



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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MOMENTS FROM THE SYNODIC HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Last weekend was the Synodic High School Retreat, and it was yet another fantastic weekend. The theme for this year was “Together,” and we discussed how important it is to see our connection to one another instead of only focusing on our differences. As such, I wanted you to hear and see some of the teenage voices and serene moments that I experienced this weekend. It was truly great being together with these teens, and I will always cherish it in my heart.

Evan

“We live in a rather radicalized and automatized world. Even as a church, we often get rather lost in who believes what and what is right and wrong. These issues can polarize and ultimately tear apart loving communities. With this, I was excited at the premise of togetherness, despite our differences, being the theme of the Fall Retreat. While there, I was immersed in a familiar and loving, crystal community. Among friends, we discussed and argued all while proving the theme that even with our disagreements we can still love and care for each other. Even though the weekend ended far too quickly, it created memories and taught me lessons I will not soon forget.”

—*Josh Malloy, Senior*



“Fall retreat is one of the few things I look forward to every year. This retreat gives me the opportunity to spend time with my friends and to make many new ones. Every year I go to the retreat, I love it even more, and I’m so sad my last as a camper is over. Fall retreat is important to me because I feel that every year I go, I grow closer to not only those there with me but also to nature and God. I learn new things every year and within every interaction surrounding it. I’ve learned more about people that I wouldn’t have even met without retreat; I’ve learned about God; I’ve learned about the world; I’ve learned more

about myself; I’ve learned so much about the church I’ve grown up in. Without this retreat, I don’t think I would be nearly as close to the people I’ve met through it, or if I would even know them at all.”

—*Liz Spradling, Senior*

“One thing that really stuck with me this year was how Evan said in his sermon that the reason we come to camp is not because of the physical camp, but the people who come to camp with us.”

—*Grady Deaton, Freshman*



(Photos provided by Luke Deaton, Junior)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Hymn Sing 6:30–7:30

*Tonight's Dinner: Deli Night



BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



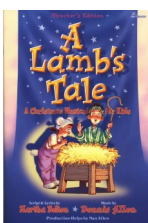
Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee is this month's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, November 16th at 9:30 am** in the Adult Library.

Sixteen-year-old Lorena Leland's dreams of a rich and fulfilling life as a writer are dashed when the stock market crashes in 1929. Seven years into the Great Depression, Rena's banker father has retreated into the bottle, her sister is married to a lazy charlatan and gambler, and Rena is an unemployed newspaper reporter. Eager for any writing job, Rena accepts a position interviewing former slaves for the Federal Writers' Project. There, she meets Frankie Washington, a 101-year-old woman whose honest yet tragic past captivates Rena. While Frankie's story challenges Rena's preconceptions about slavery, it also connects the two women whose lives are otherwise separated by age, race, and circumstances. But will this bond of respect, admiration, and friendship be broken by a revelation neither woman sees coming?

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Make a difference in a child's life with **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoeboxes will be due **Monday, November 20, 2023**. Look for the display in the church narthex. (See samaritanspurse.org.)



KOK CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24)



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.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED



We need baked goods for our **Sacred Sparks Bake Sale** coming up this Sunday. If you can help, please drop off your donated items **this Saturday** at the church between 12:00–2:00 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated!

SHEPHERD GROUPS POTLUCK LUNCH



The Session would like to invite everyone to bring a dish and have a time of food and fellowship in Shepherd groups after worship on **Sunday, November 19th**. Everyone will sit with their group and their shepherds. This is also a time for thanksgiving to God. Please make plans to be here and bring a tasty dish or two!

YOUTH ROCKS

We would like to cordially invite you to worship with us here at Brenthaven on **Sunday, November 19th** from 4:30–6:00 pm. We will be having worship over a "light" meal. The emphasis will be on the worship, but 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CPWM met recently and our program for the month was presented by our own Dr. Scott Shepherd. Scott gave us his background and how he got into dentistry. He practiced for 31 years in Stevenson, Alabama before he and Sandra moved to Nashville. Scott works part time at the Interfaith Dental Clinic, a non-profit organization that treats all dental problems. "A Smile Changes Everything" is their motto.



CPWM will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" in November and December for children connected with Lisa Cook and Loads of Love. Be on the look out for further details.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Sherry Norton (friend of Deborah Deaton)

Members

Greg Allen, Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, 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, Guy Sneed, 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), 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), Seth Genes (friend of the McCulleys), 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), 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), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (friends of Liz Strickland), those serving our country, prayers for the Middle East



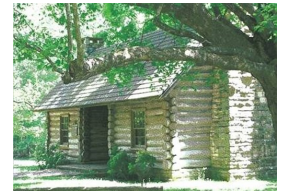
MEMORIALS

In Memory of Valerie Thompson

Bart King, Ame Satterwhite, Loretta & Guy Sneed, Willing Workers Sunday School Class

DAY IN THE PARK 2023

Here is a glimpse into the recent "Day in the Park." As an annual event, it provides a time to gather with other Cumberland Presbyterians from the region. The Birthplace Shrine, located in Montgomery Bell State Park, is a replica of the log house and surrounding grounds. It was there that three ministers, Samuel McAdow, Finis Ewing, and Samuel King, prayed earnestly all night in February of 1810, giving birth to the denomination to which we now belong. As a church family, we can remain grateful to the spiritual leaders who said, "whosoever will may come," seeking knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



Replica of the Log House



Rev. Sandra Shepherd

—Jan Davidson

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**

LADIES FALL LUNCH

A delightful day for all!



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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. 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
- Nov. 14** 10:30 AM Bridge (*Youth Classroom*)
 6:30 PM Session
- Nov. 15** 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Nov. 16** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Nov. 19** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Shepherds Luncheon
 2:00 PM Step-UP Shopping
 4:30–6:00 PM Youth ROCKS Worship Event
 4:30–6:00 PM KOK Play Practice

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Amos 5:18-24;
 Psalm 78:1-7; Psalm 70;
 I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 5

OPERATING BUDGET	
Dedicated Giving	\$1,229.25
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,439.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	445,658.35
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	476,553.27
Difference	-30,894.92

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>
Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan
Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson
Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton
Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy