

# IN *sight*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2017

## Weekly Events @ Benton UMC

### Sundays

Worship .....	8:15 AM
Sunday School .....	9:15 AM
Worship .....	10:30 AM

### Mondays

Slushies & Scripture HS Girls .....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
First Place 4 Health .....	6:00 PM

### Tuesdays

Slushies & Scripture 6th & 7th Grade....	6:45 AM
Intercessory Prayer Team.....	9:00 AM
Bodies On A Mission .....	6:00 PM
Men's Basketball.....	7:00 PM

### Wednesdays

Touchdown Club Breakfast.....	6:30 AM
Slushies & Scripture HS Boys.....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
The Closet Workday .....	11:30 AM
The Closet Distribution.....	11:30 AM
WOW!.....	5:30 PM

### Thursdays

Slushies & Scripture 8th Grade.....	6:45 AM
Thursday Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Bodies On A Mission .....	6:00 PM
Choir Practice .....	6:00 PM
The Way of Forgiveness.....	6:00 PM
Love Wins Bible Study .....	7:00 PM

### Fridays

Slushies & Scripture 9th Grade Girls.....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

As we move into the fall season, I wanted to bring your attention to an interesting tidbit about how we mark time. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October in 1582 the Gregorian calendar was introduced. It is the order of days that we are presently following, having made a twelve day correction in the Julian calendar. The use of calendars was once reserved for shamans and priests who alone knew the secrets of the season, solstices and equinoxes. This month, remember that when you observe the changing of the seasons, the new and full moons and other events of the calendar, you are living in harmony with God. Celebrating the calendar, if you think about it, is an excellent prayer.

I also wanted to offer the scriptures and sermon titles for the month of October so you'll have it in advance:

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-World Communion Sunday-Philippians 2:1-13

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>-UMM Sunday-Joel Preaching

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>-Birthday of the Hand Shake-Isaiah 66:2

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>-Stewardship-Theme: Generosity- 2 Corinthians 9:11

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>-Stewardship-Theme: Generosity- Proverbs 11:25

In the latter part of October we will explore the stewardship theme of Generosity. Based upon John Wesley's words, "**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.**"

**QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:** Where in your life is generosity natural to you? Where is it more difficult?

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, you have made it clear that you bless people in order that they might bless others. Where I am selfish, forgive me. Where I am afraid, give me courage. Where I am ready, empower me. *Amen.*

Blessings-Your Preacher,  
Brad

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

~2 Corinthians 9:11

# Monthly & Special Events

## Sunday, October 3

United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion..... 7:00 AM  
 World Communion Sunday..... 8:15 & 10:30 AM  
 Youth..... 5:00 PM

## Monday, October 2

Mission Goal Setting Meeting ..... 11:00 AM

## Thursday, October 5

Dinner with Friends ..... 6:30 PM

## Sunday, October 8

Youth Lunch & Bingo @ Brookdale ..... 12:00 PM

## Tuesday, October 10

Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM  
 Youth Serve Dinner at Lovewell ..... 4:45 PM

## Thursday, October 12

Morning Glories ..... 9:30 AM

## Friday, October 13

Youth Sandwich Prep ..... 4:00 PM

## Saturday, October 14

Youth Feeding Downtown Friends..... 7:15 AM  
 Youth Mudbugs & Ice Skating ..... 6:15 PM  
 Christ in the City @ Parkway High School ..... 7:00 PM

## Sunday, October 15

United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotional..... 7:00 AM  
 Christ in the City @ Parkway High School ..... 3:00 PM

## Tuesday, October 17

NWLA Food Bank Truck Unloading ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM  
 NWLA Bag Packing ..... 3:30 PM  
 Nightingales ..... 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, October 18

The Closet @ A Cross Faith Advocacy Center.. 11:30 AM  
 Table Food Ministries Distribution Day ..... 12:30 PM

## Thursday, October 19

Directory Pictures ..... 2:00 PM

## Friday, October 20

Just A Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread ..... 7:15 AM  
 Directory Pictures ..... 2:00 PM  
 Youth 5th Quarter ..... 9:30 PM

## Saturday, October 21

Autumn Breeze 5K ..... 7:00 AM  
 Directory Pictures ..... 10:00 AM

## Sunday, October 22

Directory Pictures ..... 12:00 PM

## Monday, October 23

District Ministry Team Meeting  
 @ Broadmoor UMC ..... 6:00 PM

## Tuesday, October 24

OPALS ..... 11:30 AM

## Thursday, October 26

Bread or Stones @ St. Paul's Episcopal ..... 10:00 AM

## Saturday, October 28

Shreveport District Lay Servant School  
 Great Pumpkin Run 5K..... 6:45 AM  
 Souper Saturday ..... 7:30 AM

## Monday, October 30

Executive Meeting - United Methodist Women .. 12:00 PM

## Tuesday, October 31

Daycare Trick-or-Treating ..... 9:00 AM

**O.P.A.L.S.**  
 (Older People with Active Life Styles)

## OPALS

Tuesday, October 24 at 11:30 AM  
 in the Family Life Center  
 Cost: \$5.00

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for their monthly gathering of fun, food and fellowship! Our program will be a Christmas craft demonstration by Shirley Milam. If you would like to make the door hanging, bring a gallon bleach bottle, (cut in half lengthwise through the handle) and an ice pick. Each month we are bringing a food item for the Common Ground pantry; this month it is a canned meat product (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

For reservations, please contact  
 Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465  
 by October 22, 2017.

## Pictorial Directory Coming for Benton UMC

The Lifetouch photography team will be here October 19-23 to take pictures upstairs in the large Children's Ministry room. You can reserve your session time by going online Monday through Saturday at [www.bentonumc.org/Dir](http://www.bentonumc.org/Dir) or signing up on paper each Sunday at the table in the front foyer (the online site will be disabled on Sundays). A new Church Directory will be such a good resource for our entire church family, and the only way you can get one is to have your picture taken! So sign up today; you will also receive a free 8X10 photo – no purchase is required. You will be given the opportunity, however, to buy as many of the pictures as you want. There is a 20% Military and Senior discount offered.

You may use the picture from the Fall 2014 Lifetouch session, but you will have to contact Pastor Cheryl so it will be submitted. It will appear in alphabetical order with the other pictures, but it will have a different background and there may be a \$10 charge. If you are unable to go online during the week or come to the church on Sundays, please call Pastor Cheryl at (318) 422-0914.

We want your picture in the Directory, but just as importantly, we want your updated contact information. If you have canceled your home phone or have added a cell phone, made a move or changed your email address, please contact the church office. We want the roster at the back of the book to be as accurate as possible. We are counting on everyone's participation to make this new directory a success.

[www.bentonumc.org/Dir](http://www.bentonumc.org/Dir)

# Thank you!



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women  
President, Pat Mosher

[onthelake8@bellsouth.net](mailto:onthelake8@bellsouth.net)

(318) 572-3447

My First  
Thank-You Note



Pastor Brad and Bume

It's hard to know  
the words to say  
Because I'm  
still brand-new,  
But thank you  
for the lovely gift—  
It sure was nice

of you!  
Thank you for the rose  
bud in my honor and  
for baptizing me - It was  
the best day of my little  
life -  
Everly Kyle  
+ GramMa Dayries

Thank You

THANK YOU!!!  
for all the prayers and  
well wishes with my  
recent surgery. thank  
you for the sweet card and  
thinking of me.

thank you  
melissa jennings

## CALENDAR:

**October 12**— Morning Glories Circle meets at 9:30 AM

**October 17**— Nightingales Circle meets at 6:30 PM and are to bring items for Shoeboxes to be packed that night.

**Pledges for 2018 will be started in October and the World Thank Bank Calendars are available-see page 4. Both circles meet in Breakfast Club Room.**

**October 13-14**—UMW Annual Meeting at First UMC, Bossier City

This is our state annual meeting and Shreveport District is hosting. Our Benton UMW will be asked to help. Please plan to attend and help. Meetings will be Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning. Dinner at Hilton Garden Inn Saturday evening. Thank you Katherine Ashley for baking cookies and Doris Wilhite for helping with registration.

**October 30** – Executive Board Meeting at 12:00 PM

Newly elected officers are welcome as we will be preparing for next year's program. (Date changed from program book)

**November 11**— Shreveport District Annual Meeting and Leader's Training at Broadmoor UMC

**November 12**—Frozen Casserole Sale

**December 5**—General Meeting, Installation of Officers, Christmas Program

## SHARING:

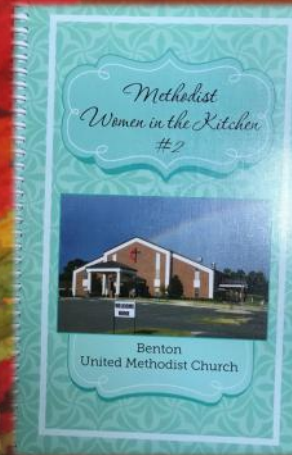
Looking for Christmas presents?

Give in two ways by buying  
Benton UMW cookbook:

**United Methodist Women  
in the Kitchen #2.**

Proceeds go to  
United Methodist Women  
supported missions and has  
over 600 recipes!

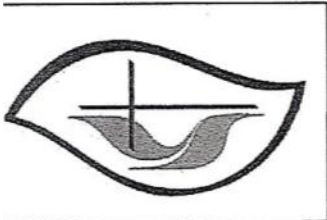
**Copies will be on sale  
for \$20 each or 6 for \$100 by:  
Sunday, October 8, 2017**



## Operation Blessing & Samaritan's Purse

Start shopping for small items for the **Samaritan's Purse** Shoeboxes. They are to be packed in October and sent out in November to the world – showing Christ's love to His children!!! Visit the link below to see what is needed for the shoeboxes:

[www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/  
operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)



# 31-DERFUL WAYS TO SAY THANKS

## *Living in Covenant Community, through Mission Giving*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1. World Communion Sunday</p> <p>Pray for Peace.</p> <p>Give 10 cents</p>	<p>2. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13</p> <p>Give 15 cents.</p>	<p>3. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10</p> <p>Give 10 cents for missions.</p>	<p>4. UMW is celebrating 148 years in mission. Give \$1.00 to honor those women who have built up our organization.</p>	<p>5. "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope." Jeremiah 29:11</p> <p>Give 15 cents.</p>	<p>6. John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey my commandments." Give 25 cents for God's mission.</p>	<p>7. "Finally, know that there is no end to God's call. God calls, tweaks the call, calls us again--and again." Tavve Moran Give 15 cents.</p>
<p>8. "Your sins are forgiven, for his name's sake." I John 2:12</p> <p>Give 25 cents.</p>	<p>9. John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to die for the Sheep." Give 15 cents.</p>	<p>10. Read John 15:1-4. Are you bearing God's fruit? Give thanks for the Vine and give!</p>	<p>11. John 15:11 "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete". Give 50 cents</p>	<p>12. Read the Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 5:3-12 and give thanks for guidance. Give 25 cents</p>	<p>13. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God." Matthew 5: 9 Give 25 cents.</p>	<p>14. "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13 Give Freely</p>
<p>15. Dr. Clara Swain opened a medical clinic for women and girls in 1870 in Bareilly, India. Give 50 cents in her memory.</p>	<p>16. "That we should serve in newness of spirit." Romans 7:6</p> <p>Thank God for spiritual renewal. Give 50 cents.</p>	<p>17. "Walk cheerfully and freely in God's Service." Mother Teresa Give 50 cents.</p>	<p>18. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good in order to build him up in the faith." Romans 15:2 Give 25 cents.</p>	<p>19. "Let us not therefore judge one another any more" Romans 14:13 Give 10 cents.</p>	<p>20. Conserve energy. Carpool to work and social events. Give 10 cents.</p>	<p>21. Matt. 10:42 "Whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers will receive his reward." Give 25 cents.</p>
<p>22. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matt. 22:39</p> <p>Give 50 cents.</p>	<p>23. "there is one God and Father of all Mankind, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all." Eph. 4:5-6 Give 10 cents.</p>	<p>24. "Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given." Eph. 4:7 Give 10c.</p>	<p>25. "Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him." Eph. 5:1 If someone has helped you give 50 cents.</p>	<p>26. "And look after one another's interests, not just for your own." Philippians 2:4 Give 25 cents.</p>	<p>27. "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 118 Give 25 cents.</p>	<p>28. " FEED MY SHEEP" If you have a refrigerator with food in it, give thanks. Give 15 cents.</p>
<p>29. "Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God." I John 4:7</p> <p>Give 25 cents, with a thankful heart.</p>	<p>30. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10</p> <p>Live abundantly. Give 50 cents.</p>	<p>31. "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." John 11:25 Give 25 cents.</p>				

"Is there anyone among you who,  
if your child asks for bread,  
will give a stone?"

-Matthew 7:9



## BREAD *or* STONES

**Children's Sabbath**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

During service on Sunday, October 22, we will unite in prayer with the many churches that are covenant partners with Bread or Stones. As one of our commitments to this program, we will pray for the well-being of Louisiana's children. If you can, please add this focus to your daily prayers.

*Most gracious heavenly Father,  
You give us all good gifts, loving us each as Your own.  
Strengthen our resolve to ensure that all of the  
children of Louisiana receive the food, education,  
health care, and opportunity they need for growth and  
fulfillment of the lives they deserve.  
Bless the Bread or Stones Campaign as we work  
to improve child well-being, serving your children  
with the tenderness you have first shown us.  
We ask these things in the Name of Your holy Child,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Also, as a commitment to serving through the church, if you are interested in hearing more about Bread or Stones or helping children preparing for the school year, please join us for Faith in Action.

**Faith in Action:**  
**A Gathering on**  
**School Readiness & Student Retention**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017**  
**from 10:00-11:30 AM**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
275 Southfield Road, Shreveport

For more information on Bread or Stones,  
please contact:  
Rachel Stoneman

(318) 935-8515 or [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)

*All are welcome & encouraged to attend.*

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# WOW! ~ Harvest October 2017

## Wednesdays

5:30 PM ~ Dinner

6:00 PM ~ Program

### October 4 ~ Worship Harvest Time

Join us for mid-week worship with an inspirational message from Rev. Cheryl Nelson and Joel Carter.

### October 11 ~ Fall Break: No WOW!

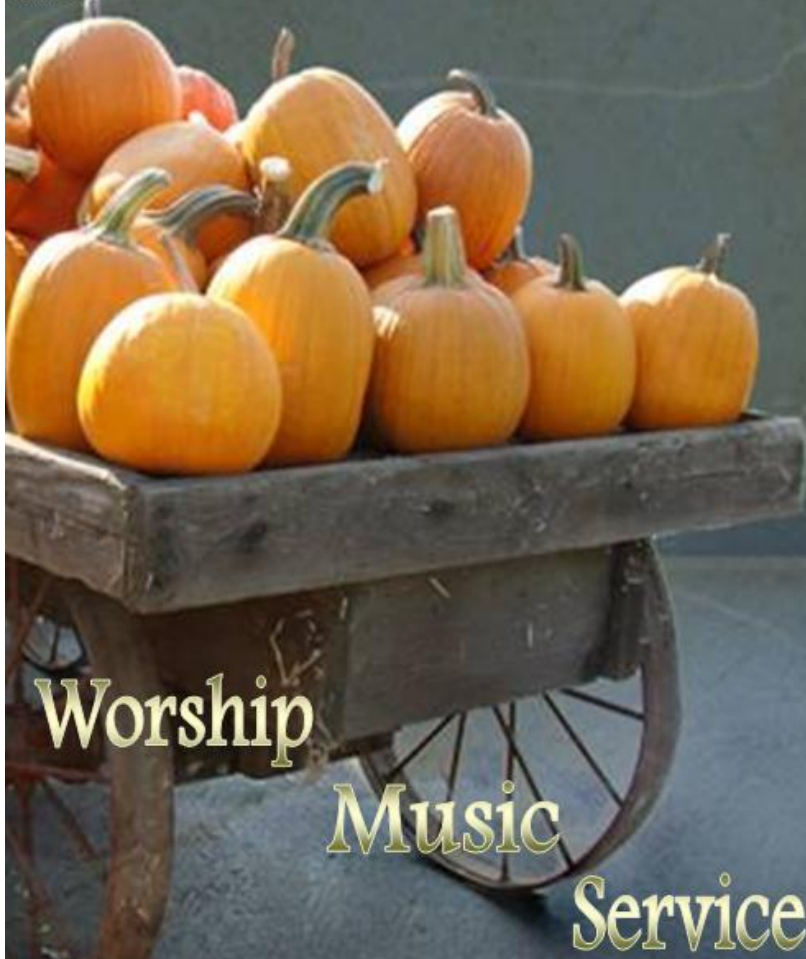
### October 18 ~ Hymn Sing

Praise the Lord through song with some old favorites, praise songs, and new medleys.

*"I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing  
with the understanding" (I Cor. 14:15).*

### October 25 ~ In the Garden

Learn about Fall planting while working in the garden and create something special of your own!



# Flood Relief



## Flood Relief Team Lake Charles, Louisiana 9-10-2017-9-13-2017

Our second trip to Lake Charles was as amazing as our first! This time, we worked with homeowner, Ladone, who was having a crisis of faith. She wondered why God had done this to her, what she had done to deserve it after all she had overcome, and where He went. We worked a day and a half on that house after another team had been in there for 4 days during the previous week. When we first met her, it was easy to see that she was overwhelmed, tired, and unable to comprehend the task at hand. After a slow start on Monday, we left for lunch wondering how we would ever get through the house having to move as slowly as we did to keep her from being wounded by our presence. We returned from lunch and noticed that she was smiling a bit, making a few more comments to the team members, and working on a room in the middle of the house. However, the progress was still slow and by the end of the day, we knew we may not even finish that house. After much discussion and replaying of scenarios, we decided that we could give it one more try the next morning. The next morning, Ladone was even a little brighter, a little clearer, and seemed a little happier. We had 3 more jobs left in the house, were able to move at a quicker pace, and by lunch, we were loading up our tools and saying goodbye to the homeowner—the job complete. It was satisfying, but even more remarkable was that Ladone almost shouted, "Thank you so much, God sent you all as my blessing!" As we were praying with Ladone, the realization that our job is not the property—that it will always be the relationships that we form showing God's love—was evident. Please join us on our next trip! Details are on the next page.



# Serving Our Community

## the table

Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, October 17  
& Wednesday, October 18

## The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, October 17  
9:00 AM Truck Unloading  
3:30PM Bag Packing

Wednesday, October 18  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

For more information on The Table, contact:  
Joel Carter at [jlcumc@yahoo.com](mailto:jlcumc@yahoo.com)  
or Kim Hauser [kimdenise1996@gmail.com](mailto:kimdenise1996@gmail.com)

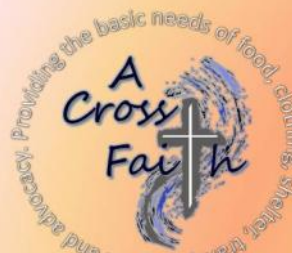
## The Closet Clothes Ministry

We need your help at our bustling clothes closet at A Cross Faith Advocacy Center (1659 Palmetto Road in Benton) and at Benton UMC.

New September Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday .....11:30 AM-4:00 PM

All Other Wednesdays .....11:30 AM-1:30 PM



## A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

HOURS:  
Wednesdays:  
September 6, 13, & 27  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church

*Transforming the community...*

For more information on The Closet Clothes Ministry, please contact:

Sue Shadow  
(318) 965-2496  
[shadow781@bellsouth.net](mailto:shadow781@bellsouth.net)

## Souper Saturday

Saturday  
October 28  
7:30 AM

## Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, substitute drivers, soup cooks, and sandwich makers. We have very dedicated volunteers—a family of Christ's servants! We serve on the last Saturday of each month. Please join us to see if this is where you connect in service.

For more information on Souper Saturday, contact:

Katherine Kavanaugh  
(318) 218-7730  
[katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net](mailto:katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net)

## FLOOD RELIEF TRIP #3

Sunday, October 8-11, 2017

*We depart following service and return Wednesday evening.*

Join us for our next Flood Relief Deployment by UMCOR. The base camp location has changed to Sulphur, Louisiana but we will be working anywhere from Lake Charles to Orange, Texas.

For more information, contact:  
Rachel Stoneman at  
(318) 469-9100 or [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)





INVITING IN...  
GROWING UP...  
SENDING OUT...

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## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:  
[rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)

All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month in both worship services. And every other Sunday in the month, it is offered in the Ed DeBusk Prayer Chapel on the second floor (directly across from the elevator) between 10:10 AM and 10:25 AM.

Pastor Cheryl invites all who would like to receive Holy Communion more often, or who may miss 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, to join her there immediately after Sunday School, which ends at 10:15 AM, and before the 10:30 AM worship



## Jammin' for Jesus!

Join us for a night of praise and worship songs brought to you by the praise team!

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**

## TRUNK - OR - TREAT

Fun for all at our annual fall fest, Trunk-or-Treat.

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

