



Life@Benevola

*"Together we are called to worship
and witness, grow and give, love and
live for the glory of God."*



APRIL 2020

Sunday Worship: 9am Sunday School 10:30am 301-791-3576

FROM THE PASTOR DESK ---Pastor Bob Sharp – benevolaumcpastor@gmail.com

Alive with Christ

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. - Romans 8:10-11

As we celebrate Easter we can remember that the resurrection of Jesus is not something that just happened in the past. When we proclaim the mystery of the faith in the liturgy for the Lord's Supper we proclaim: "Christ has died. Christ IS risen. Christ will come again." It is not just that Christ has risen He is risen. It is not just in the past He is alive today. In Romans Paul reminds us that we can have the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead living in us. The resurrection is a reality for us right now. When we remember that our lives are different.

We have the Spirit of God living in us. The Holy Spirit is working in our lives. We can allow the Spirit to change us. All of us have things in our lives that need changing.

--There may attitudes that need to be changed from negative to positive. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in you to make that change. Let Him transform your attitudes so that we will have the same mind that is in Christ.

--There may be habits we have developed that are keeping you from having the full life that Jesus came to bring to us. Let the Spirit change those.

--There may be things you want to do to make a difference for Jesus and yet you do not do them. Allow the Spirit to strengthen you so that you can do what you are called to do.

Do not think of Easter as being something in the past that we celebrate. Realize that the Risen Jesus can be active in our lives everyday.



April 5

Matthew 21:1-11 The Biggest Week

April 12

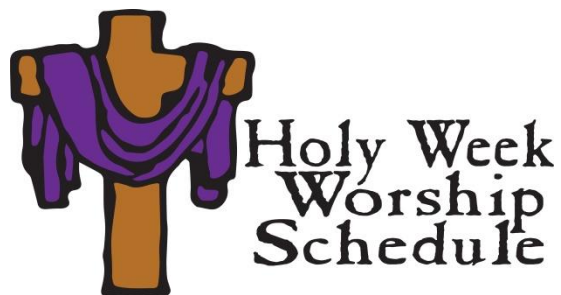
Easter Cantata

April 19

Luke 24:13-35 Seeing Jesus

April 26

John 21:15-25 Meeting by the Sea



Ecumenical Community Services During Lent & Holy Week are offered jointly by the churches of the South County Ministerium.

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Agape

Meal and worship with multiple choirs performing
Benevola United Methodist Church Spiritual Life Center

Good Friday Community Worship, 7 pm

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
Combined choirs
33 Potomac St., Boonsboro

April 12, Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship at the Pavilion, 6:15 am
Family Worship at 9 am
Easter Cantata: Performed by our Chancel Choir



	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
4/5		Klaus Hein		Bill Flook
4/12		Ruth Ridenour		Kevin Fox
4/19	Gale & Sue Barnes	Gale Barnes		Nelson Baker
4/26	Becky & Klaus Hein	Becky Hein		Joe Reed

Have you moved? Please help us to keep the information provided in our Church Directory up to date. Please contact Teri with your current information, if you have any changes. The Church email is benevolachurch@myactv.net.

Dreaming and Scheming

On March 2 a group of people met at the church to talk about their dreams for Benevola and what we should be doing moving into the future. There were some ideas that were decided on to be our next steps.

- 1) Emphasise our worship as being joyous, engaging and relatable.
- 2) Provide outreach and service to the community
By providing meals to shut ins and others who are in need.
Being involved in community events like Boonsboro Days
- 3) Being attentive to welcoming people to the church on Sundays
- 4) Increase attendance in Sunday School and Bible Studies by 20% and look at re-establishing a youth group.

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting and those who submitted their dreams before the meeting. Now our task is to put these ideas into motion. We will be forming groups to work on this soon. Please be a part of one of them.

Christian Education News

In the vein of thinking positively, we are hoping that we will be able to proceed with Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 22-26**

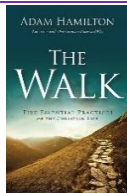


We will be using Knights of North Castle from Cokesbury as our theme. *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book.

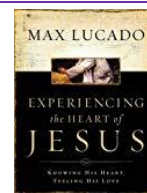
Many hands are needed to make the week a success for our kids. We will need people for crafts, decorating, publicity, food prep, registration, teaching/story telling, music, mission focus, and to lead children around to stations. If you can help, please contact Linda Stump @ 301-790-0253 or c.stump@myactv.net. Even if you can't committ to the entire week, consider helping when you can.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Dawn Baker and family on the death of her father, Danny Baker on March 14, 2020. A memorial service is scheduled for April 25 at 11:00 am.



Adult Sunday School Opportunities



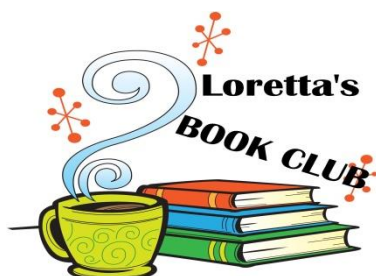
When we are able to return to church, we encourage you to join one of our adult Sunday School classes. The upstairs class is studying **The Walk** by Adam Hamilton. We will be on session 3 of 6, but please feel free to join us even if you weren't there from the beginning. The downstairs Sunday School Class is currently studying **Experiencing the Heart of Jesus** by Max Lucado.

ALSO, during our Dreamin' and Schemin' session, as part of working on the goal of increasing our Sunday School numbers, we discussed the idea of starting another adult Sunday School class that would meet informally to discuss the scripture and sermon for that day. If you would be interested in participating and/or leading such a class, please contact Linda Stump @ 301-790-0253 or c.stump@myactv.net.



2020 Graduates

If you are a 2020 Graduate, please let the Church office know. Please submit your information; including your name, high school or college attended. Please let me know your major or what college you will be attending or your future plans. I would also like to have a senior picture. You can e-mail the information to benevolachurch@myactv.net. Please have all information to the Church office no later than May 20.



Loretta's Book Club

Our next book will be *Secrets we Kept* by Laura Prescott. See you for lunch and a good book discussion on April 17.



Call Sally Barnhart (301-508-7355) to ask for prayer for a loved one. You may reveal as little or as many details as you wish to share. Your request will be sent along to our prayer angels.

Sally will call: Alice Hartzell (h 301-432-6493)
Alice will call: Linda Stump (h 301-790-0253)
Linda will call: Janet Fulton (301-465-3606)
Janet will call: Sue Barnes (c 301-465-0596)
Sue will call: Linda Grove (h 301-432-0056)
Linda G. will call: Cheri Sharpless (h 301-432-1940)
Cheri will call: Nicole Ritchie Conway (301-302-31520)
Nicole will call: Judy Green (c 301-302-6355)
Judy will call: Becky Hein (c 301-988-8003)
Becky will call: Cathy Collins (h 301-797-7961)
Cathy will call: Jodie Weddle (h 301-739-4369)
Jodie will call: Irene Embly (h 301-733-6451)

If you would like to be part of this ministry please call Sally Barnhart.



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to take a moment to thank the congregation of Benevola UMC for their commitment to mission share giving. According to the final report, Benevola increased its mission share giving to 50%, an increase from the previous year! That is an important increase and will help facilitate ministry in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and around the world.

At a time when our denomination is divided and struggling, it is encouraging to see a local church live into this part of our covenant together. I am sure it wasn't easy; every dollar matter in the local church – that's what makes the commitment of Benevola Church so noteworthy.

I am thankful for your leadership as well as the commitment of the leaders and members of the church. At your first opportunity, please express my thanks to them for this demonstration of their faithfulness.

Blessings, Rev. John Wunderlich, III



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Birthdays


- 1 Adam Flook
- 2 Siri Young
- 5 Gary Baker, Scott Coulter, Dustin Simonson
- 7 Zachary Stanfield
- 8 Joey Mills, Kim Horner, Ashley Crncic
- 9 Elizabeth Wolfensberger, Sara Gossett, Kelby Burtner
- 12 David Slifer
- 14 Heather Leatherman, Nathan Baker
- 15 Patsy Campbell
- 17 Ariel Ritchey
- 18 Sydney Riccio
- 19 Peyton Meadows
- 20 Zachary Campbell, Andy Atkinson, William Fox,
- 22 Tim Burtner, Charles Stump
- 24 Grady Haupt
- 25 Anna Haupt, Jason Campbell
- 27 Dave L. Baker
- 28 Wyatt Burtner
- 30 Amy Jones, Justin Hartings



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Anniversaries

- 4 Jeff & Tonya Oberhaus
- 17 Leonard, Jr. & Michelle Embly
- 20 David & Bonnie Shifler
- 24 Steve & Karen Brightwell
- 30 Dean & Sue Reeder



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ENJOY!! Connie (301) 432-2391

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12 Lunch Bunch 5:30 Body & Soul	2 6:30 chancel choir practice	3	4 7:00 Men's Breakfast
5 10:30 Easter Party for kids	6 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Ad Council mtg	7 9:00 Quilting	8 5:30 Body & Soul	9 6:30 Maundy Thursday services	10 Good Friday Services	11
12 Easter	13 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach Meeting	14 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:30 SPPRC meeting	15 12 Moving On 5:30 Body & Soul	16	17 12 Book Club	18
19	20 5:30 Body & Soul	21 9:00 Quilting	22 5:30 Body & Soul	23 6:30 chancel choir practice	24	25
26	27 5:30 Body & Soul	28 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard	29 5:30 Body & Soul	30 6:30 chancel choir practice		

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Change Service Requested

Benevola's staff and leadership:

Pastor: Rev. Bob Sharp
Administrative Assistant: Teri Baker
Organist: Ruann George
Child Care: Megan Brooks & Jenna Hornbaker
Lay Leader: Becky Hein
Treasurer: Dawn Baker
Financial Secretary: Jack & Faye Slye
Ad Council Chair: Klaus Hein
Trustee Chair: Jack Slye
Outreach Chair: Kathy Witman
SPPRC Chair: Morgan Boyd
Worship/Music Chair: Cindy Stevens
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