



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## VACATION TIME!!!

I know it's not even May, but Summer is just around the corner. Lots of us don't let the school calendar dictate our schedules, anyway! Whether it's a quick weekend trip to get away from home, a few days to connect with family and friends, a cruise to an exotic island, or a 14-day trip to another continent, many of us enjoy our travels.

As I write this, Scott and I are with our niece and her family, enjoying some time at Myrtle Beach. We arrived on Saturday, greeted by blue skies and a mostly-calm ocean. Aaaaahhh! A little time on the sand, a few brave toe-dips into the cold water, and we already felt somewhat restored.

It would have been easy to stay in our pajamas and join all of you virtually for worship the next morning, Honestly, if it had been storming as was predicted, we might have. But, Scott and I have always enjoyed exploring local churches. We've found some surprises over the years, of course. Some good. Some not so great. Sometimes worship seems familiar...comfortable. Sometimes there's a really different rhythm to it all...or odd music...or a lot more (or less) interaction...or we feel almost attacked by the overly exuberant individual who wants to sign us up for something right away...or we're completely ignored. Regardless, we always are glad we joined a live congregation for their worship time. It reminds us that we are part of a much bigger congregation that includes all of Christ's followers. It reminds us that our ways seem odd to some people, too. It reminds us that worship can seem very different and still strengthen our connection with God. It helps us stay alert to practices that are meaningful to others (and might be to us). It reminds us that when we leave our home base, we take our faith with us. I pray you will take advantage of opportunities to worship in unfamiliar settings as you travel. May God bless your visits with a spark of delight at a new hymn, a different type of prayer, or that "just right" greeting.

Grace and Peace,

*Sandra*



## RAISING THE ROOF . . .



Work has begun on the roof. The sanctuary and drive thru will be finished Tuesday. Please be aware work will continue all week, so be aware if coming by the church.





# SPOTLIGHT



**Ben Summitt's** baseball team, Midland 12U, won the silver bracket in the GMB Can of Corn Classic. Ben was the winning pitcher in the championship game, leading his team to a 6-4 win. He also had

a hit and scored a run in the championship game. Ben is the son of Jonelle and Blair Summitt and brother to Sophie. Way to go, Ben!

## GROWING TOGETHER



### LADIES BRUNCH

Saturday, May 11  
10:30 am–12:30 pm



Brenthaven Fellowship Hall

## OLYMPICS HEADING OUR WAY!



*Run the Race* is our theme for **Vacation Bible School 2024**. With a nod to the summer Olympics in Paris, we'll fill our week together with Olympic-themed games plus science, crafts, and music. We'll study the Bible stories of "Abraham's Blessing," "Jesus Forgives a Paralyzed Man," "The Good Samaritan," and "Anna in the Temple." Each child will be on a team representing a country that Cumberland Presbyterians serve in missionary work. And yes, there will be a torch to light, and opening and closing ceremonies just like the real Olympics. It will be a fun, action-packed week full of learning. We invite children age four through sixth grade to join us. The dates are **Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 5:30–8:30 pm**. Registration forms will be available shortly. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

You'll be hearing and seeing this verse a lot:

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of faithful people. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. Let us look only to Jesus.* (Hebrews 12:1-2.)

## GRADUATION NOTES



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year. A display is set up in the church narthex highlighting our high school seniors. Please take a moment to fill out a note card on the display for **Evatt Howerton, Josh Malloy, James Scott, Ray Scott, Sloan Stewart, Daisy Urbanowicz, and Anna Grace Wooten**. Include your wishes, prayers, or your support and guidance as they prepare to take the next steps in their journey. You may also bring your own cards. We will present these special youth with a Bible during worship, **Sunday, May 5 (Graduate Recognition Sunday)**.



## HAVE A SPECIAL GRADUATE?

Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email [secretary@brenthaven.org](mailto:secretary@brenthaven.org) or by phone 615-373-4826 to leave your information. We would like to know your relationship to the graduate, any honors received, plans after graduation, and type of degree (if from a college). We will begin publishing this information in future newsletters.

## SESSION MINUTES SUMMARY

APRIL 9, 2024

- \* Prayer concerns were shared.
- \* Program Ministry Reports were provided.

*Building and Grounds Ministry:* The manse is officially posted for lease on Zillow. Scheduling church roof repairs is moving forward due to the amount already received by individual donations towards the fund. After the roof repairs are completed, sprinklers will be repaired as needed to correct issues found during Fire Marshall's inspection.

*Member Care Ministry:* Approved recommended changes to the ministry guidelines for Member Care. The ministry will collect updated information for the church directory. Mark Humphrey has agreed to photograph any members who would like to update their directory pictures.

- \* Approved Aveanna Hospice's request to use the Fellowship Hall for their annual Memorial Service in June.
- \* Discussed need for reusable signs announcing weekly worship times like used when announcing special events or services.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Billy Dial

### Members

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

### Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Judy Baggett (*friend of Bob Dozier*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), 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*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Patty Little (*aunt of Renee McCulley*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Scott Mennen (*son-in-law of Barbara Dial*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn and Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), 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*), Forrest Sutton (*brother-in-law of Ean Taylor*), 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*), those serving our country

## CPWM NEWS

The **Women's Ministry** would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to our **Bakeless Bake Sale**. We made **\$406.00** to use in our work with local missions this year.

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Ben Davis*

Jane Dowden

Becky & Ronny Jones

Ame Satterwhite



## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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

**June 30:** Children's Sunday

**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**

- Apr. 25 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Apr. 28 9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**12:00 AM** DMT Meeting  
**5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS
- Apr. 29 10:00 AM** Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- May 1 6:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*
- May 2 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- May 3 1:00 PM** Mah Jongg *(Youth Room)*
- May 5 9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Graduate Recognition)  
**4:00 PM** Youth ROCKS

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 28**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)*

Acts 8:26-40;  
 Psalm 22:25-31;  
 1 John 4:7-21;  
 John 15:1-8

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 21**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$3,840.00
Donations for Roof Repair to date	122,320.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	12,874.64
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	203,724.57
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	207,499.73
Difference	<b>-3,775.16</b>

**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

*Class of 2024*

**Ben Gross**  
**Bart King**  
**Julie Murphy**  
**Jonelle Summitt**

*Class of 2025*

**Fred Ford, Jr.**  
**Suzanne Ghianni**  
**Mark Humphrey**  
**Gwen Keiser**

*Class of 2026*

**Jeri Behan**  
**Jan Davidson**  
**Russ Deaton**  
**Joe Malloy**