



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## SHEPHERD POTLUCK LUNCH - NOVEMBER 19

Following worship on **Sunday, November 19** everyone is invited to the Shepherd Potluck Lunch. Each year, everyone is assigned to a shepherd group. Shepherd groups are smaller groups within the Brenthaven family assigned to two elders. These elders share in the pastoral care of the group and are available to discuss concerns, ideas and celebrations.

At the lunch everyone will sit with their shepherd group for a time of fellowship and sharing. This is a great opportunity for each member to get to know their shepherds and each shepherd to get to know the members of their flock. The Fellowship Ministry will supply the meat and asks that everyone bring a dish or two to share. Fellowship meals are a great opportunity for the church family to become even closer.

You should have received a postcard announcing your shepherds. If not let us know.

Please make plans to join us!

## THE ADVENT SPIRAL???

Join us as we prepare for Advent! The **Kickoff** will be **November 26 at 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. After a simple soup supper, we'll have an introduction to the Advent Spiral, sort of a cross between an Advent Wreath and an Advent Calendar. Explore the options which range from table-top to full floor-size. Share in a worshipful experience with others present. Enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the fun of creating your own Advent Spiral for use at home! Then stick around for the Hanging of the Green in the sanctuary and all around.

## FEAR NOT FACTOR

*"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 8:10*

The most epic event of all time has been established and all of heaven's angels are gearing up to fulfill what has been planned. Under the command of archangel Michael, the Heavenly Army has been commissioned to wing flight to earth and unveil God's most unexpected, miraculous and perfect plan. Who gets to deliver the news to earth? Well, there-in lies the problem.

Join us **Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 pm** as the *Kids of the Kingdom* put on their angel wings and work out who gets to deliver the news to Mary, Joseph and those shepherds. It won't be easy. There's sure to be some arguing. But our KOK'ers will celebrate Christmas with enthusiasm and spirit like never before as they find themselves in the middle of what has the halls of heaven all a-buzz.

It's a Christmas play that will "rock your world." So come out and support our children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary; reception in the Fellowship Hall to follow. Please bring finger food to share.

**Kids of the Kingdom Present**

# FEAR NOT FACTOR

**UNIVERSE COMMAND CENTER**

**Sunday, December 3**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Reception Following**

## THANKSGIVING NEEDS DUE NOV. 19

Our Step UP kids need your help so they in turn can help others make their Thanksgiving very special. This year they would like to help *Sacred Sparks Ministry* provide Thanksgiving meals for some of their members who now have housing. When you are out shopping and want to pick up anything extra for a Thanksgiving meal please do. You may place your donations in the basket by the church office **by Sunday, November 19.**

Thank you from the Step UP kids,  
*Rachel, James, Josh, Michael and Anna Grace.*

## COME CRAFT WITH US!

Crafting is open to all, **10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesday, November 21.** Bring your projects or come and be involved in making wooden signs. Lunch and snacks will be served for \$5 per person. Childcare is available upon request. Invite your friends; the more the merrier! RSVP **Angela Beaton** by email [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com) or at 615-403-8255.

## WARMING SHELTER INFO

It is almost that time again! The weather is getting colder and Brenthaven will be opening their doors with Sacred Sparks and welcome our friends who need a warm bed and radical hospitality. This year will be a bit different. We will have a shelter for 15 people **every Thursday from Dec. 1– March 1.** (except for 1 Thursday). So, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! There may be more on colder days, but these are set.

*All ladies are welcome and invited to the*

### CPWM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON Tuesday, December 5, 11:30 am

Meat and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please make plans to attend so you can meet **Thelma Lou** a Christian humorist.

Everybody Come!  
Let's Celebrate Together!



Mission Projects:

- Lakota Indians of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation*  
Scarves, Gloves, Caps or Socks for any age
- Safe Haven Family Shelter*  
Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Diapers,  
Shampoos/Conditioners, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

## THE REZ

Winter is coming at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The new warm hats and caps, gloves, scarves, long underwear, sweaters and long sleeve shirts that we collect and send every year are always appreciated. We are collecting all sizes, for the smallest child to the largest adult. Please help to warm their hands, feet, and hearts with the love of Christ. Bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, November 26** and place them in the box by the church office. Thank You.

## EVERGREEN BOUGHS NEEDED

We are in need of evergreen boughs for the Advent Kickoff on Sunday, November 26. Would you be willing to share boughs and trimmings from your evergreen trees? Please bring the trimmings to the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday morning, November 26**, so that we may prepare for the event. Thank you.

## NEW ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTION

Maybe you don't have a regular Sunday school class, but are ready to give it a whirl for four weeks, no "forever" commitment required. Maybe your class isn't doing a special Advent study, but you hate to miss that opportunity. Good news! Pastor Kip will lead an Advent study during the Sunday school hour for any adult who's interested. The study will be *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton.

## BRENTHAVEN HOLIDAY GIFT DASH

This girls night out event is not to be missed! **Holiday Gift Dash, December 9, 6:30 pm.** You will enjoy dinner (that includes a signature dish from the Cookery), a silent auction, and, of course, dashing for the gifts of your choice! Tickets are \$25 and you bring four gifts of approximately \$10-\$15 each with you for the dash. Gifts can include: gift cards, handmade items, bottles of wine, gift baskets, home decor, chocolates, jewelry, etc. and your items do not have to be the same. Just think of something you would enjoy or would like to give as a gift. Tickets are limited and available from **Angela Beaton** or **Jonelle Summit**. All proceeds benefit the Brenthaven Church Playground Fund. And remember, this is an outreach event, so please invite your friends, neighbors, and co workers! For more information, please visit Brenthaven Facebook. You may RSVP on Eventbrite.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*)

### Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

### Members

Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Randy Elliott, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Joe Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Madge & Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Giff Jordon, Rhonda Mossbarger, Hardy Moyers, Betty Murray, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Deborah Rolman, Sandra Shepherd, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Rev. 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*), Charles Bloom (*friend of Barry Campbell*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), 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*), Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*), Rob Dollar (*friend of Tim Ghianni*), 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*), 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*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Kevin Sisk (*brother of Kimberly Crowe*), 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 of Carolynn Hallbright*), those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Nate, those impacted by the shootings in Las Vegas, those affected by the California Fires, the people of Sutherland Springs, TX, those serving our country



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Allan Deckret*

Larry & Jan Davidson  
Jan Marshall  
Guy & Loretta Sneed

## PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

Please be in prayer for our youth, leaders, and chaperones as they attend the Nashville Presbytery fall retreat at NaCoMe this weekend. This year's theme is *Jesus is my Super Hero*. They leave on Friday, November 17 at 5:30 pm and return on Sunday, November 19 at 12:00 pm. Pray they will be uplifted and encouraged, have fun, stay healthy, and come away with the knowledge that Jesus can be their Super Hero.

## GIFT DASH SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Are you a handyman who could donate a couple of hours of work? A boutique owner? Do you have a favorite restaurant you frequently go to? We are looking for items for the silent auction that will benefit the new playground and we could use your help! If you or anyone you know would donate a gift card, time, a gift item, etc., please contact Angela Beaton or Jonelle Summitt. Donation forms are available to give to people/businesses who donate.

## CALLING ALL CARDS

The CPWM has extended the deadline for collecting of new (unused) Christmas cards to be donated to women in prison. These cards make it possible for the women to communicate with their families. A basket has been provided on the table in front of the church office for your convenience. Stamps and stationery are also welcome. Please bring your gift of cards to the church by **Sunday, November 19**.

## ATTENDANCE

***Sunday, November 12, 2017***

Sunday School 77    Worship 130

## THANKSGIVING WEEK HOURS

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24 in honor of Thanksgiving. There will not be a newsletter for Wednesday, November 22. We wish for you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

*Your Brenthaven Church Staff*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 17** 1:00 pm Service for Allan Deckret  
5:30 pm Youth Depart for Retreat at NaCoMe  
6:00 pm Safe Haven
- Nov 19** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship  
12:00 pm Shepherd Potluck Lunch  
12:00 pm Youth Return from Retreat  
1:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
4:00 pm Step Up  
5:00 pm Kids of the Kingdom  
7:00 pm ESPN (*Corner Pub Brentwood*)
- Nov 20** 10:00 am Young @ Heart  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Nov 21** 10:00 am Come Craft with Us
- Nov 22** Church Office Closed  
No Newsletter
- Nov 23** Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 24** Church Office Closed
- Nov 26** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship  
4:00 pm Kids of the Kingdom  
5:00 pm Advent Kick-Off and  
Hanging of the Green

**SERVING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19**

- Acolytes:* Leah McCulley, Anna Grace Wooten
- Lector:*Carolynn Hallbright
- Greeters:* Shelley Johnson, Loretta Sneed
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
Betsy Canupp, Sharon Malloy (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen,  
Angela Beaton, Barry Campbell,  
Trent Johnson, Elwyn Pierce,  
Frank Scott, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Joan Bledsoe, Gina Wattenbarger
- Lectionary Readings for*  
*Sunday, November 19 (Green)*  
Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 12**

**OPERATING & DEBT  
RETIREMENT BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$ 5,862.66
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	6,919.34
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received for Year-to-Date	459,370.67
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	502,276.46 (42,905.79)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	496,056.75

**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>
<b>Barry Campbell</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>	<b>Otis Hallbright</b>
<b>Bill Dobbins</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>	<b>Angie Johnson</b>
<b>Jennie Ford</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>
<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Julie Travis</b>	<b>Jan Marshall</b>