



Life@Benevola

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

“Hearts, Heads, & Hands for Christ”



FEBRUARY 2018

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.” --Lao Tzu

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” --Martin Luther King, Jr.

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.” 1 John 3:16

“I am not a smart man, but I know what love is.” --Forrest Gump

Do you have a favorite famous quote about love? At the beginning of the “love month”, I’m reminded of the many different ways we talk about love: we talk of romantic love, family bonds, friendship, a favorite sport, a fondness for chocolate or the color blue. A pleasant feeling we feel toward a person or thing. But as we enter the season of Lent, we are compelled to look more deeply into the mystery of love. John, the beloved disciple, points us to the cross. *“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.”*

Paul the evangelist called “the most excellent way”. He describes love as patient, kind, humble, honest, joyful, unselfish, protective, trusting, hopeful, persevering, and unfailing. (1 Cor. 13:4-8a). I don’t know about you, but if this is our standard for true love, I’m afraid I haven’t lived up to it in any of my relationships. Have you? Will you know it, when you see it?

We have seen it. We have received it. Along with John, we are beloved disciples, for Christ has died for us. On our journey through Lent, we will follow Jesus on his last week, as he expresses divine love through the ultimate sacrifice. I think we will find, along the way, that true love is not a human feeling at all, but the fundamental attribute of God. *“We love,”* John says, *“because he first loved us.”* (1 Jn. 3:16)

I agree with Lao Tzu that love is a power: Being loved gives us strength; loving others gives us courage.

And with MLK, that it’s God’s love—not our emotions or opinions—will transform enemies into friends and finally bring peace on earth.

Forrest Gump’s momma made sure her mentally challenged son would understand deeply the meaning of love.

Starting Sunday, February 18, we will begin our Lenten journey. From the Triumphal Entry to the cross to the Resurrection, we will explore the meaning of true love. Join us for our mid-week study: *24 Hours that Changed the World, as we journey through Jesus’ last day.*

And in this season, let’s pray for one another as Paul prayed for us in Ephesians 4, that we *all* will be able to grasp the profound miracle of God’s saving love: *“how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

See you in church.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cindy

Benevola United Methodist Church,
21713

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LENT & EASTER WORSHIP

**Benevola will join our sister churches for Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm
Trinity Reformed UCC Church
33 Potomac Street
Boonsboro, MD 21713**

Lenten Series: THE FINAL WEEK

February 18

What Kind of King is Jesus? (Mark 11:1-11)

February 25

Trouble in the Temple (Mark 11:12-19)

March 4

Conflict and More Conflict (Mark 11:20-13:37)

March 11

The Need for a Traitor (Mark 14:1-11)

March 18

A Last Supper and Gethsemane (Mark 14:12-71)

March 25 (Passion Sunday)

The Crucifixion of Jesus (Mark 15:1-41)

April 1 (Easter Sunday)

Easter Sunday: Resurrection (Mark 16:1-8)

Easter Sunday Services:

6:30 am Sunrise Worship at the Pavilion

9 am Traditional Easter Worship.

Holy Week Events

Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Agape Meal

Shared with community churches

6:30 pm in the Spiritual Life Center

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Powerpoint-guided Meditations offered throughout the day in our sanctuary.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Good Friday Services

7:00 pm at Mt. Nebo UMC, 134 South Main St., Boonsboro

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| | Greeter | Lay Reader | Acolyte | Head Usher | Cribbery | Children's Church |
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| 2/4 | Danny & Tammy Poffenberger | Eileen Stipanovic | Ayden Chesnutwood | Dean Reeder | Shank Family | Fox Family |
| 2/11 | Cindy Burtner & Family | Ruth Ridenour | Isaac Wescott | Kevin Fox | Christina Embly | Boyd Family |
| 2/18 | Shank Family | Jeb Shank | | Joe Reed | Stipanovic Family | Sally Barnhart |
| 2/25 | Amy Jones | Kevin Chesnutwood | | Joe Reed | Boyd Family | Shank Family |



Letters received

Dear Benevola Family,
 Thank you so much for the finals care package!! I love all the homemade cookies (and so do my friends haha)! The lollipops are a big hit too! All the snacks should help when I'm up to my ears in calculus and chemistry the next few days! Thanks again!!
 Love, Molly Jones

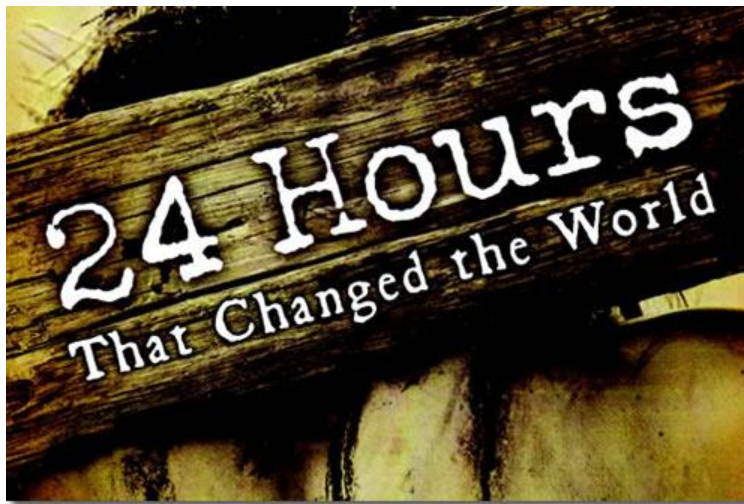
Hello Benevola!

Thanks so much for the box of fun things! My roommates and I are super excited to have some great snacks to get us through the next week. I'm excited to see everyone over the winter. Thanks again. Love, Abbie Jones

Benevola,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity to so many of our families. Without your continued support over the years, many of our families would have done without. We wish the happiest of holidays. May the spirit and peace of the season be with you all. The BMS staff

**A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND
VIDEO JOURNEY**



Starting February 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Thursdays, 10 am

Room 201

Experience the final day in the life of
Jesus Christ.

Author & Video Presenter:

Rev. Adam Hamilton

Sign up at the bulletin board in the lobby

Or at pastor@benevolaumc.com



February BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Amie Martin, Madison Salvas
- 3 Hayden Shank, Kelly Schultheis
- 4 Logan Arnold, Tyler Garner, Colton Bare, Alysen Keefer, Emily Holmes
- 5 Kevin Myers, Becky Hein, Abbie Jones, Faye Slye
- 7 Camryn Row
- 8 Stephanie Coulter
- 10 Jeremiah Weddle, Donna Kashuba, Jodi Roupe, Megan Harnish, John Bolton
- 11 Otho Baker, Jr., Haley Gordon, Dan McElrath
- 12 Danyelle Fulks
- 13 Rachel Brightwell, Ron Holmes
- 14 David H. Baker, Kristen Spencer, Lilly Leadingham, Ally Harnish
- 16 Eloise Hartings, Charlene Lloyd
- 17 Christopher Mills
- 18 Addison Rohrer
- 19 Adna Fulton, Michele Angle, Arianna Church, Dee Jenkins, Megan Harnish
- 20 Betty Flook, Richard Babst
- 22 Michael Wescott, Jane Edwards, Amy Thomas, Matthew Slifer
- 23 Keith Potter, Jr.
- 25 Harry Ridenour
- 26 Addy Coulter, Heath Burker
- 27 Colette Riccio



February ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Scott & Maureen Baker
- 14 Richard & Caren Babst
- 16 Gale & Sue Barnes
- 17 Keith & Lynette Potter
- 19 John & Charlene Lloyd

OUTREACH CORNER

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

This month, we are highlighting Children In Need, Inc.(CIN). Located at 131 W. North Avenue in Hagerstown this non-profit organization was founded in 1998 to provide Washington County children the necessities needed for learning. These children do not have adequate clothing, personal care items and school supplies to attend school. Every child enrolled in Washington County Public Schools and Head Start of WC who meets the Free or Reduced lunch program criteria is eligible for services from CIN. CIN's primary mission is to keep children in school learning with a good sense of belonging.

Each summer (July & August) CIN gives a voucher to approximately 900 school-age children so they can participate in a controlled shopping day. Eligible children are able to purchase a new outfit, shoes, book bag, underwear, etc. to start the new school year. Parents or guardians of these children must have visited the Center four times during the school year, September 1 through May 31, and their children must be eligible for the federally funded Free And Reduced Meals program. On behalf of their children, clients are eligible to visit the Center once a month (year-round) to receive additional clothes and shoes as necessary.

The Meal Machine is a mobile meals program that delivers and serves free lunch to anyone 18 and under in geographical locations with 51% or more documented free and reduced lunch cost students. The Meal Machine was created to help eliminate the barriers of children not being able to access school open sites and or community-sponsored programs where a free meal would be available. This program is sponsored by the Washington County Public Schools.

CIN is located in a geographically appropriate location for the Meal Machine. WCPS staff brings a van with nutritious meals to their site where they serve approximately 100 children per day. The van serves meals Monday through Friday during the summer vacation.

School supplies are given each month. September through May, each family selects 5 items from the school supply room to help a child replace supplies. In July and August each school age child receives 5 items each to assist with their classroom supply list. Needs are also met during family emergencies such as homelessness, domestic violence, fire, etc. During the school year, CIN supplies schools with lice shampoo, school supplies, coats, underwear, socks, and toiletries. These important items put the child back in the classroom as soon as possible, thus furthering Children In Need's mission to keep children in school learning. CIN works with the WCPS Homeless Coordinator to provide services to homeless children. While children need shelter and food, there are organizations and assistance to meet those needs. To do well in school, kids need more than a full belly. Those who don't have warm coats or who are worried they don't fit in because they have shoes with holes are distracted from learning and reaching their potential. CIN aims to take away those distractions by ensuring that children have warm coats, decent clothing and shoes, along with toiletries for proper hygiene and school supplies to fully participate in class.

Outreach supports this organization each year with a donation of \$200.

Our meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 6:30 in 2018, and they are open to all church members

*Outreach Committee Members – Amy Jones, Elaine Semler, Katie Schilling, Jamie Johnson, Becky Hein, Cathy Collins, Siri Young, Cindy & Mac and Kathy Witman (Chair)



Sight and Sound Bus Trip

The Willard Group--- Sight and Sound new show----JESUS
Wednesday, April 18, 2018----- Arrive 7:15 am, depart 7:30 am @
Benevola UMC
Sight and Sound Theatre 11:00 am
Buffet at Shady Maples 3:00 pm
\$120.00 per person, price includes travel, meal and show.
For reservations call: Debbie, 301-241-3622

Community Breakfast

There will be no community breakfasts for the month of February and March. See you in April.

Moving On

The Moving On group will meet on February 21, 2018 at the Red Robin.



It's a boy!!

Easton Andrew Brightwell was born January 10, 2018. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Proud mom is Rachel Brightwell and grandparents are Steve & Karen Brightwell.

Oyster Dinner

March 3 is the next oyster dinner and help is needed. Please mark your calendar and plan to help.



MISSIONS VOLUNTEERS

UMVIM Trip to West Virginia

The Mt. Hope Builders are going to West Virginia April 14 to 28. Becky and Klaus Hein plan to go for both weeks, but others are going for just either the first or second week. Would you like to go help rebuild homes that were flooded?

Why go on mission trips?

Rev. Matt Lacey UMVIM, SEJ Executive Director said it much better than I can.

“God took my flawed and arrogant motivations and turned them into something else: a life-changing experience. Some of us go on mission trips expecting to “save souls,” and in reality the only soul that gets saved is our own. I know from experience.

God really messed up my life because of that trip. I started understanding a little more of what it meant to serve (I still haven't fully figured it out). After returning home, I started noticing needs and opportunities all around me that I hadn't seen—or that I ignored—before. I started reading scripture in a different way, and I started to feel God calling me to do more. Mission trips may not be economically effective, but it was effective in how I started understanding the message of Jesus. Much like farm land that has to be scorched in order to set the stage for future growth, God sees right through our misguided intentions and completely destroys them in order to make way for growth in one's faith journey.

Yes, mission trips are still worth going on, because no matter where we go or why we go, we will eventually see God in a new way, and learn that the trip really isn't about us but instead about how we see and interact with the rest of God's children.

May we all go forth and serve one another by listening more than we talk, learning more than we teach, and seeing God in each and every person we meet.”

So, are you interested in seeing God in a new way? Talk to Becky or Klaus about joining the team to West Virginia in April.

Tutor Training Workshop

Sponsored by Literacy Council of Washington County

44 million adults in the U.S. can't read well enough to read a story to a child.

February 10 & 17, 2018 – 9am-3:30pm

Literacy Council of Washington County

Held at Benevola United Methodist Church, 19925 Benevola Church Rd, Boonsboro MD

Free Workshop -- Register Now

Both days required for Certification.

The **Literacy Council** teaches Basic Reading/ Writing skills and English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults.

301-739-4208 www.literacyofwcmd.org office@literacycouncilofwashingtoncounty.com



Christian Education News



Nursery: HELP!!!! We are still in need of volunteers to care for infants through 4 year olds during the 9 AM service. **There are only a few little ones**, so the job is not demanding. The more volunteers we get, the fewer times people need to volunteer. Please consider volunteering periodically so that our parents of young children can enjoy our worship service on a more regular

basis. **If you would be willing to help with care during the service, please contact Ashley Shank.** (Ashley9601@aol.com or 301-491-8304)

Children's Church: Following Children's Moments, children ages 3 through grade 2 move downstairs for Children's Church which lasts from approximately 9:20 until 10:10. Before Christmas, our Children's Churchers were learning about creation and Adam and Eve. Since the beginning of the new year, they have learned about Noah, the Tower of Babel, and Abram. **Volunteers are needed** to both lead and help with this ministry. **Lessons and materials are provided.** **If you would be willing to help in either capacity, please contact Heidi Boyd.** (hboyd86@aol.com or 301-432-4704)

Sunday School: We are in still in need of a second middle school teacher. You don't have to be a trained teacher, you just have a willing heart and a desire to make a difference in a child's life. Low prep curriculum is provided and you would alternate with another teacher.

If you have questions about Sunday School or would be willing to teach, please contact Linda Stump @ 301-790-0253 or email @ c.stump@myactv.net.

Meeting: There will be a Christian Education meeting on February 13th at 6:30 at the church. 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.



Reminder: For the safety of our children, our Sunday School teachers have been asked not to release students from class until an adult picks them up. Given that we are a small church, it is understandable that a parent may be comfortable with their child leaving the classroom and looking for them somewhere in the church. However, we do have new members and guests who may not be as familiar with the church. So, for consistency, we asked that children in the elementary classrooms in the basement be picked up promptly by an adult. **Thanks for your understanding!!**



Sympathy is expressed to Brandy Starleper, Doug Stotelmyer and the family of Betty Starleper who passed away on January 17, 2018

February 2017



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1/28 5:00 Alpha YF rock in OC | 29 5:30 Body & Soul 6:00 Trustee meeting | 30 9:00 Quilting | 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Fellowship & Ministries 6:30 pm Bible Study | 2/1 6:30 chancel choir practice 7:00 Vision meeting | 2 | 3 7:00 Men's Breakfast |
| 4 5:00 Alpha Souper Bowl of Caring | 5 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Ad Council | 6 9:00 Quilting | 7 12:00 Lunch bunch 6:30 Bible Study | 8 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Choir practice 9:15 Hour of Prayer | 9 | 10 |
| 11 5:00 Alpha 6:00 YF meeting | 12 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach | 13 4:00 Benevola Blessings 6:30 CE meeting 9:00 Quilting | 14 10:00 & 7:00 Ash Wednesday worship 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 No Bible Study | 15 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship meeting 9:15 Hour of Prayer | 16 12:00 Book Club | 17 |
| 18 5:00 Alpha | 19 5:30 Body & Soul | 20 9:00 Quilting | 21 12:00 moving on group 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Bible Study | 22 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice 9:15 Hour of Prayer | 23 | 24 |
| 25 5:00 Alpha | 26 5:30 Body & Soul | 27 4:00 Benevola Blessings 9:00 Quilting | 28 5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Bible Study | 3/1 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice 9:15 Hour of Prayer oyster dinner prep | 2 oyster dinner prep | 3 7:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 oyster dinner |



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Change Service Requested

Benevola's staff and leadership:

Pastor: Cindy Caldwell
Administrative Assistant: Teri Baker
Organist: Ruann George
Lay Leader: Becky Hein
Treasurer: Dawn Baker
Financial Secretary: Jack & Faye Slye
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: Gena Norwood
Education Chair: Linda Stump
Youth Ministry: Mike & Amy Wescott
Children's Ministry: Heidi Boyd
Newsletter Editor: Teri Baker



