



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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MARSHALL LECTURES - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2



We are excited to have **Dr. Mitzi Minor** as our speaker for this year's Marshall Lectures. Dr. Minor is the Mary Magdalene Professor of New Testament at Memphis Theological Seminary and ordained by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The primary focus of her work has been (and continues to be) the intersection of the New Testament with our own spiritual journeys.

Dr. Minor's sermon, *Seeing*, is based on Mark 4:21-25 and following worship, she will hold 2 lectures which build off of this idea of "seeing." The first lecture, *Awakened Imagination*, will help listeners recognize that the type of "seeing" in Mark shows up at other times throughout the New Testament. The second lecture, *Resurrection Imaginations*, recognizes that the followers of Jesus lived in a difficult world in which they were largely powerless, but they created transformative pockets of joy in the midst of the oppressive Roman Empire. How were they able to do this? Their imaginations were awakened and shaped by their experience of Jesus as resurrected.

Everyone who hears Dr. Minor will be blessed and we hope you will make plans to attend. Invite your friends and anyone interested in growing in their faith journey. The lectures will begin at 12:30-ish. Lunch will be held following worship. It will be helpful if you would RSVP for lunch. Hope to see YOU there!

GIVE THE GIFT OF PLAY

We hope you are making plans to join the *Kids of the Kingdom* on **Sunday, September 25** for a fundraising talent show. "*It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing*," will take us back to the 1940's when the USO was performing for the troops. This time the KOK'ers will entertain you with some of their best talents, from song and dance, to a puppet show, magic tricks, dog tricks and some fine piano playing. Parents and some hardy KOK supporters are even getting involved. Rumor has it that the "Andrew Sisters"...Brenthaven style, may be making an appearance. You won't want to miss that.



As for food, pastas of all sorts will be provided along with salad, bread and desserts. Just head to the Fellowship Hall right after the service, grab a plate of food and find yourself a seat for the show.

Buckets will be placed on each table for you to place any donation you can make to our Playground Renovation Fund. New equipment with current safety features and proper fencing around the playground costs a lot of money. The KOK'ers know they can't raise the thousands that will be needed all by themselves...but they know they can help. And they know they are not just doing it for themselves. The preschoolers love the playground, children and friends who visit us love the playground (especially during VBS) and if the truth be told, you can spot the youth group out there every now and then.

So mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 25, Noon, Fellowship Hall**. We're going to have a "swinging" good time.

BLOOD DRIVE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19



The American Red Cross is in need of your help. Brenthaven will once again be hosting a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, October 19, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm**. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked in the Brenthaven parking lot. Can you give? Will you give? Please sign up to give. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex on the Welcome Center. You can also sign up online. Please sign up soon!

NASHVILLE REGION WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Fall Nashville Region Women's Ministry meeting is **Saturday, September 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at Brush Hill CPC. Registration begins at 9:00 am. Come early to socialize. Lunch will be provided for \$5 following the meeting. There will not be an afternoon session. The Coalition of Appalachian Ministry crafters will have items on display to purchase. All women of Brenthaven are considered part of the CP Women's Ministry even if they have not attended a CPWM meeting. Come and learn about ministry in our local area, across our state and nation, and around the world.

ESPN

ESPN is meeting **Sunday, September 18, 7:00 pm** at Cool Springs *Wild Wings Café*. All men of Brenthaven are invited to come and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL MENU

Wednesday, September 21: *Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, and Pie.*

Meal reservations need to be made, cancelled, or adjusted by Monday, September 19 before 10:00 am.

Thank you.

HIGHLIGHT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During the month of September, we are highlighting our Christian Education programs here at Brenthaven. This week we're celebrating the programs for adults.

Sunday school, of course is a great way for many adults to not only continue learning about God and issues of faith, but to actually develop deeper relationships with God and other members of this part of the body of Christ. Adults can choose from the five classes we offer: Great Expectations, JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself), Seekers, Sojourners, and Willing Workers. If you have any questions about these classes or want to be pointed toward one that suits your tastes and needs, our Associate Pastor Sandra Shepherd would be glad to help.

In addition to Sunday school, Brenthaven usually provides seasonal Bible studies during Advent and Lent. Pastor Kip always has a good class during these studies.

Wednesday Night Special is a program for all ages, but adults are the ones who really get to choose what they want to learn about. There's something for almost everyone! This fall, adults can choose to study plays with a reader's theater approach, participate in Bible study, hone crafting skills, or practice liturgical arts.

ADULT OVERSEAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The Missions Ministry Team of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is hosting an opportunity for mission to support the ministry of the CP Church in **Mata de Sao Joao, Brazil** through leading activities with local children and youth during a week-long camp. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been present in Brazil for 50 years. Japan Presbytery has sent many missionaries in the past and now the Missions Ministry Team is planning on sending the first North American missionaries to Brazil. The group will be made up of 10-15 adults who enjoy working with children and youth and who are interested in learning more about the ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church around the world. Milton Ortiz and Jodi Rush are serving as leaders for this trip.

Specific details are:

Where: **Salvador, Brazil and
Mata de Sao Joao, Brazil**

When: **January 20-30, 2017**

How Much: **\$3,500 (plus flight to/from Miami)**

The Missions Ministry Team will provide a sample letter to request financial support from your church and friends.

Our prayer is that there will be someone from Brenthaven who feels called to work with the children of Brazil. Please pray about this opportunity and if you have questions, call Pastor Kip or Jodi Rush.

GREETING CARD DRIVE THRU OCTOBER

The CPWM is again sponsoring a "Greeting Card Drive" beginning **September 18 through Sunday, October 30**. Please bring your unused greeting cards of any kind to be donated to the Women's Prison and place them in the marked box just outside the church office door. The CPWM, in conjunction with Church Women United, has participated in this drive for several years. The cards are very much appreciated by women serving time in prison to send to their family and friends. Thank you.

CPWM

All ladies of Brenthaven and friends are invited to the CPWM meeting **Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 am** in the Adult Library. Guest speaker is **Susan Culkin** of *Nashville Diaper Connection*, a growing network of community support to help break the cycle of poverty, abuse, under achievement and disease. **Donna Blewett** will be the hostess for the meeting and lunch will be provided.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Joe Hearn (*father of Jodi Rush*),
Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*)

Homebound

Chris Henry, Forrest King

Members

Hester Allen, Ed Bryan, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge Graves, Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Lee Johnson, Woody Jones, Tammy Lake, Jacob Malloy, Sue Malone, Rhonda Mossbarger, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Peggy Rushing, Beverly St. John, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Curtis Vaughn

Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Williard*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Jerry Bates (*brother of Kaye Holland*), Dorothy Black (*grandmother of Megan Gregali*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Wayne Causey (*father of Angela Beaton*), Cecil (*friend of Brenthaven*), Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Allan Deckret (*friend of Brenthaven*), Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*), Charles Dial (*brother of Billy Dial*), Rob Dollar (*friend of Tim Ghianni*), Mallory Dowden (*great niece of Jane Dowden*), Beverly Feinstein (*niece of Beverly St. John*), John Ferguson (*father of Jonelle Summitt & Christi Peppers*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shan*), Sam Garrett (*MBA student*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of Russ Deaton*), Brad Gioia (*MBA Headmaster*), Tommy Graves (*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Tim Hanner (*brother of Jane Allen*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Mary & Don Johnson (*friends of Jane Dowden*), Judy Jones (*friend of Scott Felts*), Lori Lindley (*friend of Mike & Julie Murphy*), Rev. Richard Magrill, Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), James McCulley (*father of Jay McCulley*), Alec Meddings, Karen Mosley Mills (*niece of Jim Mosley*), Larry Mitchell (*uncle of Jodi Rush*), Wanda Morris (*mother of Carol Ramsay*), Olivia Olson, Ben Osburn (*former member*), Lea Palmer (*mother-in-law of Penni Reitmeyer*), RheAnn Peacock, Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Reggie Reed (*husband of co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Joyce Roberts, Darlene Rush (*mother of Pastor Kip*), Johnny Rush (*father of Pastor Kip*), Mary Scott (*mother of Frank Scott*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), The Smith Family (*friends of Laura Ellen Pulley*), Judy Starnes (*mother of Leslie Meredith*), Ellie Taliaferro (*young friend of the Crowe Family*), Donna Tillett (*sister-in-law of Cindy Phelps*), Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Judy Williams (*cousin of Linda Pulley*), Robert Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Billie Lou Wooten (*sister of Brenda Medlin*), Judith Wright (*grandmother ofCarolynn Hallquist*), those serving our country



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Lu Haywood

Joyce Burch
Ron & Brenda Medlin

NATIONAL THANK YOU DAY

Thursday, September 15 is recognized as *National Thank You Day*. We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the many individuals who do so many things—large or small, in the spotlight or behind the scenes. Thank you all for all serving the way you do. You minister to so many!

CPWM SYNODIC RETREAT

Friday, September 30 - Saturday, October 1, 2016

Join us for a weekend of worship and fellowship at Crystal Springs Camp with women from Columbia, Murfreesboro, and Nashville Presbyteries.

We will have several ministries sharing with us including **Rev. Joyce Merritt** of *Still Waters Ministry* and **Rev. Lisa Cook** of *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. A love offering will be received for these ministries.

Cost for the retreat is **\$40** and includes Friday night lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and all the programs for the weekend.

For those wishing to attend on Saturday only, the cost is **\$20** and includes lunch and all the programs for the day.

Registration forms are available on the Welcome Center.

For more information call 615-449-3258 or email robinrush24@aol.com.



SAVE THE DATE - BRENTHAVEN BAZAAR

Annual Brenthaven Church Bazaar

Original Handmade Crafts

Saturday, October 22, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Sunday School 98 Worship 134

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 16 6:00 pm** Safe Haven
- Sep 17 9:00 am** Nashville Region CPWM Fall Meeting
(Brush Hill CPC)
- Sep 18 9:30 am** Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
3:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Children's Choir 3rd - 6th grade
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
6:00 pm Children's Choir K - 2nd grade
7:00 pm ESPN
- Sep 19 10:00 am** Young @ Heart
- Sep 21 5:45 pm** Wednesday Night Special - Meal
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Special - Classes
 Kids of the Kingdom
 Wednesday Night Youth
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sep 22 11:30 am** Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
- Sep 25 9:30 am** Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm KOK Talent Show Fundraiser
3:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Children's Choir 3rd - 6th grade
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
6:00 pm Children's Choir K - 2nd grade
7:00 pm ESPN

SERVING WEEK OF SEPT 18

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, James Scott
- Lector:* Sue Couden
- Greeters:* Billy Dial, Nanette Ricker
- Nursery:* Rebecca Dandrea *(Sunday School)*
 Loretta Sneed *(Worship)*
- Ushers:* Charlie Floyd, Barry Campbell, Jane Dowden,
 Cindi Edwards, Chester Johnson, Elwyn Pierce
 Frank Scott, Blaze Wattenbarger
- Wee Worship:* Liz Strickland, Casey Crowe
- Narrative Lectionary Readings for*
Sunday, September 18 (Green)
 Genesis 15:1-6; Luke 3:8

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 11

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Received this week	8,526.00
Weekly Need	10,805.00
Received for Budget Year-to-Date	340,539.01
Need Year-to-Date	399,785.00 (59,245.99)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	10,000.00
Mortgage Principal Balance	611,047.53

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children's Ministry
Corey Wright, Youth Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Penni Reitmeyer, Office Administrator

Session - The Elders

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Suzanne Ghianni	Barry Campbell	Russ Deaton
Jill Weisz Keller	Bill Dobbins	Chris Fleming
Rhonda Mossbarger	Jennie Ford	Renee McCulley
Christi Peppers	Julie Murphy	Julie Travis