



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLINE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The **deadline** for Operation Christmas Child is **this Sunday, November 20**. Please remember to bring in your shoeboxes and to include your \$7 check for each box you bring to cover the cost of shipping and handling. For suggestions in what to pack go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: ADVENT BLESSING BOX

This year Brenthaven will take part in a Reverse Advent Calendar. With many typical Advent Calendars, the family opens a door each day to reveal a gift of candy, toys, or decorations for them as they await the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Our calendar will provide gifts for us, too, but these will be gifts of scripture, prayer, and deepening faith.

Each day we will read a scripture passage, say a prayer, and put our faith into action by adding a gift to the Advent Blessing Box. On Christmas morning, each family will bring their Advent Blessing Box to worship and present it as part of their offering. The contents of the boxes will help **Rev. Lisa Cook** of *Sacred Sparks Ministry* to minister to our friends who are experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty.

Your family or household is invited to pick up a copy of the brochure "Brenthaven's Reverse Advent Calendar: Advent Blessing Box" at the **Advent Kick-off and Hanging of the Greens** at **5:00 pm** on **Sunday, November 27**. The brochure will include all the instructions you need to help you participate in the month-long experience with your own family and the rest of the Brenthaven Church family. Please call **Jennie Ford** at 615-604-1227 or check with **Sandra Shepherd** if you have questions.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join the rest of the Brenthaven family at the annual **Hanging of the Greens** on **Sunday, November 27**. We'll gather at **5:00 pm** for a simple soup supper. Each family will have a chance to decorate their Advent Blessing Box (see article above).

We'll decorate the sanctuary with greenery to symbolize the ever-living nature of God's love. We'll decorate the tree with Chrismons (Christ monograms) and remember what we learned last year about the symbols. We'll fill the building with signs of Advent, the time of anticipation and waiting to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us, because it will be an evening of togetherness and joy!

## 2016 LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING

Put a blessing in a box! Join with other Cumberland Presbyterians this Thanksgiving season by generously supporting the 2016 Loaves and Fishes Offering for Hot Lunch in Haiti. The offering will be received during worship on **Sunday, November 27**.



## POINSETTIAS

You are invited to join in the Christmas celebration by providing **poinsettias** for the sanctuary or by giving a donation to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. You may wish to purchase a plant or donate in memory of or to honor a special person. The plants are **\$8.00 each**.

*Please fill out the order blank below and mail to  
516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027*

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be given to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$8.00 each.  
(Payment is enclosed.)

Given in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.  
Deadline for purchasing is **November 20, 2016**.

## ENCOURAGE OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Our Brenthaven college students are now in the midst of their college exams. This is a stressful time for them so please remember to lift them up in your prayers. If you would like to send a word of encouragement to any or all of them you may call the church office and we will be happy to give you their address(es).

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship is hosting their annual Christmas Breakfast on **Saturday, December 3, 8:30 am**. The men are extending an invitation to all the women of the church to have breakfast with them. There will be entertainment. Please mark your calendars to join them.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

As an Advent gift for each family, your Discipleship Ministry Team is providing a small booklet with Advent devotions. It can be used along with the Reverse Advent Calendar.

If you are not participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar project, this will be an ideal way to focus on faith during Advent.

## FREEZER MEAL WORKSHOP

Would you love to have dinner ready and waiting when you get home? No problem! Come to the Freezer Crockpot Workshop on **Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 am**. For just the cost of supplies, you will assemble and take home prepared meals to feed your family, or you can make smaller portions if you would rather. All of the ingredients will be prepped and ready to assemble when you arrive.

If this is not something you need but you would enjoy the fellowship, join us for the workshop and donate your meals to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

This is an Outreach Ministry event, so invite your friends and neighbors.

For more information contact **Angela Beaton** at [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com) or 615-403-8255.

**To sign up** to participate go to:

[signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eaaab2eaa8-crockpot](http://signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eaaab2eaa8-crockpot)

## LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Ladies we are having a Christmas Celebration Lunch at **Noon on Tuesday, December 6** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your special Christmas covered dish to share. Drinks and Ham will be provided.

Come and bring a guest. We'll share songs and special Christmas stories.

As in years past, we will support the following mission projects:

*Safe Haven Family Shelter*

Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Diapers, Shampoos, Conditioners, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, and other Toiletry Items.

*Lakota Indians of the Pine Ridge Reservation*

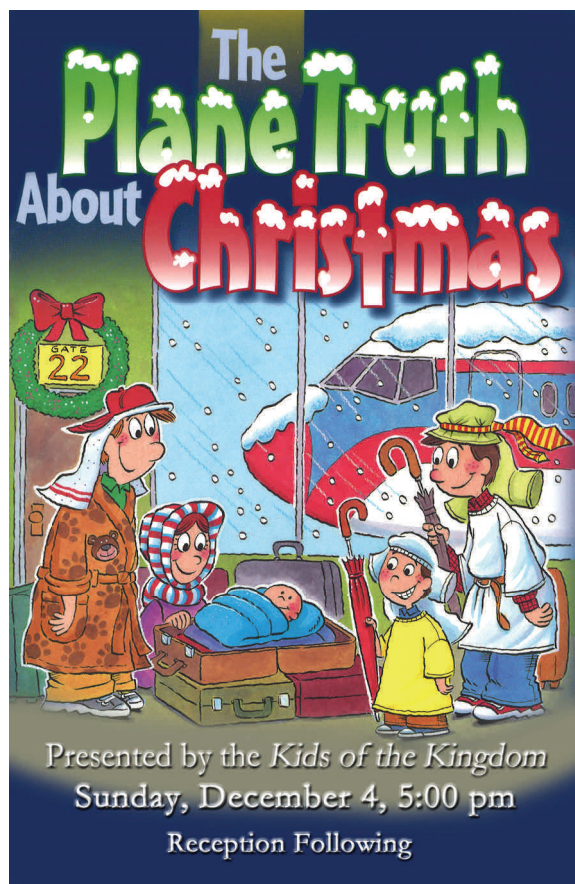
Scarves, Gloves, Caps and Socks for any age.

Please notify **Nanette Ricker** at 615-776-3326 or **Beverly Shaw** at 615-832-2378 if you are attending.

See you there!

## THE REZ

It is still unseasonably warm on *The Rez* in South Dakota, but winter is coming and the Lakota Indians of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation need our help to stay warm. 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 from 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 office and place them in the designated box.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Ed Bryan, Dorothy Couden (*mother of Vince Couden*)

### Homebound

Chris Henry, Forrest King

### Members

Hester Allen, Andy Blake, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge Graves, Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Tammy Lake, Jacob Malloy, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Peggy Rushing, Beverly St. John, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor

### 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*), Dorothy Black (*grandmother of Megan Gregali*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, 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*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), John Ferguson (*father of Jonelle Summitt & Christi Peppers*), 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*), Joe Hearn (*father of Jodi Rush*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Mary & Don Johnson (*friends of Jane Dowden*), Judy Jones (*friend of Scott Felts*), Jennie Sue Kuebitz (*daughter of Beverly Shaw*), Lori Lindley (*friend of Mike & Julie Murphy*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), James McCulley (*father of Jay McCulley*), Larry Mitchell (*uncle of Jodi Rush*), Wanda Morris (*mother of Carol Ramsay*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), RheAnn White Peacock, Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Reggie Reed (*husband of co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Johnny Rush (*father of Pastor Kip*), Mary Scott (*mother of Frank Scott*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), The Smith Family (*friends of Laura Ellen Pulley*), Ellie Taliaferro (*young friend of the Crowe Family*), Donna Tillett (*sister-in-law of Cindy Phelps*), Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), 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 Rev. Dr. Bob Shelton*

Billy & Barbara Dial  
Bob Dozier  
Hardy & Sandra Moyers  
Lee Roy Satterwhite  
Guy & Loretta Sneed

### *In Memory of Sue Malone*

Billy & Barbara Dial  
Hardy & Sandra Moyers

### *In Memory of Woody Jones*

Marilyn Ewen

### *In Memory of Curtis Vaughn*

Marilyn Ewen

### *In Honor of Sandra Shepherd for Playground*

Blair & Jonelle Summitt Family

### *Thank You Offering to Brenthaven Church*

Path of Hope

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Beverly St. John** has had issues with receiving mail. Per USPS protocol please make note of the following address. This is a sure way for delivery of her mail. Thank you.

Beverly St. John Room 75A  
5436 Edmonson Pike  
Nashville, TN 37211-5867

## THANKSGIVING WEEK CHURCH HOURS

The Brenthaven church office will be closed Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25 in honor of Thanksgiving.

There will not be a newsletter on Wednesday, November 23. We wish for you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

*Your Brenthaven Church Staff*

## ATTENDANCE

*Sunday, November 13, 2016*

Sunday School 80    Worship 132

## RECENT GUESTS

Gary & Anna Smith

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 18 5:00 pm** Youth ROCKS Retreat Departs  
**6:00 pm** Step Up Goes to Safe Haven
- Nov 20** *Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Due*  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**12:00 pm** DMT Meeting  
**12:00 pm** Stewardship/Finance Ministry Mtg.  
**12:00 pm** Youth ROCKS Retreat Returns  
**3:45 pm** Handbells  
**5:00 pm** Kids of the Kingdom  
**7:00 pm** ESPN
- Nov 21 10:30 am** Young @ Heart  
**6:30 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Nov 23** *Church Office Closed*
- Nov 24** *Happy Thanksgiving*
- Nov 25** *Church Office Closed*
- Nov 27** *Loaves and Fishes Offering Due*  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**4:00 pm** Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal  
**5:00 pm** Hanging of the Greens/Advent Kick-Off
- Nov 30 5:00 pm** Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Dec 1 11:30 am** Knitting Group/Creative Craft Ministry
- Dec 3 8:30 am** Men's Fellowship Christmas Breakfast  
**10:00 am** Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal  
**10:00 am** Freezer Crockpot Workshop

**SERVING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20**

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, Anna Grace Wooten  
*Lector:* Kathy Wood-Dobbins  
*Greeters:* Chester Johnson, Laura Winslow  
*Nursery:* Rebecca Dandrea (*Sunday School*)  
 Treva Floyd (*Worship*)  
*Usbers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen, Barry Campbell,  
 Cindi Edwards, Charlie Floyd, Frank Scott,  
 Ron White, Lori Wooten  
*Wee Worship:* Melinda Fleming, Jonelle Summitt  
  
*Narrative Lectionary Readings for*  
*Sunday, November 20 (Green)*  
 Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
 Luke 22:19-20

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 13**

<b>OPERATING &amp; DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET</b>	
Received this week	5,916.81
Weekly Need	10,805.00
Received for Budget Year-to-Date	436,207.33
Need Year-to-Date	497,303.00
	(60,812.67)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	10,000.00
Mortgage Principal Balance	595,420.42

**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>
<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Barry Campbell</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>
<b>Jill Weisz Keller</b>	<b>Bill Dobbins</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>
<b>Rhonda Mossbarger</b>	<b>Jennie Ford</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>
<b>Christi Peppers</b>	<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Julie Travis</b>