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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CHILL OF WINTER

This week I'd like to share with you a devotional written by Marsha G. Richards, "The Chill of Winter."

Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Every year we witness the rhythm of nature, bringing forth the different seasons and all the changes and challenges that go with them. For many folks the onset of the chillier temperatures of autumn and winter are met with dread and for some, simply endured. Others, like me, delight in the crisp, cold days of winter with mounds of snow, crockpot dinners, crackling fires and long stretches when I am content to stay home and not venture out, embracing the motto, "All I need is tea, warm socks and a good book."

During the chill of winter, our bodies do have a natural need for more food, sleep, warmth and, like bears, we tend to hibernate and rest. It's a period of dormancy, a time to "chill." After all, our poor bodies may be begging for a break after coming through Christmas, the most hectic season of the year. It's a good time for a reset, to change our compulsion from "doing" to just "being"—being in His presence, hearing His voice. We are reminded once again of what Psalm 46:10 says, "Rest! Be still and know I am God. I rule the nations and I rule the earth." God has given us permission to cease from striving—and perhaps even serving—for a time, to clear our minds, renew our strength and enthusiasm, draw us closer to Him, and to reflect on His calling upon our lives. For some of us that is hard, especially when we begin to feel sluggish or unproductive. We may think that we are letting others down or even ourselves as we see all the goals we set on January 1st fly out the window in a matter of weeks, taken away by winter's winds!

As we enjoy the quiet weeks of this winter season, remember that spring will not be far behind. Though the ground looks quiet and serene we can learn a lot from and be inspired by what is going on outside, under neath the snow. "Don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter; it may be quiet but the roots are down there riotous!" May we be still, seek Him more deeply and know that our God is making "riotous" the roots of faith that have been firmly planted in our hearts, ready to spring forth into a new season.

Father in Heaven, how we thank You for the seasons and the benefits you bring with them, even the cold winds, the snow, and ice. All have their purpose for which we are grateful. Be with us today as we embrace this season as you accomplish what You please in it, in us, and for Your glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Linda



CHILLY OUTSIDE? CHILI INSIDE!

We are having our **2024 Chili Cook-Off** on **Wednesday, February 7th at 5:45 pm**. Bring your best pot of chili. We will vote for the winner using dollars, all of which will go to support Sacred Sparks. If you're not a chili cook, please bring chips, cheese, or other toppings, and/or dessert. There will be hotdogs for the kids. The chili champion's name will be memorialized on the Brenthaven apron, but the real winner is Sacred Sparks.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **CPWM** meeting is **Tuesday, January 23rd** at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. We will be working on a project to help young women in third-world countries. If you would like to help with donations for this project, you can bring old towels to the church and place them in the CPWM bin in the narthex. We will accept donations through **Sunday, January 21st**.

LADIES WINTER SMALL-GROUP LUNCHES

LADIES LUNCH We are beginning plans to set up our groups and hostesses for our **winter small-group lunches**. We have had so many comments from our women about our previous lunches and how delighted they have been with the opportunity to get to know others on a more personal level. Since the groups are small and we change them out every season, we are able to engage with more people and enjoy their fellowship. If you are interested in attending or would be available to host, please text or call Jeri Behan at 615-604-8015. As a reminder, the hosting job entails calling three ladies in your group and arranging a time and place of your choice to meet. Please join us!

SOJOURNERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There is still time to join our class during Sunday School for our study on **The Sermon on the Mount** by AJ Levine. If you would like your own copy of the text, it is available on Amazon for \$16.86 (there are also some used/like new options at a cheaper price). Thank you!

TIME TO SEND SOME VALENTINE LOVE!

It's that time of the year to send some Valentine love to our young people away in college. *The Brenthaven Way* is to send a shoe box packed to the brim with candy, crackers, snacks, pencils, pens, Kleenex, Chapstick, more candy, socks, a toothbrush, and of course, more candy. And we do mean **PACKED!**

The Kids of the Kingdom will do their part in the packing and making Valentine cards and crafts to fill the special boxes. Your help is needed in donating delicious candy, food items, and other goodies and then dropping them by the church by **Friday, February 2nd**.

If you prefer, you can give monetarily to help cover needed items or postage. Just drop a check in the mail, or go online to our Brenthaven.org page to the *Giving* section and you'll find a line item to donate to *Valentine Boxes*. We'll take care of the shopping. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Cheryl.



DONATIONS NEEDED

The **DMT** needs your help! We need donations of clean egg cartons. Please place them in the bin in the narthex marked *DMT donations*. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

As we look ahead to this new year, please be in prayerful consideration as to what you can do to assist on Sundays for worship. We still need lectors, ushers, greeters, communion stewards, acolytes, and maybe even some nursery workers. We want everyone to feel included at Brenthaven!

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Don Tabor, Cheryl Tabor, Julie Travis, Stan Wooten

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscal (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Elwanda Roberts (*cousin of Cheryl Morris*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), Sacred Sparks Ministry & St Luke Church, those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Wylene Nix



The packages of 2024 Offering Envelopes are available on the Welcome Center and at the main entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Giff Jordan

Joyce Burch, Barbara & Billy Dial, Mary Olson

BABY SHOWER

On **Sunday, Feb. 18th** at 2:00 pm in the church narthex, we will be showering **Katie Platz** with some Brenthaven love and helping her to welcome her new bundle of joy.

Katie and her husband Dylan are expecting a baby boy in April. They are going for a castle/knights and dragon-type theme. They have registries at Target and Amazon.

Your hosts for this Baby Shower are Sheryl Day, Deborah Deaton, Suzanne Ghianni, Cheryl Morris, and Jodi Rush.



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 2: College Valentine Supplies Due

Feb. 7: Chili Cook-Off

Feb. 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb. 14: Lenten Kick-Off/Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 21: Wednesday Night Special/Classes Begin

Feb. 24: Youth Sunday Practice

Feb. 25: Youth Sunday

Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday Service

Mar. 29: Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

Mar. 31: Easter Service/Egg Hunt

Apr. 5-7: Middle School Retreat/Crystal Springs

Apr. 10: Wednesday Night Wrap-Up Dinner

Apr. 12-14: Young Adult Retreat

Apr. 14: Children's Service

May 5: High School Graduate Recognition

Summer Activities

Jun. 2-7: Senior Synodic Camp

Jun. 8-15: Youth Mission Trip

Jun. 17-20: General Assembly

Jun. 24-27: Vacation Bible School

Jul. 7-12: CPYC

Jul. 7-12: Junior Camp

Jul. 14-19: Middle School Camp

Aug. 4: Backpack Blessing/Promotion

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 21** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12–5 PM Youth ROCKS Hike
 5–7 PM Youth ROCKS Work Night
- Jan. 23** **10:30 AM** CPWM (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Jan. 24** **6:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Jan. 25** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Jan. 28** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 21

Third Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
 Psalm 62:5-12;
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
 Mark 1:14-20

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 14

	OPERATING BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$4,206.04
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	18,686.44
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	42,301.52
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	29,977.67
Difference	12,323.85

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Assoc. Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children’s Ministry
Ean Taylor, Assoc. Pastor for Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan
Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson
Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton
Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy