



Life@Benevola

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



MARCH 2019

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

FROM THE PASTOR DESK

From the Pastor's Desk

It's hard to believe that in just a few days we will be in the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is just a few days away, and once again we will be joining the South County churches for Lenten & Holy Week worship.

Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on our human condition and refocus our faith through fasting, penance and prayer. We will begin with Ash Wednesday at Mt. Nebo. With the imposition of ashes, we remember that our human story began in the dust, and to dust we all return. Dust has no hope. Dust cannot live. . . unless God writes a new story in that dust.

In the gospel of John there is a story in which an angry crowd dragged a sinner before Jesus to accuse her of a crime. She had been caught in the act of adultery, and the crowd was ready to stone her to death. Here is what happened next:

. . . Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:6-11)

We will never know what Jesus wrote there in the dust, just before lifting this broken soul from certain death to new life, but I do know this: He is the same One who formed us from the dust and has come into the world to be one of us. He has confronted the darkness that we impose upon one another in this sinful world, and has overcome death itself. At the cross he has taken upon himself the guilt and shame and pain of it all, so that we might rise from death to new life.

If you have friends or family who have been away from church for awhile I urge you to invite them back to hear the gospel again. It is, in essence, God's story inscribed in the ashes of our lives, so we may live.

Join us for a community Ash Wednesday service Wed. March 6 at Mt. Nebo.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Cindy





SERMON SERIES

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship Series: For the Glory of God

Through the cracks of our broken and flawed lives, Jesus wants us to shine with His light and love. Lent is a time for lots of Rs: Reflection, Reality-check; Repentance, Re-orienting our lives, and Returning to God. What must I do, and how must I turn so that I receive more of the light of Christ in my life, and reflect Him to the world? Our lessons in Lent will be grounded in scripture and framed in our church's mission. Old and New Testament truths will help us walk the walk of true discipleship and catch the light of Easter.

March 6: Ash Wednesday Community Service 7 pm at Mt. Nebo UMC

Sunday Worship at Benevola

March 10: Broken Vessels, Bright Light *(the Glory of God)*

March 17: *Worship* With All My Heart

March 24: *WITNESS*, A Chain Reaction

March 31: Pruning to *GROW*

April 7: The Grace to *GIVE*

April 14: Palm Sunday: Costly *LOVE*

April 21: Easter Sunday: *LIVE* for the Glory of God

Holy Week Community Services

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, 6:30pm

Benevola United Methodist Church (Spiritual Life Center)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Powerpoint Reflections

Benevola UMC, 8-11 am, 12-1pm, 6-8 pm

Good Friday Community Worship at

Trinity Reformed UCC, 7 pm

Our Mission is to Worship and Witness, Grow and Give, Love and Live for the Glory of God.



	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
3/3	Shank Family	Tammy Duffey	Lydia Shank	Bill Flook
3/10	Jack & Faye Slye	Jack Slye	Hayden Shank	Kevin Fox
3/17	Elaine & Bernie Semler	Kevin Fox	Isaac Wescott	Nelson Baker
3/24	Flook Family	Bill Flook	Zachary Stanfield	Joe Reed
3/31	Wescott Family	Mike Wescott	Ella Rowland	Brenda Embly

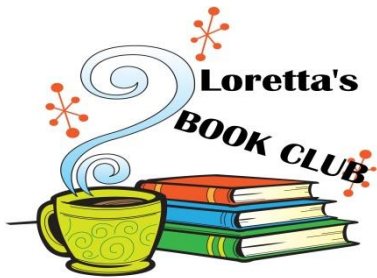
Have you moved? Please help us to keep the information provided in our Church Directory up to date. Please contact Teri with your current information, if you have any changes. The Church email is benevolachurch@myactv.net.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

Bonnie Diehl & Jennifer, Tony & Tracy Kinzer and family on the death of their husband and father, Chris Diehl on Feb. 1

Ron Schilling, Danny & Tammy Poffenberger, Tim and Lisa Schilling and family on the death of their wife and mother, Katie Schilling on Feb. 11.



Loretta's Book Club will meet March 15 @ 12 noon. Our book for this month is the Great Alone by Christine Hannah.. We are always looking for new readers to join us.

Growth Opportunities

Whether you are a regular attendee or a committee chair, a member of the Administrative Council or someone who wants to grow themselves or help Benevola grow, there are opportunities for you during the month of March.

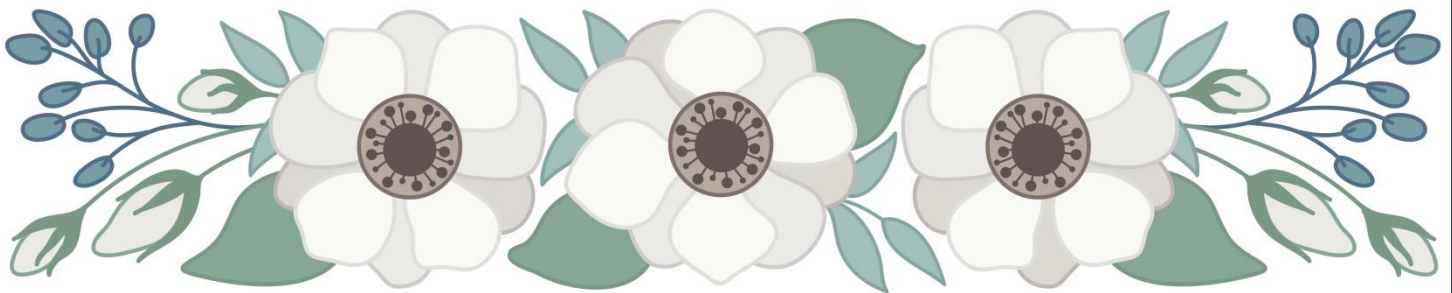
Leadership Night, March 4

On Monday, March 4 at 6:30 pm, a Leadership Night will be held at Benevola. We will look at the responsibilities of each committee and at the direction and goals that we want for Benevola. Please come and help us as we grow together.

Western Region Leadership Days, March 30

On Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Otterbein UMC in Hagerstown, the conference is holding Leadership Days for the Western Region. You are invited to visit the conference website (bwc.org) for full details and to sign up. Or there is information on the bulletin board at church with details of the many workshops that are being offered and some paper sign-up sheets.

Both of these opportunities are open to whoever wants to get to know themselves, Benevola, and the United Methodist church better as we worship Jesus Christ and make disciples for Him. Come and join us.





Christian Education News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 24-28**.

We will be using the theme **To Mars and Beyond** by Cokesbury.

More information will be coming in the future!



It isn't too early to volunteer. Many hands will be 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.



- 1 Mark Leadingham II, Catherine Hawfield
- 4 Dean Reeder, Don Quail
- 5 Irene Embly, Angie Hummer
- 6 Jan Hanna
- 7 Bob Moats, Jimmy Roupe, Maggie Flook
- 8 Tina Lewis, Harry Robbins
- 9 Tia Wright
- 10 Larry Stevens
- 11 Michelle Embly, Brit Burtner, Tammy Duffey, Mike Hammond
- 12 Scott Baker, Darrell Jones. Noah & Elijah Weddle
- 13 Margie Moats, Kenneth Nelson, Helen Leadingham, Jason Johnson
- 14 Jeff Diehl, Deidre Fulks, Austin (AJ) Williams
- 16 Harrison DeStefano
- 17 Jeanette Leadingham
- 18 Christina Williams, Tammy Poffenberger, Ada DeStefano
- 19 Joyce Rowe
- 20 Pam Campbell, Nicholas Stevens, Drake Rottmund
- 21 April Schultheis
- 22 Don Gill, Laurie Hanna, Mary Jane Koontz, Lisa Kirkham
- 24 Marianne Cardea, Anya Van Somerlen, Jessica Zentmeyer, Lisa Carr
- 25 Jamie Johnson, Tina Coulter
- 27 Theodore Fox, Lisa Brosenne
- 28 Sevan Birky
- 29 Lorraine Eccard, Aubrey Wescott
- 30 Aaron Myers
- 31 Kelsi Waltemire, Cole Rinehart



- 2 Mike & Vickie Hammond
- 5 Joe & Mary Sue Hamilton, Sr.
- 13 Merle & Jessica Hess
- 17 Ray & Linda Grove, John & Wilma Holdway, Kirk & Jane Edwards, Jim & Janet Hanna

Oyster, Turkey, and Ham Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2019

12:00 to 5:00 PM at Benevola U.M. Church

While supplies last

We would love to see you and your friends!

Menu: Fried Oysters, Ham, Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, sauerkraut, corn, green beans, assorted desserts.

Your Help is NEEDED!

Thursday 9 AM to set tables; 3 PM to cut up bread

Friday 9 AM to set tables & carve hams & turkeys

Saturday

7 AM to noon pat oysters and to fix food in kitchen,

11:30AM - 6 PM to serve and 5-8 PM to clean up.

Help is especially needed from 3-7 PM.

Desserts are also needed cakes, pies, brownies, etc.

Please bring desserts to the church by 10 AM on Saturday.

If you can help, **please sign up** at church or call Becky Hein (301)432-5780 and leave a message .

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 oyster dinner prep	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast 12 oyster dinner
3	4 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Leadership night	5 9:00 Quilting	6 12:00 Lunch Bunch 5:30 Body & Soul Ash Wednesday	7 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice	8	9
10	11 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach	12 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings	13 5:30 Body & Soul	14 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice	15 12 Book Club	16
17	18 5:30 Body & Soul	19 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Choir practice	20 12 Moving on @ Fratelli's 5:30 Body & Soul	21 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study	22	23
24	25 5:30 Body & Soul 7 YF Campus Life	26 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings	27 5:30 Body & Soul	28 9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice	29 Women's retreat weekend	30 Leadership days @ Otterbein
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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
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Trustee Chair: Jack Slye
Outreach Chair: Kathy Witman
SPPRC Chair: Elaine Semler & Danny
Poffenberger
Worship/Music Chair: Cindy Stevens
Finance Committee Chair: Nelson Baker
Fellowship & Ministries: Brenda
Embyl/Gena Norwood
Education Chair: Linda Stump
Youth Ministry: Mike & Amy Wescott
Family Ministry: Heidi Boyd
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