



Life@Benevola

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



NOVEMBER 2018

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

FROM THE PASTOR DESK

Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. --Philippians 4:6-7

Gratitude is the Best Medicine.

Don't be anxious. Sometimes that's easier said than done, because if you think too hard, we could find lots of reasons to be anxious, and would miss out on lots of good things. So we might want to think in another direction. November is the season for remembering and being grateful for the saints who raised us, befriended us, enriched our lives, and given us our faith. It's a time to remember that God is the source of the food we eat, the homes we live in, the church where we worship, our health when we're healthy, our hope and healing when we're not. Some people say that gratitude is an attitude. I think it is so much more. So this month I am sharing some quotes on gratitude from the bible and other sources, for your reflection all month long.

"Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-pre-occupation." --John Ortberg, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." – Anonymous

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." – Melody Beattie

"In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others." – Marcus Tullius Cicero

"Gratitude will shift you to a higher frequency, and you will attract much better things." – Rhonda Byrne

"Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind we feel for what we take; the larger kind we feel for what we give." – Edwin Arlington Robinson

"The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see." – Mary Davis

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend." — Melody Beattie

"God is in control, and therefore in EVERYTHING I can give thanks - not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it." –Kay Arthur

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, for to this you were called as members of one body. And be thankful."
--Paul, Colossians 3:15

Grace and Peace, Pastor Cindy

SERMON SERIES

Worship in November

All Saints Sunday, November 4

Sunday, November 4 at 9:00 am, we will have a special time of worship as we remember those saints who died in the Lord in the past year. During our service of Holy Communion we remember Christ, who made us saints, and who gathers us all to his table as children of God. We remember with thanksgiving these church members:

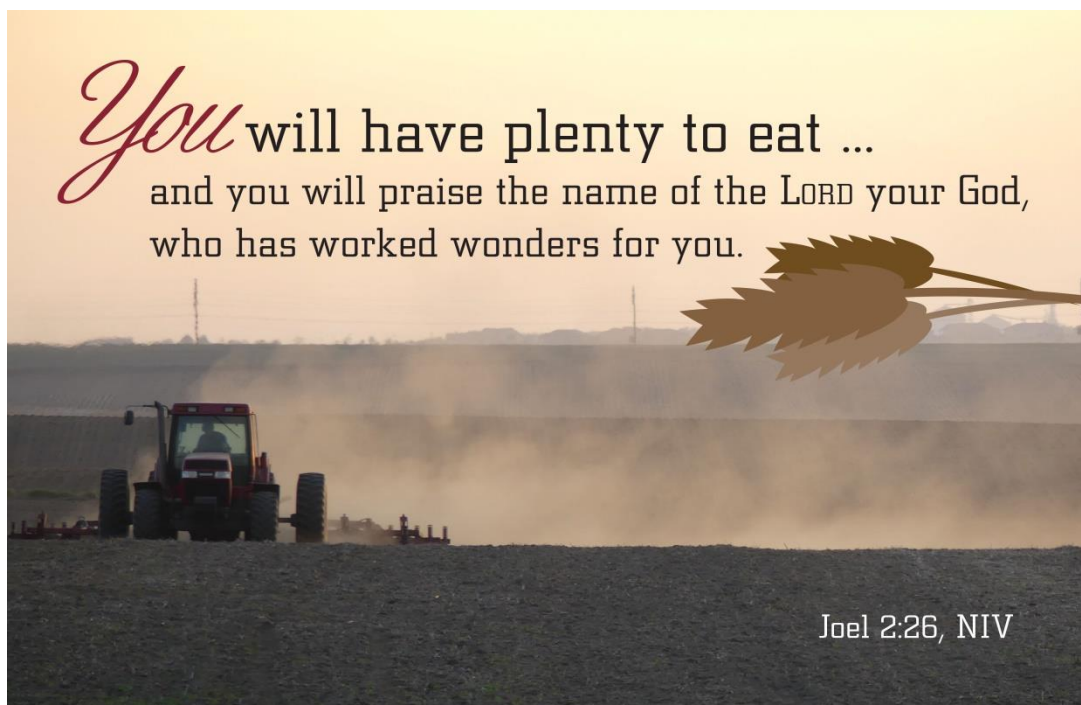
Betty Starleper, Virginia Barnes, Greg Null, Woodrow Shifler, Willis Baker and Boyd Church

The Message: *"A Better Hope"*

Sermon Series November 4-25: *"Christ is Better" Lessons from Hebrews*

Sacrament of Baptism November 25.

Daylight Savings Time Begins November 4.





N O V E M B E R

	Greeter	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Head Usher
11/4	Irene Embly & Dottie LaBrush	John Burtner	Lydia Shank	Danny Poffenberger
11/11	Alice Hartzell	Klaus Hein	Ella Rowland	Kevin Fox
11/18	Klaus & Becky Hein	John Holdway	Liam Boyd	Nelson Baker
11/25	Irene Embly & Kitty Shoop	Linda Stump		Joe Reed



All children ages 5th grade and under are invited for a night fun and fellowship on December 7th at 5:30 pm. Join us as Pastor Cindy shares the true meaning of Christmas followed by dinner and a special VIP viewing of the animated movie The Star in the SLC. Invitations to follow shortly. Please contact Heidi Boyd with any questions (301) 432-4704 HBoyd86@aol.com. Please RSVP by 11/30.

Telephone Prayer Request

Would you like to be part of a member care phone ministry? Some of us would like to hear of prayer requests by phone as well as or instead of by the internet. Anyone making a prayer request can call Sally Barnhart at 301-508-7355 and the request for prayer will be passed along. Only information shared will be what the person wants shared.



This year's Advent Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 24th starting at 9:00am. This is the time when we gather here at the church and decorate for the Christmas season. We have lots of wreaths and garlands to hang and trees to decorate. If this is something you would like to help with please come and join us. Any questions contact Brenda Embly 301-739-0394.

Turkeys Needed

Friends, as we enter the holiday season, we are seeing more and more specials on holiday turkeys and hams. Please consider – as you are purchasing food for your holiday meals-buying a second turkey to be given to one of our Benevola Blessings families. We are in need of at least 25 turkeys to supplement foods given through our food pantry for our families' Thanksgiving meals. If you would like to participate, we must have your donated turkeys no later than Nov. 11th, as Benevola Blessings – on Nov. 13th – will be the last Tuesday we meet with our families before Thanksgiving. Please contact Katie Schilling or Elaine Semler if you are willing to donate. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



Shoebboxes
for Kids



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are sent outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native

American reservations in the U.S. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 146 million children in more than 100 countries.

Items to include in a Shoebox Empty shoeboxes are at church or use one you have.

A WOW item: Doll (Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.) Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be inflated.) Stuffed animal, An outfit of clothing to wear, Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder), Backpack

Personal Care items; Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush (but not toothpaste), Washcloth, Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), Adhesive bandages (Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.) Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils, (Consider filling a container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths) Blanket, Non-liquid lip balm, Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; Compact mirror

School Supplies: Pencils, Small manual pencil sharpener, Colored pencils, Pencil case, Pens, Crayons, Markers, Notebooks, Blank index cards, Solar-powered calculator, Scissors, Ruler, Protractor, Glue stick (do not include liquid glue), Small adhesive tape.

Clothing and Accessories: Shirts and pants, Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress), Underwear, Shoes and socks, Flip-flops, Hat/scarf/mittens, Sunglasses, Tote bag/purse, Hair bows, Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread).

Crafts and Activities: Coloring books, Watercolor set (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper, Puzzles, Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.) Stickers, Chalkboard and chalk, Binoculars, Skipping rope/Jump rope, Make-it-yourself craft items or kit.

Toys: Foam ball, Kickball, Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry, Plastic toys and toy figures, Yo-yo, Small Frisbee, Small kite, Etch A Sketch, Tennis ball, Finger puppets, Slinky, Play cars/trucks/boats, Plastic tools, Plastic dinosaurs. No candy is allowed.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back. Be sure to pray for the child receiving the box as you pack it.

\$ 9.00 Per box: For shipping and handling. To track your box(es), you can go to "Follow my box" at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/> to donate the \$9.00 and print a label for your box. You may also get a standard label at church for the box. Do not wrap the box.

Please return filled boxes to church by Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

If you have questions, talk to Becky Hein or visit Samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child.

Bishop Visit

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling will be on the Western Region, for both the Cumberland-Hagerstown and Frederick Districts, on Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ Grace UMC, 712 W Church St, Hagerstown, MD 21740-4560 from 3-5 pm, for a "Listening Session." There are 3 parking lots as well as on street parking available. A Listening Session is an open forum for pastor and church members to come and share thoughts, questions, insights on all issues affecting the church and their church.



Benevola UMC 2018-2019 Scholarships Now Available

Grants are available to active members of Benevola UMC who are full-time students in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college working toward a college degree. The grants are made possible by the Benevola Scholarship Fund. Grants will not be given for graduate study.

Eligible applicants may receive a grant for one year. Application forms are available from the church web site or the church office and must be completed and returned to Jack Slye, Scholarship Chairman by Sunday, December 9, 2018.

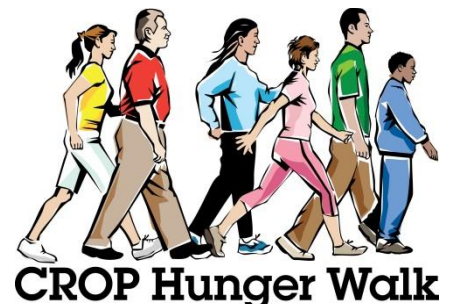
In addition, the Lana Chaney Long Scholarship is available to a church member who is a full-time college student majoring in music or preparing for the ministry. To apply for this scholarship, please prepare a letter outlining your studies, and your plans for the future, and submit to Jack Slye by Sunday, December 9, 2018.

MISSING PERSONS!!!!

MISSING PERSONS!!!! Have you noticed that someone who regularly attends church has been "missing" lately? Please take a few minutes to give them a call to be sure they are alright and not in need of any assistance that the church can provide (food, visits, prayers, ride to doctor, etc.). If you find that they do need some help, please let Kathy Witman know so we can coordinate to take care of them. This is part of caring for each other as Christians and members of BUMC. Thanks

CROP Walk

Thanks to the 7 people who walked and to all those who donated \$1,500 to Church World Service. This money will help people around the world and in Washington County. Thank you very much.





Dear Cindy and the Congregation of Benevola Church,

We have finally returned home safely, having celebrated the wonderful event of Benevola's 160th Anniversary, welcomed back old friend, Jim Shifler, then shared a birthday with Family and Friends in D. C., and last but not least, spent some time with the Son and his Family of our old World War II German Pen Pal!

Thank you and Ruann for making our coming so comfortable and easy, particularly since you were just getting over a nasty operation. And, of course, the Congregation was, as always, most welcoming and hospitable. We traded a couple of old stories and faces absolutely worth recalling. But those faces were so young nearly 60 years ago – but could they ever sing! The Choir was as good as I've heard – we were both very impressed! What a grace note for your worship! The 100- year -old service's simplicity bore up very well!

The meal after the service was absolutely superb! Reminiscent of so many suppers we previously enjoyed with Members, Friends and Family in those days gone by. And truthfully, we must say Benevola still knows how to cook extremely well. It was terrific!

And then, what about that lovely basket of nifty items, both utilitarian and delicious you and the Congregation gave us? I can tell you what hit -the-spot with Harriet: the Church's puzzle. She has hundreds of them and loves putting them together, but this one will be very special.

My problem for the day was walking down through the cemetery before the service and reading all those names of beloved, fantastic people who had such a significant and creative place in the beginning of my 43 year ministry. Ministers owe their Congregations so much, for the teaching goes both ways, and Benevola taught me much!

Cindy, Harriet and I both are sincerely overwhelmed by the super and gracious hospitality that was extended to us by both you and the great folks at Benevola. It was a heartwarming homecoming that we and our Family greatly enjoyed, and will never forget! Thank you, and God Bless You All!

Most Sincerely, Charlie and Harriet Lightner

Greetings!

We had a wonderful time with all of you on Anniversary Sunday. We enjoyed worshipping with you (and sitting together☺) during the service and all the good food and fellowship at the reception. It was fun to visit and remember....and gifts, too! Thank you for a grand day and for the mugs (I am sipping hot tea from one of them now), the pens, the bookmarks and the Harry & David honey roasted cashews and peanuts (they are delicious!). We thank God for you and remember you in our prayers.

With gratitude and fondness,

Darlene & Steve Robison



November

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brenda Fox
- 2 Chuck Weaver, Mary Ellen Waltemire
- 3 Mark Leadingham
- 4 Phillip Green, Brooke Angle
- 6 Michael Miller, Angela Michael, Baylee Peperak
- 8 Sally Barnhart, Andrew Quail
- 9 Sophie Haupt
- 10 Bryan Reeder, Ray Grove
- 11 Hazel Schwab, Ian Hutchinson
- 13 Patricia Young, Isaac Wescott, David Lewis, Jodie Weddle, John Lloyd
- 14 Evelyn Shank
- 15 Meredith Gill, Joe Hamilton, Sr.
- 16 Beth Zentmeyer, Samaria Burtner
- 17 John Burtner
- 18 Brian Genco
- 19 Jackie Row, Lydia Shank, Mackenzie Peperak
- 21 Bill Flook
- 22 Hannah Moats
- 23 Ruth Ridenour
- 26 Amy Campbell
- 27 Ashley DeLuca
- 29 Cindi Hawfield, Dorothy Fuller
- 30 Tammy Arnold



November

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Doug & Janine Suffecool
- 9 Adna & Janet Fulton
- 12 Ron & Katie Schilling
- 22 Dustin & Susan Simonson
- 24 Ronald & Joyce Rowe, Tina & Jess Routzahn
- 25 James & Laura Mills
- 27 Kevin & Shawn Chesnutwood

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>7 Men's Breakfast</p>
<p><i>4</i></p> <p>All Saint's Sunday</p> 	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul</p> <p>6:30 Ad Council meeting</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9 Quilting</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>12:00 Lunch Bunch</p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice 6:30 SPPRC meeting</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7:00 Community Breakfast</p>
<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul 6:30 Outreach meeting</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9 Quilting 4 Benevola Blessings</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:30 Prayer time 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>12 book club</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:00 yearly planning meeting</p>
<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9 Quilting</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>12:00 moving on—Golden Corral 5:30 Body & Soul</p>		<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 Advent Workshop</p>
<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul 7:00 YF meeting</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>9 Quilting 4 Benevola Blessings</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>5:30 Body & Soul</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 6:30 choir practice</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	

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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: 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

