymn Sing)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*
- Nov. 9** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Nov. 12** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship *(Sacred Sparks Sunday)*  
12:00–3:00 PM Box Lunch, Bake/Craft Sale  
4:30–6:00 PM KOK Play Practice  
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 5**

*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)*

Joshua 3:7-17; Micah 3:5-12;  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Psalm 43;  
I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 29**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$79.25
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	2,602.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	433,990.10
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	471,736.17
Difference	<b>-37,746.07</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

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
<b>Ben Gross</b>	<b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b>	<b>Jeri Behan</b>
<b>Bart King</b>	<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Jan Davidson</b>
<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Mark Humphrey</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>
<b>Jonelle Summitt</b>	<b>Gwen Keiser</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>