



Life@Benevola

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



AUGUST 2019

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

FROM THE PASTOR DESK

August & September Highlights

Dear Benevola—

Summer is flying by and I hope it has been for you just the right combination of adventurous and restful. We have enjoyed an out-of-this-world VBS in June, Terrific Tuesdays at the Pavilion, and some have been on summer missions. Soon we will be full swing into a new school year, with new opportunities for mission, ministry, and just plain fun. Our *September issue* will include a full listing of upcoming classes and events for fall. In this issue, check out the Golden Cross Banquet, Community Yard Sale, Apple Dumplings, Boonsboro Days Worship in the Park, the return of *ALPHA*, and more.

Worship highlights:

On August 4 we will complete our lessons on the *Three Simple Rules*. Our Methodist founder, John Wesley, determined that the whole of scriptural teaching could be summarized in three simple rules:

1. Do No Harm (7/21)
2. Do Good (7/28)
3. Stay in Love With God (8/4)

The rules are simple indeed, but so challenging to live out in our complex world.

On August 11 we will launch into 4 conversational messages on *Questions of Faith*. We all have faith questions that we struggle with from time to time. You have the chance to suggest a topic to be addressed in worship between August 11 and September 1, so send me your thoughts, via email or the offering basket.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay connected. Be safe. Pray for our church. See you soon.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cindy

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” ~ C.S. Lewis



	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
8/4	Stipanovic Family	Zach Stipanovic	Zachary Stanfield	Bill Flook
8/11	Kathy Witman	Kathy Witman	Isaac Wescott	Kevin Fox
8/18	Jodie Weddle			Nelson Baker
8/25	Klaus & Becky Hein	Becky Hein		Joe Reed



Chris & Pam Ion

On Sunday, June 9, Benevola officially received Chris and Pam Ion into our church family. Chris and Pam transfer their membership from Barts Centerary UMC in Littlestown, PA. They moved to Hagerstown late last year and began attending Benevola in April. Both Chris and Pam served in the U.S. Navy in medical service and were also employed at Lockheed Martin before retiring. Pam also holds an MS degree in Special Education, and Chris a BS in Healthcare Administration. Their daughters, Kristen (34) and Amber (32) live in Frederick, and occasionally attend Benevola. The Ion family shares a love for music and drama, and they have already sung in our Sunday worship. Welcome, Chris and Pam!

Help Serve at the Hope Center September 14

Benevola members will be serving a meal and providing worship at the Hope Center, Hagerstown Rescue Mission on Saturday, September 14. Meal prep begins at 6pm, followed by worship at 7pm, serving a meal at 8pm, and cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to join the team and bless our neighbors who are struggling, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Contact: Pastor Cindy, pastor.benevola@gmail.com.

Golden Cross Banquet

Golden Cross Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 3rd 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. Golden Cross banquet RSVP due by July 28.



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 6th & 7th, during the Boonsboro Days weekend. Drop off for items will begin on Monday, September 2nd in the Spiritual Life Center. If you have any questions contact Brenda Embly at 301-739-0394 or brendaembly@aol.com.

YARD SALE DROP OFF TIMES

Yard Sale items can be dropped off Monday, September 2nd from 9am to 1pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am to 3pm. If you have access to the church, you can drop off your items at anytime, just place them in the designated area. Please no drop offs after 3pm Thursday, this allows us to have all items priced for the start of our sale. Any questions contact Brenda Embly 301-739-0394. Also, BAKE GOODS ARE NEEDED! Please let me know if you can donate to our bake sale table.

Apple Dumplings

Apple Dumpling Production will begin on Tuesday, August 6th, Thursday, August 8th, and Thursday, August 15th. Lots of help is needed. Our dumplings are a big hit, especially over the Boonsboro Days weekend.



Terrific Tuesdays

Terrific Tuesdays: Now through August 27th at 6:00pm

Bring something to share for dinner. This is a true Potluck. Whatever shows up is what we have for dinner. Great Fellowship for all ages.

Boonsboro Days Worship in the Park, September 8



Benevola is joining several other churches in the South County Ministerium to provide worship in Shaffer Park during Boonsboro Days, Sunday, September 8. We will not have services at Benevola that day but will gather at the Shaffer Park Pavilion at 9:00 for ecumenical worship for Boonsboro Days patrons. Worship in the park is a great way to show our unity in Christ and witness to our community.

Confirmation Meeting for Youth & Parents, Sunday, September 15

Confirmation classes are being offered for middle school youth (grades 7-9) during the Sunday School hour this fall. Pastor Cindy will meet with parents and youth on **Sunday, September 15, 10:30-11:30 in room 203**. We will discuss the class schedule, curriculum, confirmation requirements, and off-campus events. Confirmation families will receive a letter of invitation by August 5. If you do not receive this and wish to participate, please contact Pastor Cindy at the church office: 301-791-3576 or pastor.benevola@gmail.com.





THE ALPHA COURSE RETURNS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

No matter who we are or what we believe, relationships are an essential part of our spiritual journey. ALPHA is a course designed to build friendships and inspire conversation around common questions about God, faith, and life. It is a place to ask questions, share your thoughts, or just sit back and listen. There's no homework, no pressure, and it's ok to come just "sometimes". If you attended our first ALPHA in 2018, you're invited back to enjoy a new group experience (it's different every time!) or attend the sessions you missed last time. In any case, we hope you'll invite friends and family to share the experience!

A new Alpha format

*This fall we will present ALPHA in a simple format of (optional potluck) food and fellowship starting at **6:15pm**, followed by an engaging video at **6:45**, and informal conversation about the topic of the night. Each evening will wrap up by **8:00 pm**.*

Join us for "A TASTE OF ALPHA" Wednesday, September 18, 6:15 pm.

We will gather in room B103 for an informal dinner and introductory session. Walk-ins are always welcome, but advance registration is helpful. Forms to sign up will be available during the month of August in the bulletin, your weekly email, and at the church. Contact Pastor Cindy for more information at the church office: 301-791-3576 or at pastor.benevola@gmail.com

Introducing: *BIBLE STUDY BRUNCH on Thursdays*

Hey daytime folks—the Thursday morning Bible study is getting a makeover, including a new location and potluck brunch! If you haven't been in a mid-week bible study yet (or, lately), we hope you'll join us and bring a friend or two. September is the perfect time to try something new. So here are the details . . .



WHEN: Thursdays, 10-11:30 am starting September 5.

WHERE: Pastor Cindy's home at 18122 Samuel Circle, Hagerstown

WHAT: Various biblical & topical studies approved by the group.

WHAT ELSE: Conversation & a delicious potluck brunch.

WHO: *All adults are invited to join us.* Come once, every week, or just "sometimes."

Sign up on the bulletin board at church, or contact Pastor Cindy by email: pastor.benevola@gmail.com or the church office: 301-791-3576.





- 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 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
- 26 Cathy Collins, Amber Potter, Molly Flook, Steve Wright
- 27 Nate Robbins
- 28 Sandy Cavanaugh, Brandy Starleper, Melissa Stiles
- 29 Zane Rowe, Linda Grove
- 30 Erica Martinez, Rachael Stump, Bill Bigelow
- 31 Shirley Burkett, Kaitlyn Ridenour



- 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

August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7:00 Men's Breakfast 5 Golden Cross Banquet
4	5 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Leadership night	6 9:00 Quilting 3:30 apple dumplings 6 Terrific Tuesday	7 12:00 Lunch Bunch 5:30 Body & Soul	8 3:30 apple dumplings	9	10 7 Community breakfast
11	12 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach	13 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Benevola Blessings 6 Terrific Tuesday	14 5:30 Body & Soul	15 3:30 apple dumplings	16 12 Book Club	17
18	19 5:30 Body & Soul	20 9:00 Quilting 6 Terrific Tuesday	21 12 Moving on 5:30 Body & Soul	22	23	24
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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
Lay Leader: Becky Hein
Treasurer: Dawn Baker
Financial Secretary: Bill & Karen Flook
Ad Council Chair: Klaus Hein
Trustee Chair: Jack Slye
Outreach Chair: Kathy Witman
SPPRC Chair
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
Newsletter Editor: Teri Baker

