



Life@Benevola

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



AUGUST 2022

Sunday Worship: 9am Sunday School 10:15am 301-791-3576

FROM THE PASTOR DESK ---Pastor Suzanne Jones

Dear Friends,

Lately I have been thinking about the Walk To Emmaus. If you have never attended an Emmaus Walk, it is a three-day spiritual renewal experience. You don't physically walk, it's mostly sitting, but you do get to enjoy time singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. The "walk" is based on the story in Luke 24 of the two disciples who walk with the resurrected Jesus on their way to a village named Emmaus. Perhaps you know some people who have attended and have been greatly impacted by it. One of those people is me! I attended the West Virginia Walk To Emmaus in the fall of 2009, and it changed my life. It was on my walk where I heard God's voice and began to mature in my Christian journey.

Since then, I have served the Emmaus community by helping organize and lead weekends. Serving on a team has been one of the most formative and life changing thing I did early in my ministry. No two teams are ever alike, things are always changing and though we made mistakes, somehow it always "worked." The Holy Spirit always shows up, sometimes in spite of our misguided efforts. Nonetheless, lives are always changed on an Emmaus weekend.

I think the reason why is the combination of two things: structure and prayer. The structure is the manual the team has to follow. The manual is tried, tested, and true, and so it relieves the team of having to reinvent the wheel each time we organize a weekend. It also forces me (and others) to resist the vanity of thinking that I am smarter than those who have come before me. In other words, when I think I am smarter than the manual and try my own way, I nearly always fail. But when I follow the manual and the wisdom of others, things always work much better.

But wisdom and structure is not enough. The other important component to a weekend is prayer. Lots and lots of prayer. Each Walk is covered in prayer, months and months in advance, as well as on the weekend itself. In doing so, I think it keeps us humble, as well as loose and open as to what the Holy Spirit is doing. Trust me. The Spirit is always "doing" something on these Walks, and usually in ways that are not predictable, and powerful in ways that are always surprising.

I would suggest that the churches that are thriving are also about the importance of structure and prayer. The structure is the Bible, of course, but also the wisdom of the tradition and those who have come before us. We don't have to reinvent the wheel, we don't have to figure this out by ourselves. But of course, we also need the Holy Spirit to keep us loose and alive and amazed.

This is why I want to encourage you to be especially diligent in your prayers for the Church. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit, let us pray for our leaders, let us pray for each other, and let us pray for those who have not yet found a church home. Let us pray for the aged and the very young. Let us pray forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and joy to come powerfully into our lives. Let us pray, as the Emmaus prayer goes, for those who need

it the most, and especially for those who think they don't need God at all. Let us pray that we might stay loose and observant to the "new thing" that God might be doing in our midst. Let us pray.

If you are interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus, contact me. I will be happy to get you connected to the right folks. In the meantime, keep praying for each other, and keep staying in the Word.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Suzanne



A Three-Day Spiritual Renewal Experience **Men's Walk - Sept 15-18, 2022** **Women's Walk - Oct 13-16, 2022**

Community: Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia Walk to Emmaus

Application Deadline:
Men- August 25th Women- September 29th

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. Weekends are held in the spring and fall at Mar-Lu Ridge Conference Center in Jefferson, MD.

To find further information on Emmaus Walks visit: <https://westvirginiaemmaus.org/>

Golden Cross Banquet

Golden Cross Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 6th at 5pm in the Spiritual Life Center. All those 60 years and older are welcomed to join us for an evening of good food and great fellowship. If planning to attend please contact Dawn Baker 301-739-5184 or Brenda Embly 301-739-0394.



| | FaceBook/Tech | Lay Reader | Acolyte | Head Usher |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8/7 | Jason Weddle | Kevin Chesnutwood | Alexi Chesnutwood | Bill Flook |
| 8/14 | Michael Wescott | Joan Malatak | Will Fox | Kevin Fox |
| 8/21 | Kevin Chesnutwood | Bruce Burley | Liam Boyd | Nelson Baker |
| 8/28 | Morgan Boyd | Ruth Ridenour | Teddy Fox | Joe Reed |

Pastor Suzanne's Vacation

Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation August 5-11. While she is away, Rev. Bob Ruggieri from Mt. Nebo UMC will cover pastoral emergencies. His number is 443-994-9505 or pastorbob2017@gmail.com.



Apple Dumplings at Boonsboro Days

Boonsboro Days/ Apple Dumplings – Save the Date

This year we will be in the park on September 10 and 11, 2022 . August 2, 4 and 11, 2022 apple dumpling making.

This year in order to make Benevola Church present in the community again, we will be selling our famous apple dumplings at Boonsboro Days! We will be offering apple dumplings and ice cream only, concentrating on what we do well and keeping it simple. Apple dumplings will be \$5.00 each. Our profits will go to hurricane and flood relief in the USA. Youth can get volunteer hours for helping. Looking forward to the fun and fellowship of working together again! We will have the opportunity to invite the community to our worship services and activities and sharing Christ’s love. Contact Becky Hein or Sue Barnes for info or signing up to help! Becky – apple dumpling making, Sue schedule for the park.

Yard Sale



Just a reminder, when cleaning out your unwanted items, the church will be asking for donations for our annual yard sale. The dates are Friday & Saturday, September 9th & 10th from 7am to 2pm in the Spiritual Life Center. Drop off for items will begin on Monday, September 5th thru Thursday, September 9th from 9am to 3pm. Look for more detailed information in August. Any questions contact Brenda Embly 301-739-0394 or JoAnn Duffey 301-432-6462.

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)

Anyone can be called first and then will call the next name, etc. If you would like to be part of this ministry please call Sally Barnhart. If you can't reach your contact, please call the next person on the list.



National Night Out - August 2, 2022

**Town of Boonsboro's
National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
in our beautiful Shafer Park**

This annual event is hosted by the Boonsboro Public Safety Commission and the Town.

Our local Police, Fire, and Rescue Departments will be in attendance to promote community awareness and public safety with demonstrations and fun activities for children. Food, drinks and live entertainment will be provided to the public, free of charge, thanks to donations made by area businesses that help support our community.

“Give Ye Them To Eat”

Mark 6:37



June 17, 2022.

Dear Friends of GYTTE

Despite high winds blowing down the roof of the dining room at the Tree of Life Training Center on April 25, we have many good things to share with you.



Women from Pinahuista—up & down pics.

The Coordinators of the “More Than a Bandage” community-based preventive health program, Betzy Lopez and Panchita Perez just spent seven days in the northern mountains of the state of Puebla sharing with the women and facilitating training sessions with Health promoters and other women in their communities.



They did this in the communities of Pinahuitsta and Xalcuahuta, north of Cuetzalan, in Ixtepec and in Zacapoaxtla. They spent long hours on the road and were received very well everywhere with big turnouts for the trainings.



They separated to be able to do more workshops and did three on self-esteem, and 6 on themes relating to prevention of violence. They did some of the workshops in people’s homes and some in three different Methodist churches. A retired pastor had come to GYTTE about 4 months ago to ask us to do these kinds of workshops in these more remote areas with primarily two different indigenous populations

(Nahuatl and Totonaca) because when he was a pastor in these areas he knew there were women who suffered violence – like all over the world.



Ixtepec



Pics. 1,2 3: Women and children from Xalcuahuta



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The other good news is that after six weeks of 11-hour work days with the staff and five part-time helpers, the new roof is finished on the dining room/ kitchen. We are lucky that the rains came late this year and a big rain just fell last night. The roof is now designed to last at least 50 years, only the palm leaves will need to be replaced about every 15 years. We thank God to all the people who worked on this. And it is really beautiful!



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Now we need to redo the roof of the chapel and plant corn and Jamaica! So the next few months will be busy!

Please pray for the family of staff member Rey – who many of you know. His son, Rey David, who is in his mid-twenties, was diagnosed with meningitis and is in a coma. They thought the problem was something



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Pics. 7, 8: Zacapoaxtla



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Pics. 4, 5, 6: Ixtepec

else and really didn't start taking him to the hospital until he lost consciousness. We are all very worried. Your prayers are appreciated.



One of Betzy and Panchita's host families.

In Christ's love,

Nan, Miguel, Cata, Clara and all the GYTTE staff

To donate: Make your check payable to Advance GCFA and write GYTTE #07629A on the memo-line of the check.

Send to: Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

To donate online through the Advance, go to:
<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-169-give-ye-them-to-eat.aspx>

Or, make your check payable to New Bloomfield UMC and write GYTTE, Year, Church Name on the memo line. Please send GYTTE an email stating you have sent a donation: gyttenham@aol.com

Mail check to: Rev. Marian Hartman
418 W. High Street
New Bloomfield, PA 17068
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The new dining room's roof



- 1 Wayne Duffey
- 2 Jonathan Baker
- 3 Benjamin Reed, Sylvia Burtner,
- 4 John Holdway, Cody Hines
- 5 Tom Embly, Mika Fox
- 7 Julie Bare
- 8 Miranda Embly, Andrew Parker
- 9 Karen Flook, Greg Moser
- 11 Tonya Oberhaus
- 13 Logan Atkinson, Maureen Baker, Liam Boyd
- 17 Marta Riccio
- 18 Kathy Phipps, Mary Sue Hamilton
- 20 Porter Stipanovic, Cole Hess
- 23 Kevin Chesnutwood, Jennifer Kinzer
- 24 Christena Morris
- 25 Ethan Leatherman
- 26 Cathy Collins, Amber Potter, Molly Flook
- 28 Brandy Starleper, Melissa Stiles
- 29 Linda Grove
- 30 Erica Martinez, Rachael Stump, Bill Bigelow
- 31 Kaitlyn Ridenour

- 9 Ken & Kathy Phipps
- 12 Roger & Sylvia Burtner
- 15 Dennis & Brenda Embly
- 21 Tom & Kathy Embly, Bill & Karen Flook
- 30 Eric & Marta Riccio



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <i>1</i> 5:30 NO Body & Soul | <i>2</i> 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Apple dumplings | <i>3</i> 12:00 Lunch bunch @ Hoffman's 5:30 NO Body & Soul | <i>4</i> 4:00 Apple dumplings | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Golden Cross Banquet |
| <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> 5:30 NO Body & Soul | <i>9</i> 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:30 Christian Ed | <i>10</i> 5:30 NO Body & Soul 7:30 Men's BB | <i>11</i> 4:00 Apple dumplings | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i> |
| <i>14</i> | <i>15</i> 5:30 Body & Soul | <i>16</i> 9:00 Quilting | <i>17</i> 12:00 Moving On Group@ Runway 5:30 Body & Soul 7:30 Men's BB | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> 12:00 Book Club | <i>20</i> |
| <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> 5:30 Body & Soul | <i>23</i> 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard | <i>24</i> 5:30 Body & Soul 7:30 Men's BB | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> |
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