



Life@Benevola

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



JUNE/JULY 2024

Sunday Worship: 9am Sunday School 10:00am 301-791-3576

FROM THE PASTOR DESK ---Pastor Suzanne Jones

Dear Benevola,

I don't know about you, but I looked at the calendar and said to myself, "How is it June already?!" I was reflecting on my busy Spring and noticed it was packed with lots of activities. Some activities were moving the kingdom of God forward and others just left me a little tired. I also think about the activities impacting our congregation. Milestone events happened from births, deaths, graduations, reunions, and traveling. It made me wonder, what are we doing to catch our breath if we find ourself in a busy season?

Summer is a time to do the things that make you feel most refreshed and alive, whether it's the beach, family, sports, a great book, or just having some free time to sit and be still for a bit. An important part of being a disciple of Jesus is learning to let go and trust God; in other words, do less doing, and spend time being more present. It has been said, we are human "beings" not human "doings." God created us to live our lives in cycles of work and rest. I appreciate Jesus' gracious invitation when he says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

We can take time to get away from it all and will be present with Him. He invites me to do it and I invite you. When you are most in need of rest, remember that true rest comes only from putting our trust in God. Our burdens are always made lighter as we turn to Jesus.

So, in your travels why not take time to worship wherever you are. Start your day giving praise to our Creator, and end the day with giving thanks. Stay connected with your church family by following us on Facebook and tuning in to worship. You can stay connected through Vacation Bible School or Terrific Tuesdays, or cook up some get-togethers on your own. Whatever you do, remember God loves and cares for you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Suzanne



	Facebook Tech	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Head Usher
6/2	Kevin Chesnutwood	Logan Weddle	Ruth Ridenour	Bill Flook
6/9	Morgan Boyd	Liam Boyd	Bruce Burley	Kevin Fox
6/16	Jason Weddle	Porter Stipanovic	Bill Flook	Nelson Baker
6/23	Michael Wescott		Kevin Chesnutwood	Brenda Embly
6/30	Morgan Boyd	Cole Hess	Mike Wescott	Brenda Embly



Graduation Reception

On Sunday, June 9th we will be honoring our graduates. There will be a reception, following church, in the Spiritual Life Center. Any questions contact Brenda Embly 301-331-7176.

Terrific Tuesdays

Terrific Tuesdays will be held this summer on June 18th and July 16th. Come join us at the pavilion around 6pm for some great fellowship. The church will provide a main dish, drinks, and paper products. We ask if you could please bring a covered dish to share. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Brenda Embly 301-331-7176

Mammon Minute

Mammon Minute June/July 2024

As we continue to consider “wealth” and what should we do with it, I’d like to go off on what may seem a bit of a tangent. This is more lengthy, so it’s probably a mammon 5 minutes rather than a minute, but please bear with me. A book that I read recently (that was a gift for my birthday) about eliminating hurry took quite an amazing and challenging turn that I didn’t anticipate. The author spoke briefly about “minimalism and simplicity” and I felt personally convicted about what was said as I read, and I suspect many of you may feel the same.

“Notice that minimalism isn’t just about your money and stuff; it’s about your whole life. The goal isn’t just to declutter your closet or garage but to declutter your life. To clear away the myriad of distractions that ratchet up our anxiety, feed us an endless stream of mind-numbing drivel, and anesthetize us to what really matters- which for those of us who apprentice under Jesus, is Jesus himself and His kingdom.

If you’re a bit cynical and you’re currently thinking, “Isn’t this just for rich people?” Well, yes. Poor people don’t call it simple living; they just call it living. They don’t read books on minimalism; they pray for justice. But if you’re reading this book, the odds are very high that you’re not poor. Again, and with zero guilt trip, to put things in perspective, if you make \$25,000 a year or more, you’re in the top 10 percent of the world’s wealth. And if you make \$34,000 a year or more, you’re in the top 1 percent.

Listen to Paul’s command to the rich in Ephesus:

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain... Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

I read this verse for years and thought it was about somebody else. I know a few rich people; I figured this verse was about them. Not about me. I grew up thoroughly middle class. We had a home, which was a gift, but our vacations were camping or staying at my grandparent’s cabin. My clothing was never name brand. I remember getting mercilessly mocked in grade school for my ugly shoes. We very seldom ate out. So I just never thought of myself as wealthy.

I also grew up hopelessly out of touch not only with global poverty but also with the way that many people, especially people of color, are living right here in our own country.

But even if I weren’t rich (which, turns out, I am), I’m not off the hook; most of Jesus’ teachings on money weren’t to rich people. In fact, the majority of his audience was likely poor.”

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry John Mark Comer, 2019, Random House. pp 201-203

Blessings and peace, Bruce

Apple Dumplings

Apple Dumpling Production will begin the first or second week of August. This will depend on when the apples are ready. Watch for dates and times in the bulletin and weekly email. Lots of helping hands are needed. Any questions contact Becky Hein 301-988-8003.



Golden Cross Banquet

This year's Golden Cross Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 3rd from 12pm to 3pm at the Western Sizzling Steak House, on Halfway Blvd. If you are 60 years or older you are welcome to join us and be treated with a meal and an afternoon of great fellowship. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 14th. Contact Dawn Baker 301-573-4437 or Brenda Embly 301-331-7176. You can call or text either number just let us know who you are and how many. The theme is Hawaiian so dress for the occasion. Hope to see you there!

Yard Sale

Just a reminder when cleaning out your unwanted items the church will be having their annual yard sale on Friday & Saturday, September 6th & 7th from 7am to 2pm in the Spiritual Life Center. We will be accepting donations starting on Monday, September 2nd 9am to 3pm.
Tuesday, September 3rd 9am to 3pm.
Wednesday, September 4th 9am to 11am (Break for Lunch Bunch) 3pm to 6pm.
Thursday, September 5th 9am to 3pm.
Please NO LARGE APPLIANCES or BEDS and no items dropped off after 3pm on Thursday. This gives us time to have all items priced for the start of our sale. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Embly 301-331-7176 or JoAnn Duffey 301-432-6462.



BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

41st Annual BCCW: July 21-27, 2024



Mission: Home repair and assistance for the needy by volunteers of all ages in Baltimore County MD.

Time commitment to volunteer is flexible; it can be as little as one day or one or more consecutive days or every other day, etc., as well as for the entire week.

Skills needed: Willingness to follow directions from the team leader or crew chief in regard to safety and how to best assist. All skill levels, whether none or limited, are welcomed with the right attitude.

Types of possible work: Indoor and outdoor painting, indoor or outdoor general clean-up; ramp repair or construction (longest ramp system was 164'), porch repair or construction, minor plumbing, indoor or outdoor railings, grab bars, simple electrical repairs, gutter and downspout repairs, minor concrete or step repairs, wood fence repair or construction, caulking, wall and ceiling repairs, yard work, hauling debris, et.al.

Work sites: BCCW develops a spreadsheet of potential viable work sites in Baltimore County based on referrals from various County or State agencies, such as Aging, Public Health, and Social Services; other charity organizations; as well as self-referrals, including referrals from Pastors who know of a need within their congregation or community.

Registration: See www.bcchristianworkcamp.org. If attending any of the meal options, the deadline for online separate registration for each individual is on or by Sunday July 14 in order to ensure enough food for the attendees. (Volunteers may bring family as guests, who are not working during the week, to the meals if noted on the registration; there will be space to note if guests would be brought.) If only volunteering and not coming to any meals, there is no deadline per se; **HOWEVER**, a volunteer must register to allow sufficient time to be able to consult with the BCCW Chair to agree upon a work site or the volunteer can come to the Sunday night orientation after the meal. When applicable, an organization's Safe Sanctuary Policy (or equivalent) shall be followed.

Questions: info@bcchristianworkcamp.org or call Frank Thomas (BCCW Chair) at 410-667-1725.

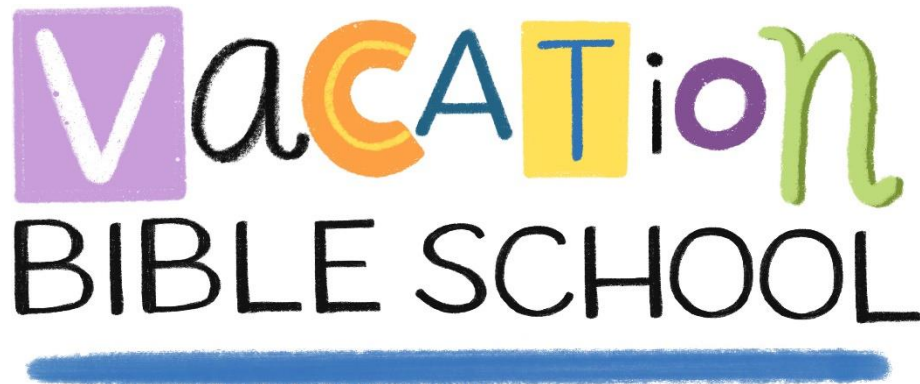
Catalyst Initiative

It is with joy that we share that Benevola UMC is one of the congregations in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and Peninsula-Delaware Conference selected to be part of the Catalyst Initiative. We will be embarking on a 12-month congregational cohort process of discovery, exploration, and renewal starting this May! We hope to initiate a Spirit-led vision and understanding of our community; ignite faith into action, and invigorate people to pursue God's call for our lives and community.

What can you do? We are asking you to:

- Pray for our team who will be intensively engaged in the initiative, over the next year.
- Learn about our embarkment into Catalyst on Sunday June 2 with our Catalyst Synergist, Rev. Jack Shitama. Rev. Shitama will be our guest preacher on Sunday June 2, and we will host a small fellowship luncheon at noon where you can ask questions and learn more about our Catalyst journey.
- Say "yes" when asked to participate in surveys or other activities our team will be asked to complete as a part of the initiative. **Your Catalyst team includes Pastor Suzanne Jones, Nicole Green-Conway, Jimmy Mills, Caleb Wescott, and Gale Barnes.**

This is an exciting season here at Benevola UMC and we are grateful you are a part of it.



Summertime means it's time for VBS!! This year we will have TWO sessions of VBS. One in June (24-26) and one in July (29-31). As always, we will need LOTS of extra hands-on deck! You could help us with set up/clean up, work in the kitchen, be a classroom helper, play games, music or even be a puppeteer!! Registration info will be shared on FaceBook and the bulletin soon! Also, be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the hallway/entryway for donated items/volunteers. Lastly, please be in prayer that this year's VBS will be blessed and minister to our church family and community.



On Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate our graduates
We are proud of them and their accomplishments!

Our 2024 High School Graduates



Zachary D. Stanfield
Boyd J. Michael III, Technical HS
Electrical Construction
Graduated with High Honors

Will be attending Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) to further his knowledge in the electrical trade.

Currently employed with Donald W. Guyton Inc., Electrical Contractors in Middletown, MD.



Lillia Marie Mills
South Hagerstown HS
HCC – AA - General Studies
Major - Early Childhood/
Elementary Education
College - Frostburg State University



Mason Rees Gochenour
Waynesboro Senior Area High
School
Major - Athletic Training
College - Mount Aloysius

Our 2024 College Graduates



Peyton Wescott graduated from the University of Tennessee. He has earned a BS in Business Administration with a Concentration in Business Analytics and Information Management. Peyton has accepted a job at Axle Logistics in Knoxville, TN.



Kaitlynn Nave graduated from Hagerstown Community College with her RN. She will start working at University of Maryland while she peruses her Bachelors in Nursing.



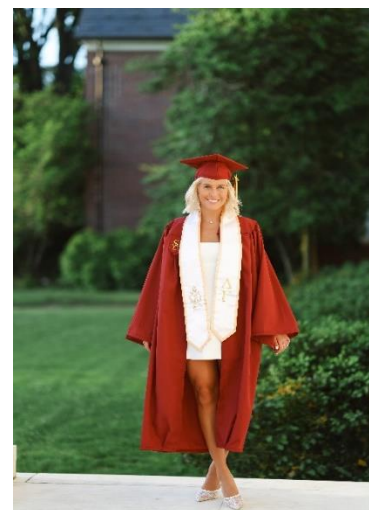
Tracy Kinzer graduated Summa Cum Laude from Penn State – Harrisburg. BS in Civil Engineering and will continue coursework at Penn State - Harrisburg this summer to complete his Master in Civil Engineering while working full-time at NTM Engineering, Inc in Dillsburg PA.



Alexei Chesnutwood
Coastal Carolina University
Biochemistry
Bachelor of Science



Josie Hartings graduated from Clemson University's Honors College with degrees in Finance and Accounting. She is going to work for JP Morgan in Atlanta.



Chloe Coulter -Salisbury University
Graduating with BS in Nursing Med/Surg to ICU Nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



1 Alice Hartzell
2 Ellie Bare, Wilma Holdway, Heidi Boyd
3 Connie Burley, Elaine Semler
6 Debbie Haislip, Bernie Semler, JoAnn Duffey
7 Tracy Kinzer, Blair Baker
8 Annie Slye
10 Tim Schilling
11 Linda Stump
13 Dave Collins
14 Will Hawfield, Mollie Loudenslager
15 Logan Ritchey, Molly Jones, Shannon Burker
16 Andrew Shifler
17 Cindy Reeder, Brenda Embly, Jamie Baker, Tom Fath, Sam Atkinson
18 Christina Embly, Jessica Phipps
19 Emily Schilling, Braxley Burtner
20 Brad Higman, Elle Baker
21 John C. Rowland, Bonnie Diehl
22 Nicole Hartings
23 Terry Jenkins
24 Caren Babst, Nikki Burtner, Merle Hess
25 Bryan Wachtel, Debbie Moser, Ethan Leatherman
28 Shawn Chesnutwood
29 Bevan Moats
30 Richard Stotelmyer, Robert Hawfield

1 Justin & Nicole Hartings
2 John & Elizabeth Wolfensberger
5 John & Cindy Burtner, Shane & Heather Leatherman
7 David & Sheila Slifer
9 Klaus & Becky Hein
10 Jim & Bonnie Weddle, Brian & Teri Baker
11 Brian & Sharon Loudenslager
12 Donald & Sharon Coulter
15 Nick & Kaitlin Stevens
18 Bob & Sally Barnhart
20 Bobby & Glenda Kendle
21 Scott & Julie Bare
25 Allen & Cheri Sharpless
27 Kevin & Mika Fox
28 Harrison & Ashley DeStefano
30 Rick & Tina Stotelmyer



1 Judy Green
2 Gale Barnes, Rachel Roupe
3 Donald Campbell
4 Janet Fulton, Ashley Shank
7 Michael Slifer, Brian Baker
9 Kathy Embly, Ken Phipps
10 Jenna Witman
11 Nicholas Stiles
12 Eric Riccio
13 Tyson Ritchey
16 Lucas Stevens
17 Lisa DeLuca, Kathy Witman, Gabriel Gordon
18 Dee Horner, Brian M. Baker
19 Katelynn Boyd, Justin Baker
20 Kevin Fox
21 Nelson Baker, Hannah Rottmund
24 Dawn Baker, Joseph Horner, Nicholas Sharpless
25 Jimmy Horner
26 Jonathan Slifer
27 Cindy Stevens
28 Cathy Miller, Megan Hutchinson
30 Sue Reeder, Amy Wescott

1 Jack & Ruann George
8 Darrell & Amy Jones
10 Jeb & Ashley Shank, Mark & Jeanette Leadingham
11 John & Cathy Miller
12 Dustin & Haley Gordon
16 Tina & David Lewis
17 Bill & Lorraine Eccard, Jeremiah & Janelle Weddle
18 Nelson & Judy Baker
26 Jarrett & Laura Rottmund
30 Larry & Deborah Price
31 Bruce & Connie Burley

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 8:00 Men's Breakfast
2	3 9:00 AA mtg 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 6:30 Ad Council	4 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Stitching fellowship	5 12:00 Lunch Bunch 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 7:30 Men's BB 9:00 AA mtg	6 6:30 worship meeting	7 9:00 AA mtg	8 4:00 private event Sanctuary & SLC
9 Graduation Sunday & Reception	10 9:00 AA mtg 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness	11 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:00 Stitching fellowship	12 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 7:30 Men's BB 9:00 AA mtg	13	14 9:00 AA mtg	15
16	17 9:00 AA mtg 4:00 NO B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 No B & S Fitness	18 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 Stitching fellowship	19 12:00 Moving On Group 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 7:30 Men's BB 9:00 AA mtg	20	21 12:00 Book Club 9:00 AA mtg	22
23 12:00 SLC private event	24 9:00 AA mtg 4:00 NO B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 NO B & S Fitness 5:30 VBS	25 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:00 Stitching fellowship 5:30 VBS	26 4:00 NO B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 NO B & S Fitness 5:30 VBS 9:00 AA mtg	27 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness	28 9:00 AA mtg	29 8:00 B&S Longevity Fit 9:30 B & S Fitness
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July 2024

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7	8 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 6:30 Outreach 9:00 AA mtg	9 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Katie's Cupboard 6:00 Stitching fellowship	10 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 7:30 Men's BB 9:00 AA mtg	11	12 9:00 AA mtg	13 4:30 Emmaus SLC & Sanctuary
14	15 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 9:00 AA mtg	16 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Terrific Tuesday 6:00 Stitching fellowship	17 12:00 Moving On Group 4:00 B&S Longevity Fit 5:30 B & S Fitness 7:30 Men's BB 9:00 AA mtg	18	19 12:00 Book Club 9:00 AA mtg	20
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