



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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THE SEARCH FOR PERFECTION

Two weeks ago Larry and I had the opportunity to spend a week at Panama City Beach. It was a wonderful time of relaxation and appreciation for the beauty of God’s creation as we walked on the beach, heard the sound of the waves, observed the fog over the gulf in the mornings and the stunning sunsets at night.

Several times a day I walked on the beach, many times looking for shells. Of course not just any shells, I was looking for perfect shells. Many shells that looked perfect from a distance would have a chip or hole on closer observation so they would be quickly tossed back to the sand.

As I searched for “perfect shells” I began to think how similar the quest for shells is to our journey in life. We long for perfection in our lives and in our relationships with family and friends. We seek perfection in our work, our church and ourselves. But like those shells, imperfections are sure to be present. We are all imperfect people with both visible flaws and those hidden under the surface.

The good news is that in our imperfection we have a perfect Savior who restores our brokenness with His perfect love and sacrifice.

In this season of Lent may Christ’s matchless love surround you and His enduring mercy comfort you.

All the best,

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 25

*“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” John 12:13*

We invite the children of the church to join us in bringing in the palms for this weekend’s **Palm Sunday Service, March 25th**. Preschoolers and nursery children (parents are welcome!) can gather at the center sanctuary doors to walk in waving palms. **Barbara Dial** will be there to assist the younger children. *Kids of the Kingdom* children will remain with their Sunday School Shepherds after class who will assist them in gathering at the side doors. We ask that the children lay the palms on the ground around the communion table, then take their seats or return to the nursery. We hope you can be here to celebrate with us.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the following services during Holy Week.

Sunday	March 25	10:45 am	Palm/Passion Sunday
Thursday	March 29	10:00 am	Lenten Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	March 30	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
			We will gather in the bare sanctuary, in the darkness of Tenebrae. This service includes the retelling of the Christ’s betrayal and crucifixion.
Sunday	April 1	10:45 am	Easter
			Regular schedule plus Easter Egg Hunt

CPWM

You are invited to join the CPWM as they gather to be the “hands and feet of Christ” in the Adult Library, **Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 am**. They will be doing another service project, this time for the young women in Guatemala and other countries. Please bring a good pair of scissors. **Janiece Redmon** will be the hostess. Bring a sandwich for your lunch. Drinks, chips, and dessert will be provided.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS NEEDED

We are getting ready for the great hunt for Easter eggs on the grounds of Brenthaven. You can help us in this time-honored tradition by donating candy or special prizes that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. We have plenty of plastic eggs recycled from the last several years so we are only asking for the very much appreciated goodies. Please have your donations here by **Friday, March 30**. A collection box is outside the church office doors for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome and can be given to **Cheryl Morris**.

The hunt is for children in Nursery through 6th grade and follows our Easter Service on **Sunday, April 1**. Thank you for your help.



EASTER PHOTO BOOTH

Ashley Day will be providing a free photo session for children of all ages on Easter Sunday. A mini studio will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday school and after the Easter egg hunt, and each child will receive a 4x6 print within a few weeks.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Men's Fellowship

Saturday, April 7, 7:30 - 10:00 am

Tickets \$7 each

You may pick up your tickets from any member of the Men's Fellowship or purchase them at the door.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

All Wednesday Night Special activities for Wednesday, March 28 have been postponed during Holy Week. We will meet again on **Wednesday, April 4** and look forward to seeing you then.

SANDRA'S CUTTING BACK

At a recent meeting, the Session approved the request from Rev. Sandra Shepherd to reduce her hours per week and adjust her salary accordingly. This change means she will be working on average 20 hours per week rather than 30 and those hours will be centered on the weeks her work is most focused, i.e. during the Wednesday Night Special semesters and Christian Education Season. While this frees her up to spend some quality time with family, it also assists with the church's finances. Please take note that her office hours will vary, so if you need to get in touch with her quickly, please email or text.

Coffee and the Nashville Symphony Friday, April 27

- ◆ Enjoy Complimentary Coffee and Pastries at the Schermerhorn Symphony Hall.
- ◆ Spanish/Latin Theme Concert at 10:30 am.
- ◆ Lunch at the Hermitage House Smorgasbord following the concert.

COST

\$42 per person

Includes Concert, Lunch, Tax and Gratuity
Please make checks out to “Flair Tours”

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Depart: 9:00 am from Brenthaven CP Church
9:30 am from Piccadilly's
Return to Piccadilly's at 2:00 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Joan Bledsoe, 615-794-1172, Young @ Heart

RECENT GUESTS

Erin Stubblefield

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*),
Abbey Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*),
Carolyn Hobbs (*friend of Jane Dowden*)

Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

Members

Greg Allen, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben Davis,
Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford,
Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge & Paul Graves,
Tommy Hennesy, Joe Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Giff
Jordon, Gwen Keiser, Robert Lipe, Hardy Moyers,
Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, 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*), Bowles Family
(*friends of Angie Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*),
Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy
Carson (*friend of Miab Faircloth*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa
Cook*), LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*), 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*), Carolyn Goss (*friend of
John Edwards*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge
Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy Howell
(*neighbor of Brethaven Church*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle
Summitt*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*),
Betty McCaskill (*friend of Ann White*), Denice Melton (*mother of
Ean Taylor*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian
MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Ben
Osburn (*former member*), Lea Palmer (*mother-in-law Penni Reitmeyer*),
Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha
Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Finn Schafrann, 2 yrs. old (*friend of
Faircloth Family*), 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*), Barbara Woodward (*mother
of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother ofCarolynn Hallbright*),
those serving our country



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Tommy Graves

Larry & Jan Davidson

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Just one more week in the CPWM 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!

GREETING CARDS

Come, check out the expanded, Spring line of greeting cards hand crafted by the Creative Ministry. You will find them on display across from the Nursery. The price is \$3.50 per card or \$6.00 for two cards. All funds help support *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE

The Nashville Regional Women's Ministry Spring Meeting is Saturday, April 21, 2018. Come connect with old and new friends at Mt. Sharon CP Church. Coffee and conversation begins at 8:30 am and following the meeting lunch will be served by the women of Mt. Sharon and Mt. Denson churches.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 18, 2017

Sunday School 88 Worship 152

PULL TABS

Continue to save the pull tabs from your beverage cans or other canned items for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville. Please bring your pull tabs to the church office and place them in the container provided. Thank you.

**Hello! Want to help on the
VBS Decorating Team?**

**Contact Ms. Cheryl or call
the church office.**

**VBS dates are
June 10 - 14.**



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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 25** *Palm Sunday*
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
- Mar 27** 10:30 am CPWM Meeting & Lunch
- Mar 28** *No Wednesday Night Special*
 5:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Mar 29** 10:00 am Lenten Bible Study
 11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar 30** *Church Office Closed*
 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
- Mar 31** *Rehearsals*
 9:00 am Instruments
 10:00 am Choir
- Apr 1** *Easter*
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

SERVING WEEK OF MARCH 25

- Acolytes:* Rachel Scott,
 Lilly Van Allen
- Lector:* Sue Couden
- Greeters:* Nanette Ricker, Loretta Sneed
- Nursery:* Laura Winslow (*Sunday School*)
 Laura Winslow, Jeri Behan (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Ted Brothers, Larry Davidson,
 Jane Dowden, Charlie Floyd,
 Otis Hallbright, Lee Johnson,
 Sherry Kelly, Jacob Malloy
- Wee Worship:* Harriette Blake,
 Josh Peppers
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 25 (purple)*
 John 12:12-27; John 19:16b-22; Psalm 24

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 18

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 5,891.48
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	13,397.23
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	118,919.80
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	117,321.46
Difference	1,598.37
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	464,767.39

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