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BOUNDLESS HOSPITALITY

The APCE Annual Event, (*Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators*), is a few days away from the office that I always look forward to. I'm grateful my church supports me in attending. I get a chance to hang with people who do what I do, and who care about Sunday School Classes and how to make their children feel church is a "cool place" to be, not just a place their parents force them to attend.

This past week I landed in Louisville, Kentucky where my mornings were full of lectures on matters relating to a myriad of church issues. This year's focus was hospitality. Much discussion was devoted to the hot topic of immigration. Whatever your feelings on the issue, I admit the discussion was eye-opening for me. In addition, there are worship services which bring in ministers from all over the country whom I would never get a chance to hear other than at APCE. And even though I'm in a hotel ballroom with 600 people, I find the services to be especially meaningful. "Put down your worries and pick up your possibilities" was a line that will stick with me.

For most of my time there I'm hanging out with folks who lead the children in their church as I do. We talk the same talk and worry about the same issues; how to help each child; how to make church important around their busy schedules; how to help their parents manage it all. My workshops ranged from "God's Hospitality with Children," to "Story & Stretch-Narrative Yoga for Kids." (And yes, there is a way to tie in Yoga techniques with Bible Stories. We did Mary & Martha.) I even took a class on how to set up the popular "Escape" games, with a Bible story connection of course. It was pretty cool. My team lost...but just barely!

But it was the Team Up with Parents Workshop that left me a little speechless (which is not easy to do!). Several attendees complained that their parents spent no time with the other parents and barely knew each other. They just drop & go, no interacting. I certainly was thankful not to have that problem and I wondered why they did. I found out that these churches conducted Sunday School for children & youth during the Worship Service time. There were no adult Sunday School Classes so it was adults only at the church service. Many children and youth never attend a worship service until their older teen years! The reasoning was that families would just have to commit to an hour to church on Sunday, thereby being more willing to attend. Gotta admit, I was shocked. How do children know worship time is important if they never see their parents worship, they never hear the songs, they never hear the joys & concerns of a church family. Even if most of the sermon goes right over their heads or they are reading a book, experience shows that children absorb and remember more than we realize. Most of the KOK'ers say they learned the Lord's Prayer while in church....hearing it over and over again every Sunday as spoken by their church family.

So thank you Brenthaven. I know the sounds of children can be distracting. I know parents sometimes just want a quiet break to reflect. I really do understand. But I'm so glad Brenthaven places such importance on the Christian Education of their children. You even give us our own Sunday to lead the worship. (*Coming up April 8th, by the way.*) As often is the case, I come away from these retreats feeling more grateful that Brenthaven is not only my place of employment but also my church home.

Cheryl

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

In addition to devouring delicious pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 5:45 pm**, we'll feast on facts about Lent. Your Discipleship Ministry has designed a fun-filled, fact-filled game for us all to play together around the supper tables. Not a trivia buff? Sit with folks who can help your team. You don't want to miss this!

SOUP AND ASHES

Wednesday, **February 14**, is **Ash Wednesday** and we will take a brief break from Wednesday Night Special. Instead we will enjoy a **Simple Soup Supper** (free of charge) in the Fellowship Hall **at 5:45 pm**, and then we will recognize the beginning of Lent with the **Imposition of Ashes** in the sanctuary at **6:30 pm**.



SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to **Jill Marshall** whose dissertation has been published by Mohr Siebeck Publishing Company. Jill received her PhD degree in New Testament and Early Church History in 2015. Her book, *Women Praying and Prophecy in Corinth*, “revisits the question of Paul’s views on women’s speech in First Corinthians by situating his arguments on prayer and prophecy within their ancient Mediterranean cultural context. She examines the differences in how ancient writers, including Paul, described prophetic speech when voiced by a man or a woman, and suggests that issues of gender and prophecy were intertwined in the Corinthian setting.” Jill has given a copy of the book to Brenthaven in honor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women. You will soon be able to find it in our Adult Library.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

Don’t fret if you failed to sign up for a Wednesday Night Special class. You’re welcome to add your name to the class roll anytime. Just remember to notify the office if you plan to join us for supper, please.

BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group meets **Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 am** in the Older Youth Room. If you are a beginner and would like to learn how to play, this is the place for you. All skill levels are welcome to come and have fun. Call the church office or Beverly Garrett Shaw to reserve your place at a table. Please remember to bring your lunch.

BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

The **BookEnd BookClub** meets in the Adult Library **Thursday, February 15, 9:30 am**. The selection to be discussed is the **Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend** by Katarina Bivaid. A lighthearted and unexpected love story that transforms a small town in Iowa. Sara Lindqvist works in a bookstore in Sweden and meets Amy Harris, a resident of Broken Wheel on line, their friendship developing over their shared love of books. Amy invites Sara to come and spend a few weeks with her, and when Sara’s job at the bookstore ends, she has little reason to refuse. You are invited to read along and join in the discussion.



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

I love to toss newspapers, aluminum cans, and cereal boxes into the blue bin in our kitchen. Each time I do, I remember that this little act helps with the stewardship of this lovely planet God provides. When it comes to recycling plastic bottles, however, I have mixed feelings, because the cap isn’t recyclable. But wait! It can be used for other things, like a wonderful art project I hope to do with our whole church family! Please help me save plastic bottle caps of all colors and sizes. Water bottles, detergent bottles, orange juice jugs—they all have lids. Please help the planet by recycling what you can, and then bring the lids to me. We’ll need LOTS to do the project. Start collecting now and stay tuned for more details.

Sandra

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

During the entire month of February and March the CPWM is having their annual

‘Bakeless Bake Sale’

Contributions may be given to **Beverly Garrett Shaw** or **Linda Pulley**. Please make your checks payable to the CPWM. Remember:

No baking! No buying! No calories!

BRENTHAVEN CONSIGNMENT SALE

Calling all consignors! The Brenthaven Consignment sale is **Thursday, March 15 - Saturday, March 17** for the public. The Pre-Sale is Wednesday, March 14 by invitation for consignors and volunteers. We are accepting gently used spring and summer children’s clothing from newborn through size 14/16 (no underwear accepted). We are also accepting toys DVD’s, books, sports equipment and gear. We will accept maternity clothing, business attire for adults and prom dresses.

If you would like to consign items for the sale please sign up at

signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fa9af22a64-consignor8

Sign up for one 15 minute slot for every 200 items you will be consigning. For any questions regarding items and for a complete list of items being accepted please go to

brenthavenconsignment.wordpress.com

First time consignors (and those who have misplaced their consignor number) should email **Jonelle Summitt** at brenthavenconsignment@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Mark Humphrey, Blaze Wattenbarger

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, Gwen Keiser, Robert Lipe, Hardy Moyers, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Deborah Rolman, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor

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*), Don Dowden (*brother-in-law of Jane Dowden*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Meg Fugatt (*daughter of Ron & Ann White*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shaw*), 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*), 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*), Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), 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 Doris Ann Rush

Joyce Burch
Bob Dozier
Bart King
Guy & Loretta Sneed

In Memory of Leitha Stampfli

Ted Brothers

CPWM SOCK PROJECT

CPWM will be stuffing socks for our homeless friends at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27. We are asking for your help in donating individual packages of food such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal bars, nuts, trail mix, dried fruit, first aid supplies, or personal hygiene items for these socks.

A box for your donations is in the narthex.

DISHES, DISHES, DISHES

It is always wonderful when we can share a meal with our church family. However, some of our dishes do not make it home. If you are finding more space in your cupboard than normal, please stop by the church kitchen and gather in your stray dishes.

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 4, 2017

Sunday School 71 Worship 154

RECENT GUESTS

Michael Blair Miguel Montiel

GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES

GraceWorks Ministries is more than a food bank. The ministry assists struggling Williamson County neighbors with not only food and clothing, but also with rent, utilities, medical support, newborn supplies, disaster response, and senior adult needs, and offers support and referral service to families and individuals without permanent shelter. It meets seasonal needs and has instructional programs. GraceWorks depends on more than 200 volunteers each week to accomplish its mission. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact them through their website graceworksministries.net.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 11** 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Team Mtg.
12:00 pm KOK Lunch and Valentine Visits
3:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
- Feb 13** 10:30 am Bridge Group
5:45 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
and Lenten Kick-Off
6:45 pm Session
- Feb 14** 5:45 pm Ash Wednesday - Meal
6:30 pm Imposition of Ashes
- Feb 15** 9:30 am BookEnd BookClub
11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
6:00 pm Warming Shelter
- Feb 18** 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Youth ROCKS
3:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:00 pm Children's Choir

SERVING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, Josh Malloy
- Lector:* Jim Day
- Greeters:* Joan Bledsoe, Carol Ford
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)
Betsy Canupp, Jane Allen (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Billy Dial, Angela Beaton,
Andy Blake, Barry Campbell,
Shelley Johnson, Barbara Loyall,
Elwyn Pierce, Stan Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Gina Wattenbarger, Allie Ford
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 11 (Green)*
John 9:1-41; Psalm 27:1-4

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 4

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 150.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,578.43
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received Year-to-Date	44,067.50
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	46,107.22
Difference	(2,039.72)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	472,617.47

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

<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Barry Campbell	Russ Deaton	Otis Hallbright
Bill Dobbins	Chris Fleming	Angie Johnson
Jennie Ford	Renee McCulley	Joe Malloy
Julie Murphy	Julie Travis	Jan Marshall