



Life@Benevola

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



JANUARY 2019

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

FROM THE PASTOR DESK

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:19

Happy New Year, Benevola!

Grace and peace to you as we turn the corner into another year. Epiphany comes bearing the gifts of magi, gifts of devotion and recognition: gold, frankincense, and myrrh—because the child in the manger is our King, High Priest, and Savior. Whatever sacrifices they made to collect and deliver those costly gifts, these sages would testify that it was more blessed to give than to receive. Seeing their salvation, kneeling before their king, and releasing their treasure at his feet had become, for them, the mark of true wealth and wisdom. They disregarded the rich and powerful, changed course, and took the long way home.

As I put away my Christmas decorations, I am reminded that Christ's coming utterly changed the course of history, but also—one believer at a time—continues to change the direction of our lives. What a gift we have, this opportunity to change course and choose a different (and wiser) way home. There is no greater Christmas gift than this amazing grace God gives us, through his Son, to begin again—wiser, more humble, richer in love, and (in a world with so much pressure to conform) freer to choose the way that leads to life.

2018, like every year, has held blessings and challenges, accomplishments and failures, joys and heartaches, wins and losses. Some of you have been carrying heavy burdens, suffering illness, dealing with loss—and are waiting for these storms to pass. I encourage you to remember God is always at work, restoring and healing in ways we can't yet see. "I am making all things new," is the Advent promise for which we still wait, and the baby in the manger is the sign that God is already with us as we leave Bethlehem behind and journey back "home".

2019 brings us opportunities to use our past well. May our mistakes make us wiser. May the hurtful words of others make us kinder. May our grief give us courage. May our pain give us strength. May our disappointment in others remind us of our own need for grace; may it give us uncommon patience and lead to a deeper trust in God.

January at Benevola will be a month of new beginnings. We will celebrate Epiphany, renew our baptism, install our 2019 leaders, baptize our children, discover our spiritual gifts, and renew our commitment to worship and witness, grow and give, love and live for the glory of God. What better way to honor Jesus, our Savior and Lord who makes all things new. As Brad Paisley once said so well:

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." – Brad Paisley

Grace and Peace, and a Blessed New Year, Pastor Cindy



SERMON SERIES

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

On January 6, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday, remembering the Magi who came to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King. We will consider how the Christ child transforms our life journey, and will learn about the song “Go Tell it On the Mountain”, the final carol in our Christmas series.

On January 13 we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, including a service of Baptism Renewal and Remembrance. Having remembered our baptism and renewed our commitment to Christ, we will launch into our new series, “Greater Gifts.” Together we will focus upon lifting up the spiritual gifts God has given us, and strategically acting together as one body with many interconnected parts. I hope you’ll be in worship this month—we are so much better together!

“Greater Gifts”

January 13-February 3

January 13: Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Greater Gifts Part 1: You Are Beloved
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Service of Remembrance of Baptism

January 20: Gifted for Others
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Installation of Officers

January 27: Needy—in a Good Way
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Sacrament of Baptism

February 3: Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-13



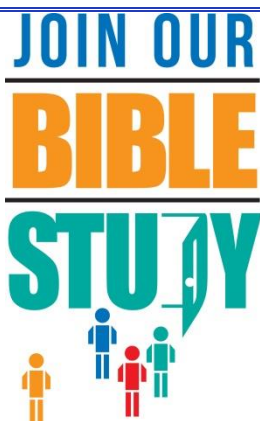
	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
1/6		Laurie Hanna	Lydia Shank Hayden Shank, pew candles	
1/13	Stipanovic Family	Zach Stipanovic	Hayden Shank	Kevin Fox
1/20	Gordon Family		Liam Boyd	Nelson Baker
1/27	Judy Green/Nancy Troup	Judy Green	Isaac Wescott	Joe Reed

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.

• FLOWER CHART •



The 2019 Flower Chart is posted in the main hallway along with the contact information for Gibneys Florist. Thank you to all those who signed up to put flowers in the sanctuary this past year. If you have any questions contact Brenda Embly 301-739-0394 or JoAnn Duffey 301-432-6462.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS, JANUARY 9.

Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today. **Wednesdays, 6:45 pm in room 201.** The Wednesday night study is back on schedule this month with the informative and engaging study, *Making Sense of the Bible*. This is for those who want to have a deeper understanding of scripture and use it more powerfully and practically in their lives. Our Thursday am class has learned and grown a lot from this study, so we're offering it again for the folks who can come in the evening. Based on the book and video by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Each week covers a topic that we've struggled with in trying to make sense of the Bible.

- 1-Making Sense of the Old Testament
- 2-Making Sense of the New Testament
- 3-Questions About the Nature of Scripture
- 4-The Bible and Science
- 5-Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues
- 6- Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships

"I would strongly recommend "Making Sense of the Bible" to anyone wanting to further their understanding of the Bible in a common sense manner for today. After the course, I couldn't wait to reread the Bible with a new "set of eyes". Adam Hamilton is a great teacher and his book sparked many enlightening discussions."

--Elaine Semler

"Adam Hamilton's insights really helped me to understand how the history of putting the Bible together came about."

--Becky Hein

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RETURNS JANUARY 10.

10 am Thursdays Starting January 10 IN ROOM 201. Please join us as we begin a new Bible study on Thursday mornings. We always grow deeper in faith and stronger in friendship in this small group time. Come early and join us in the sanctuary for prayer time 9:30-10:00am. All are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up for mid-week bible studies, contact Pastor Cindy at pastor.benevola@gmail.com.



Sanctuary TV and Recording Project Update

I am happy to report that we have met our goal of \$2,500.00 for the TV/Recording project. Thank you for the generous donations. Any additional gifts will be used for upgrades and maintenance of this system. Jack Slye

Be Transformed!

Body & Soul Fitness' Winter Session 2019 **begins Monday, Jan. 7, in the Benevola gym!** Mark your calendar for every Mon and Wed from 5:30 -6:30 PM for 12 weeks. This Co-Ed class includes cardio, strength, and stretching to great new music from our "Be Transformed" theme. Try a class for free, bring a friend (for a discount!), and keep moving all winter! Visit bodyandsoul.org or call Connie at (301) 432-2391 for more info.

United Methodist Men call for Potato Drop Donations

For several years, The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Men have facilitated Potato Drops throughout our Conference to feed the hungry. Potato Drops have been delivered to churches, soup kitchens, and the Salvation Army. Unfortunately, the cost of diesel fuel and other items have increased to the point that we have run out of funds and are not able to have potatoes delivered to our Conference for the remainder of the year. The remaining Potato Drop deliveries have been canceled for 2018.



In order to keep the drops from being canceled again, they need your help with a donation. All funds collected will be sent to The Society of Saint Andrew Potato Project – Feed the Hungry. Please put "Pototo Project" in the memo line of your check. Each Potato Drop delivery cost \$4,500. They hope to have seven Potato Drops in 2019 for a total cost of \$31,500.

There are copies of the full letter from the UMM in the hallway. Thank you very much for your help and prayers.

Angel Tree

Once again, our Benevola church family enthusiastically responded to the needs of less fortunate children from our community. Thanks to the generosity of those who took an "Angel Tree" child, we were able to provide Christmas gift bags for 32 children from Boonsboro, Pangborn, Pleasant Valley, and Sharpsburg Elementary Schools. You all did such a wonderful job choosing the gifts, providing the wrapping, and returning the gift bags to our church, so promptly. Without your donations, these children would not wake up on Christmas morning with something special for them under their tree. When the gifts were dropped off at the schools, the counselors were so very appreciative and relayed the same sincere appreciation from the families of the children who will receive the gifts. Thank you again so very much and may God richly bless you this Christmas as we celebrate God's gift to all of us! ~ Sue Barnes

Offering Envelopes

The 2019 offering envelopes are available in the hallway.



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp – July 21 – 26, 2019

This was founded in 1984 by two pastors and is now run by lay people typically repairing about 40 houses throughout Baltimore County mostly during just one week. Volunteers commit for one day or as many days as their schedules allow and can sleep in their own beds each night.

There is a kick off dinner, silent auction, and orientation on Sunday, July 21 at Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church in Riderwood, west of Towson. Breakfast is also held at Hunt's each day. After preparing a bag lunch, volunteer workers of all ages and with varying skills and abilities can choose a work site suitable to their talents and/ or interests. All types of repairs are tackled both inside and outside – plumbing, electrical, carpentry, dry wall, roofs, simple concrete work, ramps, porches, steps, insulation, painting, caulking, yard work, general cleanup, and any other needs that may arise. All ages are welcome: anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by adults. Especially needed are workers skilled in the areas of carpentry, masonry, plumbing, house painting, electrical wiring, and roofing. All must have their own medical/ accident insurance to participate.

The cost is \$25 for all week or \$6 a day. Fees help cover meals, expenses, etc. Registration forms are available on the website, www.bcchristianworkcamp.org. Forms or donations should be mailed to Baltimore County Christian Workcamp, P.O. Box 5082, Timonium, MD 21094.

More information is available on the Outreach bulletin board across from the elevator. Please let Becky Hein know if you plan to attend and for which days. Becky plans to work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday or Friday. If you have questions, give her a call at 301-432-5780.





- 1 Steve Brightwell, Tina Routzahn
- 2 Terri Baker, Ann Shifler
- 3 Jessica Higman, Tony Kinzer, Liz Rohrer, Eric Lego
- 4 Kevin Hutchinson
- 5 Bruce Burley, Karen Shea
- 7 Charlie DeLuca
- 8 Allen Sharpless
- 9 Jim Weddle, Evan Pettit
- 10 Alice Michael, Easton Brightwell
- 11 Laura Mills, Tom and Will Brinton, Brandon Schilling
- 12 Jenny Smith
- 13 Paul Brabson
- 14 Loretta Stotelmeyer
- 15 Dave Campbell
- 17 Rose Garner, Anne Rowland
- 18 Anne Wright
- 19 Nelson Reeder, Jack Slye, Chuck Waltemire, Luke Coulter, Eric Stanfield
- 20 Leonard Embly, Jr.
- 21 Ronald Burkett
- 22 Joan Adams, Phil Marshall, Phil Fox
- 24 Elizabeth Socks, Niki Conway, Peyton Wescott, Brittany Meadows
- 25 Patti Weaver, Cassidy Meadows
- 26 Shirley Shifler, Keith Potter, John Wolfensberger, Wendy Pettit, KaitLynn Nave
- 27 Dorothy Fuller, Kristi Duffey,
- 28 Gary Hartzell, Ben & Bevin Moats
- 30 Bethany Oberhaus
- 31 Courtney Ridenour



- 2 Reginald & Alice Michael
- 25 David & Tina Coulter
- 27 Wayne & JoAnn Duffey
- 29 Brian & Terra Rogers



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00 Lunch Bunch	3 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice	4	5 7:00 Men's Breakfast
6	7 5:30 Body & Soul	8 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings	9 5:30 Body & Soul	10 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study	11	12
13	14 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach	15 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings 6:30 SPPRC meeting meeting	16 12 Moving on 5:30 Body & Soul	17 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study	18 12 Book Club	19
20	21 5:30 NO Body & Soul	22 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings	23 5:30 Body & Soul	24 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice	25	26
27	28 5:30 Body & Soul 7:00 campus life.	29 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Fellowship & Ministries	30 5:30 Body & Soul	31 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice		

BENEVOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Change Service Requested

Benevola's staff and leadership:

Pastor: Rev. Cindy Caldwell
Administrative Assistant: Teri Baker
Organist: Ruann George
Child Care: Megan Brooks & Jenna Hornbaker
Lay Leader: Becky Hein
Treasurer: Dawn Baker
Financial Secretary: Bill & Karen Flook
Ad Council Chair: Klaus Hein
Trustee Chair: Rick Stotemyer
Outreach Chair: Kathy Witman
SPPRC Chair: Becky Hein, interim
Worship/Music Chair: Cindy Stevens
Finance Committee Chair: Nelson Baker
Fellowship & Ministries: Brenda Embly/Gena Norwood
Education Chair: Linda Stump
Youth Ministry: Mike & Amy Wescott
Family Ministry: Heidi Boyd

