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# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

As a 55 year old who grew up in the church, I figure I've sung or played the Doxology approximately 2,500 times. It's a beautiful song of praise but until recently I wasn't aware of the origin of this hymn.

The Doxology was written by Thomas Ken who was called "England's first hymnist." Thomas was an ordained minister who worked as a chaplain at Winchester College, an historic boys' school.

Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674 to encourage the devotional habits of the boys. The hymns were to be used privately in their rooms. All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

As we worship together on Sunday and join in singing the Doxology, let us marvel at the rich history of this glorious hymn.

Blessings,

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

It's time to register for the next round of WNS. Details and registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center. Please register as soon as possible to help those planning dinner and classes.

Classes begin on February 7 and meet from 6:30-7:30 on most Wednesdays, specifically February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18, 25.

As always, CHILDREN and YOUTH are encouraged to register for Nursery, Preschool Praise (preschool), Kids of the Kingdom (K-6th), or Youth ROCKS (7th-12th).

ADULTS have 3 great choices

**Sandra Shepherd** will coordinate **Aging: The Benefits and Challenges**. Are you facing an empty nest? ...caring for aging parents? ... concerned about your financial preparation for your latter years? ...transitioning to retirement? ...looking for ways to engage socially with others in your stage of life? ...noticing changes in your health? The class, open to adults of any age and stage, will focus on a different topic each week and will include informational presentations, service projects, guest speakers, and more.

**Ron Medlin** will lead **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**. We will read and analyze the greatest novel ever written to this point in history. TOM SAWYER is a children's book; HUCKLEBERRY is not. Renowned southern author Walker Percy once said that this novel is great because Twain tells a terrific story and gets his licks in on society. Some of those satirical licks land on the Christian religion. A foremost critic of American literature says that HUCKLEBERRY contains "God's plenty". Come and see.

**Kip Rush** will lead a Bible Study. Check with him for details.

## CHILI COOK-OFF - JANUARY 24

Attention all Chili Cooks! The Brenthaven Chili Cook-Off will be held **Wednesday, January 24 at 5:45 pm**. Bring on the heat, the taste, the best you have to offer, and see if you can beat the rest. Those planning to come and partake, please bring cornbread, tortilla or corn chips, shredded cheese, other toppings and/or dessert. As an added competition and treat for attendees we will have a Grilled Cheese contest. Anyone who has a SPECIAL grilled cheese they want to enter need only to bring bread, cheese, and any other key ingredients. We'll have griddles to share. Come and enjoy the fun for a great cause. Voting for the chili and the grilled cheeses will be made by monetary donations to Sacred Sparks. Open your wallets and fill your appetites with delectable treats.

## VALENTINE GOODY BOXES

It's time to start collecting goodies for the Brenthaven college students to show them that they are loved and remembered back at their home church. We do that with shoe boxes filled with food, candy, gifts and more candy.



*Kids of the Kingdom* will do their part in packing and making Valentine cards and crafts to fill the special boxes. Your help is needed in donating delicious candy and other food items you think a college student or a homebound member might like. If you prefer, you can give monetarily to help cover needed items or postage. Please give your monetary donations to **Cheryl Morris** in the church office. Suggested food or gift items include: candy, gum, breakfast/health bars, cheese/peanut butter crackers, popcorn, small packages of goldfish, cereal or mac & cheese to go, small packages of Kleenex, pencils/pens, and socks. Please place your items in the Valentine Collection Basket in the narthex near the church office by **Wednesday, February 7**. The boxes will be sent to our church members away at college just before Valentine's Day. KOK Thanks You!

## IMPORTANT YOUTH AND KOK DATES

Here are some dates to remember as you fill up those new 2018 calendars:

- Wednesday, February 7: Wednesday Night Special along with Youth and KOK meetings begin
- Sunday, February 25: Youth Sunday
- Sunday, April 1: Easter Service and Egg Hunt
- Sunday, April 8: Children's Sunday
- Sunday, May 6: High School Graduate Recognition
- Sunday, June 3-8: Synodic Camp
- Sunday, June 10-14: Vacation Bible School (Volunteer now with Ms. Cheryl!)
- Sunday, June 24-29: CPYC
- Sunday - Friday, July 1-6: Youth ROCKS Mission Trip
- Sunday, July 8-13: Junior High Camp
- Friday - Saturday, July 13-14: Children's Fest at Bethel University
- Sunday, July 15-20: Junior Camp
- Sunday, August 5: Sunday School Promotion for the 2018-2019 year

## CPWM

Ladies, you are invited to meet **Tuesday, January 23**, at **10:30 am** in the Adult Library. Since Brenthaven is helping host Warming Shelters every Thursday night, we need to have on hand several casseroles for breakfast and for supper. Each casserole should feed 15 people. This is a great opportunity to help *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. On your casserole, please place a label designating it as for breakfast or supper, and be sure to include warming instructions. For homemade casseroles it would be nice to have a copy of your recipe. If you prefer you may bring a purchased casserole or a gift card. Our hostess for this meeting is Rose O'Hara. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Ladies of Brenthaven, we hope you will join us.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Brenthaven Consignment Sale** - March 15 - March 17

## GETTING READY FOR LENT, TRIVIA STYLE!

OK, folks. Time to brush up on your Lenten info! In addition to devouring delicious pancakes on the evening of **Shrove Tuesday, February 13**, we'll feast on facts about Lent. Your Discipleship Ministry is designing a fun-filled, fact-filled game for us all to play together around the supper tables. (And if you are not a trivia buff, just be sure to sit with other folks who can help your team.) Mark the date on your calendar, because you won't want to miss it!

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Having the winter blues? Get out of the house and have some fun at Family Game Night, **Friday, February 2**, from **6:00 to 9:00 pm**. It will be a fun-filled night of various board games for all ages with plenty of food and drink to warm your body and soul. This is an Outreach event, so please invite your friends and neighbors!

Email Angela Beaton at [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com) for more information.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

### Members

Greg Allen, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge & Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Joe Johnson, Giff Jordon, Robert Lipe, Hardy Moyers, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Deborah Rolman, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Blaze Wattenbarger

### Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Dzurisin*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Scott Bowker, Bowles Family (*friends of Angie Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*), Penny Bucher (*sister-in-law of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miah Faircloth*), Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Meg Fugatt (*daughter of Ron & Ann White*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shan*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of Russ Deaton*), Tommy Graves (*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), Alyssa Huggins (*former member*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), Betty McCaskill (*friend of Ann White*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), Doug Phelps, Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Kevin Sisk (*brother of Kimberly Crowe*), Rev. John Smith, Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cindy Underwood (*friend of Jan Davidson*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother ofCarolynn Hallbright*), those serving our country



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Dot Slagle*

Jane Dowden  
Warren & Tammy Schultz

### *In Memory of Delores Pelc (mother of Jane Allen)*

Jane Dowden

### *In Memory of Beverly St. John*

Larry & Jan Davidson (*for Sanctuary Paraments*)

## BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

Due to the weather and road conditions the BookEnd BookClub meeting for Thursday, January 18, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, February 1** at **9:30 am** in the Adult Library. The selection to be discussed will be *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton.



## WNS MEAL PLANS

Wednesday Night Special has a catered supper that begins at **5:45 pm**. Cost: Adult \$7, Child \$5, with a Family Max \$25. To Go reservations are available.

Planning on joining us for supper? There are two meal plan options. You may choose either a Standing or Week by Week Reservation.

**Standing Reservation.** To change or cancel the reservation you must contact the church by 10:00 am on Monday.

**Week by Week Reservation.** If you would like to eat supper contact the church office before 10:00 am on Monday. There will be sign up sheet available in the church office each Sunday.

## PHONE TREE UPDATE

Brenthaven is now in the process of updating our PhoneTree message list. If you haven't received the PhoneTree messages over the past few weeks, please contact the church office with your current contact information. You may call 615-373-4826 or email [secretary@brenthaven.org](mailto:secretary@brenthaven.org). We want to be sure our records are up to date and that everyone is notified of any current and relevant information.

## RECENT GUESTS

Ray Goodson  
Sundeep Sharma

Ken & Penny Hawkins

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*SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 19** 6:00 pm Safe Haven  
 7:00 pm Step Up Lock-In Begins
- Jan 20** 9:00 am Step Up Lock-In Ends
- Jan 21** 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 5:00 pm Children's Choir  
 5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
- Jan 23** 10:30 am CPWM Meeting & Lunch
- Jan 24** 5:45 pm Chili Cook-Off  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 25** 11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry  
 6:00 pm Warming Shelter
- Jan 28** 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 TBA Youth Service Project  
 5:00 pm Children's Choir

**ATTENDANCE**

***Sunday, January 14, 2017***

Sunday School 66 Worship 140

**SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 21**

*Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton, Grady Deaton

*Lector:* Nancy Humphrey

*Greeters:* The Beaton Family

*Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
 Betsy Canupp, Laura Winslow (*Worship*)

*Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen,  
 Ted Brothers, John Edwards,  
 Otis Hallbright, Trent Johnson  
 Frank Scott, Lori Wooten

*Wee Worship:* Jonelle Summitt, Shelby Thayer

*Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 21 (Green)*  
 John 2:13-25; Psalm 127-1-2

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 14**

**OPERATING & DEBT  
 RETIREMENT BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$	4,250.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense		5,920.03
Weekly Need		10,772.37
Received for Year-to-Date		22,914.29
Actual Spend Year-to-Date		16,331.07
Difference		6,583.22
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment		9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance		480,439.86

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

**Kip J. Rush**, Pastor

**Sandra Shepherd**, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship

**Cheryl Morris**, Children's Ministry

**Ean Taylor**, Youth Director

**Linda Pulley**, Director of Music

**Amity Marsh**, Organist

**Penni Reitmeyer**, Office Administrator

**Session - The Elders**

*Class of 2018*

**Barry Campbell**

**Bill Dobbins**

**Jennie Ford**

**Julie Murphy**

*Class of 2019*

**Russ Deaton**

**Chris Fleming**

**Renee McCulley**

**Julie Travis**

*Class of 2020*

**Otis Hallbright**

**Angie Johnson**

**Joe Malloy**

**Jan Marshall**