



Life@Benevola

*“Engaging in Worship, Encouraging Study,
Energizing for Missions, Enriching the
Community.”*

“Hearts, Heads, & Hands for Christ”



AUGUST 2017

Sunday Worship: 9am

Sunday School 10:30am 301-791-3576

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” *--Ephesians 2:8-10*

Dear Benevola Family—

I believe that Christ came into the world and gave his life to save us from sin and death. That is good news indeed. But more significantly, God has showered each of us with the gift of saving grace that we are to share with the world. So we are not only saved *from* destruction, but we are also saved *for* a life of joyful service purposed in the mind of a loving God. Through Christ, God has gifted us with salvation. And salvation is made complete in our lives as we determine to *be* God's gift to others.

The first church of Pentecost was a Spirit-led community that reflected God's love in every way. Their life together exemplified the self-giving nature of caring and sharing that Jesus taught. (Acts 2:42-47) But you know, people will be people. We get in each other's way. We get in our own way. And in our con we tend to forget how amazing is the grace that was showered on us. Paul noticed that the once-unified believers were becoming self-focused instead of God-focused. The result was conflict and division. His great letter to the Ephesians (really, to churches in general) reminds us of the costly and beautiful gift of Christ and the cross, and our purpose in the body of Christ to be bearers of that gift.

In August, after a few more parables of Jesus, we will turn our attention to a new worship series called “Gifted”, which is all about the gifts of the Spirit and their place in the church. Every believer is uniquely gifted, and by mid-September we will explored our giftedness, and how we can experience God through serving. We will get a view of God's “big picture” of our call to ministry at Benevola—and why God thinks we make a good team.

During the remainder of the summer, our leaders will be (vacationing and) working diligently toward another active fall season: Boonsboro Days Yardsale, Apple Dumplings, new classes and groups for all ages, and more ways we will be the church together. Until then, have fun at the beach, in the mountains, on your road trips and boat trips and arctic excursions. Stay connected. Be safe. Pray for our church. See you soon.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cindy



AUGUST 2017

	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher	Cribbery	Children's Church
8/6	Ruann George	Mac Caldwell	Noah Weddle	Dean Reeder	Shank Family	Becky Hein
8/13	Cindy Burtner	Ruth Ridenour	Logan Weddle	Kevin Fox	Boyd Family	Laura & Jason Weddle
8/20	Ray & Linda Grove	Gena Norwood	Eli Weddle	Joe Reed	Chrissy Embly & Lilly Leadingham	Boyd Family
8/27	Rick, Tina & Loretta Stotemyer	John Burtner		Joe Reed	Angle Family	Atkinson Family



Calling All Seniors!

Golden Cross Banquet

Golden Cross Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. All those who are 60 years and older are welcome. Come and join us for an evening of great fellowship. If you are planning to attend please sign up with Dawn Baker, 301-739-5184 or Brenda Embly, 301-739-0394 by July 30th.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

Apple Dumpling Production will begin on Tuesday, August 1st, Thursday, August 3rd, possibly Tuesday, August 8th, if not Tuesday, then Thursday, August 10th, starting at 3p.m. Our Apple Dumplings are well know over the area and we sell a lot before and during the Boonsboro Days weekend. This is a good way to get to know your church family and many helping hands are needed. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Any questions contact Becky Hein, 301-988-8003 or Brenda Embly, 301-739-0394.





Boonsboro Days

Boonsboro Days Weekend will be held Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Spiritual Life Center. We will be selling food, apple dumplings, bake goods, and yard sale items. If you would like to help or donate items for the yard sale, please contact Wayne and JoAnn Duffey 301-432-6462. If you can help with preparing soups, pies, steamer, set up, working in the kitchen, clean up, and other various jobs, please contact Becky Hein 301-988-8003. There will be a sign up sheet for donations of bake goods. You can also help by spreading the word and inviting your family and friends to come out and support this event.

**On Sunday, Sept. 10, we will have our regular worship at 9:00 am at Benevola, instead of Shaffer Park.

Outreach ---Duffle bags

The Outreach Committee will be collecting backpacks and duffle bags for the homeless people who come to the REACH shelter. Please contact Siri Young with questions (240) 310-3280,. A box will be available near the entry to the church.



Craft Bazaar

The Craft Bazaar and bake sale will be held, on Saturday, October 14th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. along with our Community Breakfast. Table spaces are available at \$10.00 each for craft items or vendor sales. If you are interested in reserving a table space or donating bake goods, please contact Brenda Embly 301-739-0394 or brendaembly@aol.com

We Are ONE: Connected in Covenant

Pastor Cindy Caldwell and Becky Hein attended the 233rd Annual Conference of the Baltimore- Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church from May 31 to June 2, 2017 in Washington, DC. Although we come from 628 different churches, and we are a very diverse community, we came together to worship Christ and share God's love. Our one hope is to become fully alive in Christ and make a difference in a diverse and ever-changing world.

During the Conference we voted on four resolutions. The first to boycott Hewlett Packard products, passed 396 to 318, to be a witness to peace against a company that manufactures products used by the Israeli military. A second similar resolution encouraged the Board of Pensions to refrain from investment in HP, Caterpillar and Motorola because of these corporations' involvement in the Israel-Palestine conflict. This resolution was defeated 361 to 350. Members voted 384 to 304 for BWC to rejoin the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Members also voted 634 to 44 to adopt a moving policy which will give retirees who are moving similar financial support to that received by active clergy.

Our conference voted on amendments to the denomination's Constitution as recommended by the 2016 General Conference of the UMC. These included such topics as "men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God;" ensuring that the election of delegates to the General Conference be held at an annual conference; and adopting provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold individual bishops accountable. Although many of the votes at conference were heavily debated, we still all worship one God, and are united in wanting to witness to others about the love of Christ.

During conference we also had wonderful times of bible study, worshiping together, communion, ordination, and a memorial service for clergy and laity who have died in the last year. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and others gave inspiring messages of hope and unity for the United Methodist Church.

In the end, we were one body, one in hope, one in prayer, one in spirit, and one in a God who was present among us. Portions of this report are from the UM Connection DAILY that summarize what happens at Annual Conference. If you want more information about conference, copies of these are in the hallway at Church.

- 1 Pete Rinehart, Wayne Duffey
- 2 Jonathan Baker, Ella Mae Gross
- 3 Benjamin Reed, Sylvia Burtner,
- 4 John Holdway, Cody Hines
- 5 Ginger Bigelow, Tom Embly, Shane Leatherman, Mika Fox
- 7 Jerry Angle, Julie Bare
- 8 Miranda Embly, John Garner
- 9 LuBeth Reeve, Karen Flook, Greg Moser, Jess Routzahn
- 11 Tonya Oberhaus
- 13 Logan Atkinson, Maureen Baker, Liam Boyd, Caren Kerr
- 16 Tanner Edwards
- 17 Marta Riccio, Steve Peperak
- 18 Kathy Phipps, Mary Sue Hamilton
- 19 Timothy Carr
- 20 Porter Gray Stipanovic, Cole Hess
- 21 Steve Green
- 23 Stuart Lego, Kevin Chesnutwood, Jennifer Kinzer, Abigail Reeder
- 24 Cody Rinehart, Christina Gross, Christena Morris
- 25 Adele Gill, Luke Oberhaus, Ethan Leatherman, Emma McNulty
- 26 Cathy Collins, Amber Potter, Molly Flook, Steve Wright
- 27 Nate Robbins
- 28 Sandy Cavanaugh, Brandy Starleper, Gwyn Dean, Melissa Stiles
- 29 Zane Rowe, Linda Grove
- 30 Erica Martinez, Rachael Stump, Bill Bigelow
- 31 Shirley Burkett, Kaitlyn Ridenour, David Conway



- 1 Chip & Cortney Chambers, Brandon & Ashley Burley
- 8 Dennis & Nancy Reeder
- 9 Ken & Kathy Phipps
- 11 Paul & Liz Brabson
- 12 Roger & Sylvia Burtner
- 14 Ray & Patti Young
- 15 Dennis & Brenda Embly
- 18 Mac & Cindy Caldwell
- 21 Tom & Kathy Embly, Wayne & Diane Hottle, Bill & Karen Flook
- 24 Harry & Jackie Robbins
- 27 John & Rose Garner, Benjamin & Lynnsay Erskine
- 29 Mario & Erica Martinez
- 30 Ronald & Shirley Burkett, Eric & Marta Riccio



OUTREACH CORNER

Outreach: *the activity or process of bringing information or services to people beyond the usual limits*

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I'd like to thank those of you who contributed items for the military goodie boxes. We sent the boxes in early July along with cards containing what we hoped were meaningful and inspiring scriptures. We hope this will be something we can do periodically for our soldiers. So, if you know of anyone who'd like to get on our list of recipients, please provide the name, address and a picture (if available) to anyone in the Outreach Committee*. It has also been recommended that we do the same for college students during finals week. More to come on that.

This month, we're proud to highlight the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) which is the largest Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. FCA's purpose is to combine people's passion for sports with their passion for Christ, and to teach them that those two worlds don't have to be separate.

Connie Burley, who serves as our representative at Boonsboro High School relates that this is a student-lead organization and it's wonderful to see them share their faith at their weekly meetings! Here are some activities that the kids do to utilize the gifts. At the high school, they use their money for meeting supplies, outreach projects like Samaritan's purse Shoeboxes of gifts for needy children and Haiti relief, school projects like setting up the annual teacher (and retirees) Thanksgiving breakfast, appreciation gifts for teachers, and events like the Prom Promise Volleyball tournament.

Boonsboro Middle School (BMS) uses the money we give them to host a Christmas dinner and also for "See You at the Pole (SYATP)" materials. SYATP is an annual gathering of thousands of Christian students at a flagpole in front of their local schools for prayer, scripture-reading and worship, during the early morning before school starts. It takes place on the fourth Wednesday in September. SYATP is a global day of student prayer, which began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

Also, three students from BMS attended FCA Leadership Camp this year. The ministry involved in this camp is awesome. During the camp week, many children express their love for Jesus, pray with each other and share in devotion time.

The annual Outreach budget allocates \$300 (\$150 to Boonsboro Middle School and \$150 to Boonsboro High School) to this ministry.

The Moving On Group

The Moving On Group will meet on August 16 at 12:00 pm.

TURN THE PAGE BOOK CLUB



The Turn the Page Book Club will meet on August 18, 2017, they will be reading Hamilton by Ron Chernow. Everyone please bring a dish to share.

From the Benevola Book Club

We would like to share a most recent book we have experienced. It is titled "Cracked not Broken" by Kevin Hines.....surviving and thriving after a suicide attempt....This is an account of a modern day miracle.

Some of us had the opportunity to hear Kevin speak of his experiences in person. This lecture was arranged by Brook Lane Health Services.

The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the recognizable structures to define a modern city. Yet, for author, Kevin Hines, the bridge is not merely a marker of a place or a time. Instead, The BRIDGE marks the beginning of his remarkable story. At nineteen years of age, Kevin Hines attempted to take his own life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge, a distance that took four seconds to fall. Recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder, Kevin had begun to hear voices telling him he had to die and days before his attempt, he began to believe them.

The fall would break his body, but not his spirit. His story chronicles the extraordinary will of the author to live mentally well in the face of his mental illness: bipolar disorder with psychotic features. With each mental breakdown, however, the authors desire to live mental well- and to be a mental health advocate pulled him from the depths of his condition. Kevin's story is a remarkable testament to strength of human spirit and a reminder to us to Love the life we have. His story also reminds us that living mentally well takes time, endurance, hard work and support. With these disciplines in place, those living with even very difficult diagnoses can achieve better lives for themselves and those who help to support and care for them.



Dear Benevola Church,

Thank you for the funding that allowed me to go to Leadership and power camp. I had so much fun at leadership camp and enjoyed growing in my faith.

Baylee Peperak

The food pantry is in need of canned fruits and vegetables and canned meat.



Our condolences and prayers go out to Kim & Denise Horner on the death of his father.

The Family of Natalie Palmer who passed away on June 17 in Texas.

Our condolences and prayers go out to Danny & Tammy Poffenberger and Ron & Katie Schilling on the death of Danny's son Danny, Jr.

It's a Boy



Congratulation to Bobby & Melissa Stiles on the birth of their son, Nicholas Tracy on July 11. Big sister, are KaitLynn and JaCLynn and proud grandparents are Janet & Ad Fulton.

2017 Charge Conference

Our 2017 Charge Conference will be October 24 at 7pm, in Benevola's Spiritual Life Center.

Baltimore County Christian Work Camp

During the week of July 16 – 21, Becky Hein experience many God moments. She ended up working with Ray's team to build a ramp for a man who is in a nursing home. Because of the new ramp, he will have easy access to his home when he is able to go home. Ray Lichty knew Roger Burtner back in 1983, 34 years ago when the Work Camp was started. He was very happy to meet Becky and make that connection again. Roger was honored by work camp participants at the closing dinner in Baltimore on Friday evening. During her three days of work in the hot sun, she also helped to build a deck and stairs for another family and taught some youth people how to use some power tools. Some pictures are on the Outreach bulletin board across from the elevator.

Hats off to those who serve in our armed forces! Here are the four soldiers that we, Benevola (through the Outreach Committee) will be sending “goodie boxes” to in the next few weeks or so. If you can, please donate by purchasing any of the following items and placing them in the box (or relatively close to it) in the hallway at the handicapped entrance of the church. You could also make a cash donation to cover postage or additional items needed, to Kathy Witman or any of the Outreach Committee members.

Chapstick, hard candy & life savers, Slim Jims, beef jerky, crackers (either boxes of flavored crackers such as sour cream and onion, or the individually wrapped crackers with cheese or peanut butter), hard pretzels (plain or the flavored such as onion and honey mustard), Twinkies, cupcakes, ding dongs and other similar snacks, homemade cookies, store-bought cookies (especially individually wrapped servings) small, individual packs of Kleenex, eye drops.



Amber is an intelligence Specialist in the United States Marine Corp. Since she's Intel she's not allowed to say much about what she does and where exactly she is. But she can say that she's in a Marine air unit currently stationed in the Middle East. Amber is the daughter of Lynette and Keith Potter. We're proud of you Amber!

Sara served as a cryptologist on board the USS Mt. Whitney in Gaeta Italy for four years. Still a cryptologist, she is now stationed at Fort Gordon Georgia. She is the daughter of Michelle Harbaugh and granddaughter of Sally & Bob Barnhart. Keep up the good work Sara.



A1C Cayden Hawkins is a “defender” (cop) in the Air Force stationed at Lackland AFB in Texas. He provides security for VIP's as well as equipment such as planes, jets and classified buildings. He also assists in investigating crimes on base. He plans to make this his career. His mom, Lisa is a member of BUMC. We're honored to serve you, Cayden.

PFC Zac Mulligan works in field artillery. He shoots a gun that weighs 10,000 pounds and can shoot rounds that weigh 100 pounds each and can shoot over 43,000 yards! He and his wife Courtney (Rowland) had their first baby, Baylee about a year ago while serving in Germany. Courtney is the niece of Kathy Witman and Carol Rowland. Happy Father's Day Zac, we're keeping your family in prayer.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Quilting 3:00 make apple dumplings 6:00 Terrific Tuesday	2 5:30 Body & Soul 12:00 Lunch Bunch	3 3:00 make apple dumplings	4 5:00 banquet set up	5 7:00 Men's Breakfast Red Byrd 5:00 Golden Cross banquet
6	7 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Lay Leadership meeting	8 9:00 Quilting 4-6 Benevola Blessings 6:00 Terrific Tuesday	9 5:30 Body & Soul	10 3:00 make apple dumplings	11	12 7:00 Community Breakfast
13	14 5:30 Body & Soul	15 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Terrific Tuesday	16 12 Movin on 5:30 Body & Soul	17	18 12:00 Book Club	19
20	21 5:30 Body & Soul	22 9:00 Quilting 4-6 Benevola Blessings 6:00 Terrific Tuesday	23 5:30 Body & Soul	24	25	26
27 5:30 YF picnic	28 5:30 Body & Soul 6:00 Trustee meeting	29 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Terrific Tuesday	30 5:30 Body & Soul	31		

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