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LORETTA'S LOVING BOND WITH SAFE HAVEN

Safe Haven Family Shelter is a shelter-to-housing program that accommodates families experiencing homelessness. The shelter has a “housing first model” (a housing plan is begun when families enter the shelter), coupled with transformative services, providing families with the resources and tools to achieve lasting self-sufficiency, stable employment, and secured housing.

For almost 40 years, Safe Haven has offered housing for families, seven days a week, year-round. They can stay at the shelter for up to three months while they receive help finding a job and a home. Volunteers from area churches, businesses, and organizations take turns preparing and serving an evening meal for the families. Brenthaven's **Loretta Sneed** has volunteered at Safe Haven for most of its history, showing up time and time again with delicious homemade meals, a warm smile, and arms ready to hold babies while the parents eat a nice dinner.

Loretta said when she first began volunteering at Safe Haven, the shelter was located at St. Patrick Church in South Nashville. She remembers Mike Krech, the pastor of Brookhaven Cumberland Presbyterian Church, sleeping on a “rickety floor” next to the families. The shelter soon moved to a new building on an adjacent lot, then in 2013 they opened an expanded and renovated facility.

Loretta has been there through it all. Her meals, as well as those provided by other Brenthaven members, have fed many families over the years. Loretta originally coordinated the dinner with other members, each bringing parts of the dinner, but she soon began providing and serving the entire meal, often for 30 people, on her own.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Safe Haven prohibited volunteers from coming into the shelter, but Loretta hopes they will soon be allowed back in.

“I miss going there and serving them,” Loretta said. “We put the food out, served them, then sat down to eat with them and to fellowship with them. Showing love to them is just as important as feeding them. If a family had a little baby, I loved holding that baby while the parents were eating. We'd have a prayer with them, tell them about our church, and tell them we'd be happy to come and get them and bring them back if they wanted to attend. I really miss that.”

Loretta has also coordinated a back-to-school supply drive at Brenthaven for children staying at Safe Haven and participates along with other church members in the **Hike for Safe Haven** held annually at Percy Warner Park. This year it will be Saturday, November 4th.

“It's just a wonderful place that's meant a lot to me,” Loretta said. “I love Safe Haven.”

To find out more about volunteering at Safe Haven, talk to Loretta or visit www.safehaven.org

(Submitted by Nancy Humphrey)



BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

For our **meeting on August 29th**, we're taking a meal to share with our friends at **Loads of Love** at St. Luke's CP Church in Madison. We will meet at the church at **10:00 am** to carpool to St. Luke's.

LET'S GET CONNECTED!



The year was 1985. I was a senior in high school and looking forward to attending Bethel College after graduating. One Sunday night, the Student Ministries Team from Bethel came to lead our congregation (at

Woodbine CP) in an intergenerational event. Coincidentally, Kip and Jodi were on that team. It gave us an opportunity to interact with other church members from all different age groups. A few months later, I found myself on the Student Ministries Team myself and had many opportunities to lead events in CP churches around Tennessee and Kentucky during my time at Bethel. Since then, I have loved events where you can make connections with members of your church family—those in many different age groups or phases of life. There is so much we can learn from one another!

Now, your **Discipleship Ministry Team** would like to do a similar “experiment” here at Brenthaven. We are giving everyone the opportunity to join us for Sunday Connections—a Sunday morning class time for everyone from Senior Youth to Senior Citizens and everyone in between. It will give all of us a chance to grow spiritually and learn from one another's perspectives.

There will be four options to choose from: a class on *CP History and the Confession of Faith* led by Pastor Kip, a class on *Christianity and World Religions* led by Deborah Deaton, a class on *Wisdom Literature* led remotely by Dr. Marcus Hayes (a CP minister in Texas), and a class on *Faith in Practice* led by Sandra Shepherd.

Join us on Sunday morning, **Sept. 10, at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and further information about each class. Classes will begin on **Sept. 17** and continue for six weeks. Whether you have always attended Sunday school, have stopped attending for one reason or another, or have never attended at all, please consider joining us for this Sunday morning “experiment.” LET'S CONNECT! -Renee McCulley

ELDER CLASS OF 2026

On **Sunday, August 27th**, we will ordain and install Brenthaven's Elder class of 2026. **Jeri Behan** will be ordained and installed with **Jan Davidson, Russ Deaton, and Joe Malloy** as the newest class of ruling elders. We appreciate and look forward to their leadership and ministry for the next three years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



We are planning a **church picnic** at Granny White Park on **September 6** at 5:30 pm. Please plan to join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL KICK OFF

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Wednesday September 13th at 5:45 pm

we will have our Wednesday Night Supper and Classes Kick Off. We will have tailgate-type food on the menu and games, fun, and fellowship to follow. No classes on our first night, just a chance to bring us all together, youth and KOK'ers included.

LADIES SMALL GROUP LUNCHES

Our **Ladies Small Group Lunches** will continue the end of October to mid-November. We'll meet quarterly in small groups of four with a hostess for each group. We need to plan ahead for the groups, so if you are interested, please call or text **Jeri Behan** (615-604-8015).

“We were all very glad to finally get together after several attempts. And it's great that you can always learn something new about others even if you've known them for years! What interesting lives!”
-Brenda Medlin

“Deepening fellowship and forming friendship, one foursome at a time.” -Anita Tilley

(L to R: Rose O'Hara, Jodi Rush, Anita Tilley, Brenda Medlin)



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Donald Beck (*father of Anita Tilley*), Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*), Tommy Hennesy, Logan McCulley, Lukas Miscaie (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*)

Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Corina Crowe, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Elliott, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), 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*), Nelly Corbit (*friend of Julie Travis*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah 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*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Joe Moore (*neighbor of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of John McArthur (*brother-in-law of Larry Davidson*)
Family of Beba Mullins (*friend of Renee McCulley*)



A DAY IN THE PARK

A Day in the Park... Mark this on your calendars to come for a day of worship, fellowship, food, and fun as we gather at the Birthplace Shrine in **Montgomery Bell State Park on Tuesday, October 10**, from 9:30 am–noon. If you are interested, see Rev. Sandra, or call the church office.

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!

ADDRESS CHANGE

Phil Slagle
105 Sunrise Circle, Room 111
Franklin, TN 37067

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive is coming up **Monday, August 28**, from 11:00 am to 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.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Please be in prayerful consideration as to what you can do to assist on Sundays for worship. We still need lecturers, ushers, greeters, communion stewards, acolytes, and maybe even some nursery workers. We want everyone to feel included at Brenthaven!

GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES

GraceWorks accepts food donations, as well as personal hygiene items. However, diapers are among the most expensive items in budgets of families with small children. They are in constant need of sizes 4, 5, and 6, especially. If you would like to donate any of these items, there is a basket in the narthex.



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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

- Aug. 24** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Aug. 27** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth Parent Meeting *(Silvus Home)*
- Aug. 28** 11 AM–4 PM Blood Drive *(Fellowship Hall)*
- Aug. 29** 10:00 AM CPWM *(meet at church to carpool)*
- Aug. 30** 6:30 PM Choir Practice *(Choir Room)*
- Aug. 31** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Sept. 3** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Isaiah 51:1-6;
Psalm 124; Psalm 138;
Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 20

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$2,775.38
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,122.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	342,618.79
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	359,465.71
Difference	-16,846.92

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, 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 2023

Deborah Deaton
Melinda Fleming
Jay McCulley
Christi Peppers

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser