



Life@Benevola

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



MAY 2019

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

FROM THE PASTOR DESK

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Now what do we do? We have had some powerful worship experiences as we walked with Jesus through the events of Holy Week. Along with our neighboring churches we have sat with Jesus at the Last Supper, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, listened to his dying words, stood at the cross, and visited the grave where the angels announced the surprising news: *“He is not here. He has risen.”* What happens now, now that the culminating miracle of Resurrection has occurred?

It’s likely that Jesus’ followers asked this question too. The fanfare of Easter day is behind us, but the joy that the Resurrection brings is much too great to be contained in a day. Our celebration of Easter continues on for fifty days, until Pentecost, so we’ll be singing those Easter hymns for awhile. And then after that, every Sunday that we worship is another “little Easter” where we celebrate the resurrection again!

In the next few weeks we will learn how Jesus continued to teach and encourage his disciples in those first hours and days of Easter. It began much like a puzzle with a few pieces missing: An open grave. A missing body. Grave cloth folded in a corner. But Jesus won’t leave his friends in confusion and doubt. He will not leave them in guilt or shame or grief. He will come quickly to provide the missing piece. Mary needed Jesus to speak her name. Thomas needed to see and believe. The disciples on the road to Emmaus needed to have the scriptures explained to them. Peter needed forgiveness. What a friend we have in Jesus! You and I can be sure he will likewise provide whatever we need to be sure of our faith and see our journey through.

This is the beauty and wonder of the Resurrection. It was not enough for Jesus that he saved us from the ultimate curse of sin and death. He has saved us *for* a life of freedom and joy and divine purpose. Charles Wesley described this “resurrection life” in the hymn *“Forth In Thy Name I Go”* (UMH #438).

1. *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.*

2. *The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.*

3. *Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.*

4. *For thee delightfully employ
what e’er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.*

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cindy



Worship in the Easter Season

It is my hope and prayer that our experience of Easter will linger in our hearts for some time. It is, not just a day of celebration but a season of transformation. Christ is risen! And he has promised to live among us as we follow him into a new age of faith, hope, and love. There is still so much to learn from this One who rose from the dead. He will not leave us in the puzzled amazement of an empty tomb, but will share his life and his glory with us. Because he lives, we also are newly alive. And this new life takes practice. Each week Jesus challenges us to take a step of faith that will give us the perspective and power to live and love for the glory of God. May these 50 days of Easter continue to renew us in every way as we experience our risen Lord.

April 28: "Unless I See . . ."

John 20: 19-31

(Dr. Steve Robison)

May 5: "Follow Me"

John 21:1-19

May 12: "Listen to Me"

John 10:22-30

May 19: Marked by Love

John 13:31-35

May 26: Sent by Love

John 14:23-29

(Speaker TBA)

June 2: Embodied Love

John 17:20-26

June 9: Empowered by Love

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Sunday

Administrative Council Action April 9

The Administrative Council and various committee meetings have had lengthy discussions, over a number of months, dealing with the fact that the congregation's annual expenses have exceeded funds received for quite a number of years. A special Administrative Council meeting was held on 9 April 2019. At that meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed, to request the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church to change the pastorate at Benevola from full-time to half-time. As we had prior communication from the conference that the appointments for the current year have been completed, it is most likely that the requested change to a half-time pastor will occur in mid-2020.

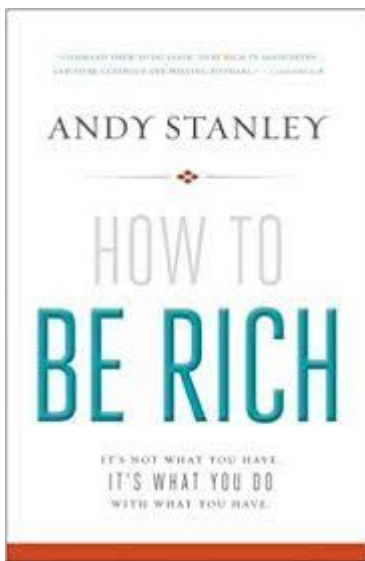


	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
5/5	Dave & Cathy Collins	Becky Hein		Bill Flook
5/12	Youth	Youth		Kevin Fox
5/19	Klaus & Becky Hein	Klaus Hein	Zachary Stanfield	Nelson Baker
5/26	Wayne & JoAnn Duffey			Joe Reed

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.



High Schoolers - A YouthWorks mission trip has been planned for July 14-19 to Louisville, KY. If you are interested in an amazing week of mission work, Bible study, Christian teen fellowship and fun, contact Amy Wescott for more information and/or go to www.youthworks.com. A deposit of \$50 is due by April 30 to reserve your spot.



New SS class---How to be Rich

“How to be Rich” by Andy Stanley discusses how most of us are richer than we believe. “It’s not what you have. It’s what you do with what you have.” Join us for a 4-week adult Sunday School series starting May 5. Based on Timothy 6:18 “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

These lessons were enjoyed by our high school class last year, and made applicable to their lives. ADULTS! We are never too young or too old to look at our “riches” in a new light - God’s light.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule so we know how many study guides to provide. We promise to have yummy snacks too!

New Session of Body & Soul Fitness!

Ready to shape up for summer fun? Join the **Spring 19 Cardio Strength** exercise classes **starting Wed, April 24**, and continuing for 7 weeks every Mon and Wed from 5:30-6:30 PM. "Be Transformed" by the great new music, including 3 songs by Toby Mac, and a mix of movements to work all your major muscle groups! Try the first class for free. Visit bodyandsoul.org or call Connie (301) 432-2391 for more info!



Christian Education News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

Our free Vacation Bible School is for children PreK-Grade 5

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



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, picture taking, and to lead children around to stations. Even if you can't committ to the entire week, consider helping when you can. We can even use helpers before VBS to help with decorating. If you can help, or to register, please contact Linda Stump @ 301-790-0253 or c.stump@myactv.net or visit our VBS website at:

<http://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/BenevolaChurch>

Nursery: We have lost one of our childcare providers, but Megan and a weekly volunteer are still available to take good care of our little ones in the nursery every Sunday from 8:30-11:30. Children ages 0-grade 1 are welcome. Please take advantage of this service provided by the church.

If you know of anyone willing to apply for the nursery vacancy, please let Pastor Cindy or Linda Stump know (301-790-0253 or c.stump@myactv.net).

Meeting: There will be a Christian Education meeting on May 14th at 6:30 at the church. As part of the agenda, we will be discussing Bible School (Scheduled for June 24-28.) and the future of our Christian Education programs. Our Sunday School staff are the primary members of the Christian Education committee, however, if you have an interest in contributing your ideas about the future of Christian Education at Benevola, please feel free to attend.



Community Breakfast

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The free community breakfast that has previously been held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the SLC is in need of volunteers if it is to continue to be held. Please let Kathy Witman or call her at 301-676-5758 know if you are interested in volunteering or if you'd like additional information. This has been a successful community event in the past but several volunteers have had to stop participating due to health reasons. Please pray about this and consider helping out.

Text messages

Are you someone who prefers to receive important announcements and information via text? Follow these simple instructions, and you will be added to the Benevola UMC text thread.

Instructions to receive texts:

text: @benevolau

to: 81010



Tutor Training

The Literacy council of Washington County will hold a Tutor Training on two Saturdays, May 11 and 18, 2019, 8:45-4:00 pm at Benevola UMC. Tutors work one to one with adult students who need help reading or speaking English. Prospective tutors don't need teaching experience, just the willingness and time to help, the ability to read, and attend the free two day training. To register, call the Literacy Council at 301-739-4208 or email office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncounty.com.

2019 Graduates



If you are a 2019 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 17.



- 1 Morgan Boyd
- 2 Lisa Ridenour
- 4 Teri M. Baker, Desiree Peperak, Chad Duffey, Kyler Alan Schultheis
- 5 Margaret Campbell
- 6 Dylan Coulter, Troy Bigelow, Laura Rottmund, Ella Rowland
- 7 Pam Lego, Madden Haupt, Corinne Haupt
- 8 Megan Burtner, Parker Bigelow, Eric Stenger, Eric Brabson
- 9 Sadie Baker
- 10 Heather Hutchinson
- 11 Morgan Angle, Jarrett Rottmund
- 12 Keira Burtner
- 14 Bob Barnhart
- 15 Eric Phipps, Janelle Weddle
- 16 Kimberly Angle
- 17 Brett Rowland, Patti Powers, Megan Campbell, Grace Roupe
- 19 Lorne Ridenour, Matt Barnes, Charlie Leadingham
- 20 Crystal Fales, Doug Stotemyer, Eileen Stump, Jesse Hines, Karen Brightwell, Jeremy Angle
- 21 Nathan Williams
- 22 Cayden Hawkins, Nicholas Baker, Drew Atkinson
- 23 Tammy Burkett, David Barnes
- 24 Cindy Burtner, James Mills
- 25 Laurel Brabson, Andy Brabson, Lisa Hawkins, Michelle Burket
- 26 Kim Heller, Colin Martinez
- 27 Matthew Wolfensberger
- 28 Jim Roupe
- 29 Bonnie Reese Miller, Douglas Bigelow, Luke Angle



- 5 Donald & Patsy Campbell, Kim & Dee Horner
- 6 Chuck & Mary Ellen Waltemire, Craig & Christina Williams
- 7 Danny & Tammy Poffenberger
- 12 Zach & Eileen Stipanovic
- 15 Robert & Cindi Hawfield
- 19 Kevin & Sharon Myers
- 20 David & Pamela Campbell
- 25 Steve & Anne Wright, Murle & Patti Powers
- 29 Bob & Margie Moats
- 30 Mike & Amy Wescott, Tom & Dorothy Fath

Just for fun (and in honor of our moms) . . .

Test your “Women of the Bible” IQ.

See how many of these you can answer before cracking open your bible.



1. Who was the first female judge of Israel? (Judges 4)
2. What was the name of Sarah’s Egyptian maid? (Genesis 16)
3. What Israelite woman lived in Moab but returned to Israel after her husband's death? (Ruth 1)
4. What woman was turned into a pillar of salt? (Genesis 19)
5. What Jewish girl married a Persian emperor and helped save her people from extermination? (Esther 4)
6. What servant girl in Jerusalem answered the door when Peter escaped from prison? (Acts 12)
7. What queen traveled far to meet Solomon face to face? (1 Kings 10)
8. What Egyptian wife caused Joseph to be thrown in prison? (Genesis 39)
9. What barren woman begged God for a son, gave birth to a son, and then gave him up to be raised by a priest? (1 Samuel 1)
10. What mother informed her son at a wedding that the wine had run out? (John 2)

Volunteer Opportunities in Hagerstown and Baltimore

As members of Christ’s church, we are called to give of our time and talents. The Outreach Committee proposes these opportunities for you to do just that. We would like to get a team together for any or all of these if there is interest. If you are willing, there is always a job for everyone. Please let Becky Hein (301-988-8003) know which ones appeal to you.

Saturday, July 20, 2019: Habitat for Humanity. We would like to have a day when Benevola helps with the local build of a Habitat home in Hagerstown or with the Women Build Home in Smithsburg.

July 22 to 26, 2019: Baltimore County Christian Work Camp. Area homes in Baltimore County are fixed up: roofs repaired, ramps built, painting inside and out, yard clean up, etc. You can volunteer for one day or all five days – it’s up to you.

Thursday, September 19, 2019: United Way Day of Caring in Washington County. On this day, volunteers will help local residents with minor repairs to their homes, yard clean up, etc.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 Lunch Bunch 5:30 Body & Soul 8:00 Men's Hoop	2 6:30 choir practice	3	4 7:00 Men's Breakfast
5	6 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Leadership Meeting	7 9:00 Quilting 6:30 SPPRC meeting	8 5:30 Body & Soul 8:00 Men's Hoop	9	10	11
12	13 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach meeting 7:30 Nominations meeting	14 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:30 CE meeting	15 12:00 Moving on Family diner @mall 5:30 Body & Soul 8:00 Men's Hoop	16	17 12:00 Book Club	18
19	20 5:30 Body & Soul	21 9:00 Quilting	22 5:30 Body & Soul 8:00 Men's Hoop	23 6:30 choir practice	24	25
26	27 5:30 NO Body & Soul	28 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Katie's Cupboard	29 5:30 Body & Soul 8:00 Men's Hoop Annual Conference	30 Annual Conference	31 Annual Conference	

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Benevola's staff and leadership:

Pastor: Rev. Cindy Caldwell
Administrative Assistant: Teri Baker
Organist: Ruann George
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Financial Secretary: Bill & Karen Flook
Ad Council Chair: Klaus Hein
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 Embly/Gena Norwood
Education Chair: Linda Stump
Youth Ministry: Mike & Amy Wescott
Family Ministry: Heidi Boyd
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