



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON THOUGHTS

Today is my birthday: April 17th. The year was 1955. I'll let you figure out the math. And I'm happy to celebrate this birthday, because for a few moments back in January, I started wondering if I was going to make it to this happy occasion. Rheumatoid Arthritis erupted in my body and I was feeling pretty low. It took doctors awhile to figure out what was wrong with me and even longer to get an appointment with a rheumatologist who could prescribe the right medication to help me. There was a lot of pain to endure. But I did, and the drugs are working now, and I'm feeling so much better. There's still a ways to go, but I'm so much better. And I know a lot of you prayed for me to get better. And believe me, I felt those prayers and I thank you.

So, I was reflecting a bit on what's happened to me recently while enjoying a beautiful afternoon this past Sunday at Montgomery Bell State Park. Suzanne Ghianni was with me, along with five of our Step-UP youth who had just completed their history lesson on the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. It's a Step-UP tradition. But they were now ready to relax and play, and the creek behind the historical cabin at the park presented a perfect playground.

Since I missed seeing so many of my church family over the past few months, it was good to be with the kids. And it made me happy to see them talking to each other, playing in the creek, throwing a football, and just being kids. Many of them have big exams this week, the kind of exams and tests that come with heavy pressure to do well. I was thankful they had these moments of carefree fellowship. On the drive home there was lots of silly chatter and giggles with Taylor Swift singing on the radio. Sometimes it got pretty loud, but I was grateful and soaked it in.



As we returned to the church, we discovered Ean and the youth group had a similar idea on how to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon. They were all camped outside near our church baseball field, grilling hot dogs and playing games. There were lots of smiles and laughter as we pulled up to say hi. The Step-UP kids who are all now finishing up their sixth-grade school year, will be joining the youth group in a few short months. I'm always sad to see them move out of KOK, but gosh, they are going to be in good hands. And I was happy and thankful that our church provided some good old-fashioned fellowship for our younger children and youth at what can be a stressful time of year. Church is not just about study and worship. As Pastor Kip said in his sermon on Sunday, sitting around a table sharing a meal and just talking is so beneficial to us all. Jesus did

that. And that's what I saw on Sunday afternoon with our young people. Whether it was sitting around a fire grilling or sharing snacks next to a creek, it was relaxing to be talking and being there for each other. Gosh, it was a blessing to witness.

So yeah, I'm really grateful for another birthday and for this church family of mine. Being back with the children is good for my soul...and healing. And I thank all of you for helping me get through the last few difficult months—more than you will ever know.

Mr. Cheryl



APRIL BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive is coming up **April 18** from 12:00–4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**. Streamline your experience by completing preliminary questions the day of your appointment. Go to RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

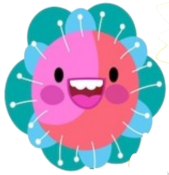


BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

The Guncle by Steven Rowley is April's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, April 18** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

GROWING TOGETHER

LADIES BRUNCH



Saturday, May 11
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Brenthaven Fellowship Hall
RSVP by April 20. Bring a guest!

Brenthaven is blessed with some talented gardeners who will present a short program about our beautiful entry garden, share some plants that have worked for them, and show us how to put together a beautiful garden pot. We Look forward to seeing you, and we hope you will bring a friend.

GREETING CARDS & GIFT BAGS



Made with Love... Do you need a greeting card or a gift bag? Check out the expanded line of greeting cards and gift bags that are perfect for all occasions, located in the church narthex. All funds from the sale of the cards and bags help to support **Sacred Sparks Ministry**.



Spring Blessings

"But my God shall supply all your needs..." -Phil. 4:19

MAH JONGG GROUP

We have a new **Mah Jongg** group meeting at Brenthaven. We will meet the first and third Fridays at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 19**. Those wanting to learn to play are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

CPWM

Our next **Women's Ministry meeting** is coming up **Tuesday, April 23** at 10:30 am. We will be visiting **Thistle Farms** for lunch. We will be taking the church bus, so if you are interested in going, please RSVP by contacting the church office by either calling (615-373-4826) or emailing (secretary@brenthaven.org) no later than Sunday, April 21. Thank you!



YOUNG @ HEART

The next **Young @ Heart meeting** will be **April 29th**. They meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of every month from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm in the Adult Library. All adults are invited to join. This promises to be an enjoyable time with lots of laughter, competition, and fellowship. The games played are *Rook*, *Shanghai Rummy*, and *Dominoes*. Don't forget to pack a lunch!



Vacation Bible School is a Brenthaven tradition. The dates are **Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27**. Each evening will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner, followed by Bible story fun and some Olympic-themed games. We'll have a preschool class for children ages four and five and other class offerings for children in completed kindergarten through completed sixth grade. It's all free, and we hope your children can join us!

And we have many opportunities to for volunteers to serve by assisting teachers, shepherding the children, administering first aid, decorating, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you would like to volunteer.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*)
Patty Little (*aunt of Renee McCulley*)
Scott Mennen (*son-in-law of Barbara Dial*)

Members

Gladys & Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Billy Dial, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Syble Mitchell, Cheryl Morris, 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*), Judy Baggett (*friend of Bob Dozier*), 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*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn and Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), 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*), Forrest Sutton (*brother-in-law of Ean Taylor*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), 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

Deaths

Family of Rev. Charles Bowker (*father of Scott Bowker*)
Family of Ben Davis (*brother of Loretta Sneed*)



GRADUATION NOTES



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year. A display is set up in the church narthex highlighting our high school seniors. Please take a moment to fill out a note card on the display for **Evatt Howerton, Josh Malloy, James Scott, Ray Scott, Sloan Stewart, Daisy Urbanowicz, and Anna Grace Wooten.** Include your wishes, prayers, or your support and guidance as they prepare to take the next steps in their journey. You may also bring your own cards. We will present these special youth with a Bible during worship, **Sunday, May 5.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Graduate Recognition Sunday



Coming up Sunday, May 5!

HAVE A SPECIAL GRADUATE?

Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email secretary@brenthaven.org or by phone 615-373-4826 to leave your information. We would like to know your relationship to the graduate, any honors received, plans after graduation, and type of degree (if from a college). We will begin publishing this information in future newsletters.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Activities

- Jun. 2-7:** Senior Synodic Camp
- Jun. 8-15:** Youth Mission Trip
- Jun. 17-20:** General Assembly
- Jun. 24-27:** Vacation Bible School
- June 30:** Children's Sunday
- Jul. 7-12:** CPYC
- Jul. 7-12:** Junior Camp
- Jul. 14-19:** Middle School Camp
- Aug. 4:** Backpack Blessing/Promotion

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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

- Apr. 18** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
12-4 PM Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Apr. 19** 1:00 PM Mah Jongg (*Youth Classroom*)
- Apr. 21** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM Missions Ministry Meeting
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS
- Apr. 23** 10:30 AM CPWM (*Thistle Farms*)
- Apr. 24** 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Apr. 25** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 28** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 AM DMT Meeting
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter (white)

- Acts 4:5-12;
- Psalm 23;
- 1 John 3:16-24;
- John 10:11-18

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 14

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$360.00
Donations for Roof Repair to date	60,120.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,191.44
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	187,009.93
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	201,397.08
Difference	-14,387.15

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