



**Impact**  
Mini Missions  
*Making a big impact*

**Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for your next mini mission immediately following dinner!

**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.

**WOW! Impact Mini Mission**

**5:30 PM—Dinner**  
**6:10 PM—Mini Mission**

Our Mission: TBA

Register by emailing:  
[linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org)



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

SAFE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Wednesday, October 30 at 5:30 PM**



# INsight

October 2019  
Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church

## Weekly Events

- Sundays**
- Worship.....8:15 AM
  - Sunday School.....9:15 AM
  - Fellowship.....10:15 AM
  - Worship.....10:30 AM
  - Boy Scouts.....2:00 PM
  - Bible Study (at the Hearne home).... 6:00 PM
- Mondays**
- Bodies On a Mission .....9:00 AM
- Tuesdays**
- Intercessory Prayer Team .....9:00 AM
- Wednesdays**
- Bodies On a Mission .....9:00 AM
  - The Closet @ BUMC.....9:30 AM
  - The Closet @ Chapel.....11:30 AM
  - WOW! Dinner.....5:30 PM
  - WOW! Study & Activities .....6:10 PM
  - Choir Practice .....7:00 PM
- Thursdays**
- Gospel of John Bible Study .....10:30 AM
  - Alcoholics Anonymous .....6:00 PM
- Fridays**
- Bodies On a Mission .....9:00 AM

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

There's much to be excited about in the month of October. Fall is in the air! Pumpkins, fall festivals, and cooler, drier air is always welcomed.

I wanted to let you know that our stewardship theme this year is: **Being a Good Neighbor**. We'll explore how Benton United Methodist church is living out the gospel of Jesus Christ by being a community church. The two Sundays of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October will be designated as our stewardship focus. **Being a Good Neighbor** has been our yearlong focus highlighting how we are making a difference in our community. A pictorial pamphlet capturing our involvement in the community as well as a pledge card will be sent out mid October. Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our commitment Sunday. God is at work at BUMC. I'm blessed to be your pastor. Take Care.

Blessings,  
Your Preacher



If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture,  
"Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.  
~James 2:8

# Monthly & Special Events

- Wednesday, October 2**  
Cypress Area Garden Club Meeting..... 10:00 AM
- Thursday, October 3**  
Worship Team Meeting..... 6:00 PM
- Sunday, October 6**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM  
LifeShare Blood Drive..... 7:45 AM
- Thursday, October 10**  
Morning Glories..... 9:30 AM
- Friday, October 11**  
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM
- Sunday, October 13**  
Blessing of the Pets..... 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 15**  
Food Truck Unloading..... 8:00 AM  
Food Bag Packing..... 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, October 16**  
The Closet Clothes Ministry @ A Cross Faith..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Food Lunch & Devotion..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM
- Friday, October 18**  
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread..... 7:15 AM
- Sunday, October 20**  
7:00 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 22**  
OPALS..... 11:30 AM  
Finance Committee Meeting..... 6:00 PM  
Church Council Meeting..... 7:00 PM
- Friday, October 25**  
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 26**  
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM  
ERT Training at First UMC, Shreveport..... 8:00 AM
- Sunday, October 27**  
7<sup>th</sup> Heaven—A Children's Ministry Family Event..... 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 30**  
Trunk-or-Treat..... 5:30 PM

## Financial Report

Benton UMC continues to have generous givers. Thanks to all who continue to help Benton UMC grow and share GOD'S LOVE throughout the community.

### Third Quarter Financial Report 2019

Income	\$145,772.67
Expenses	\$133,447.42
Total Income Over Expenses	\$ 12,325.25

### Apportionments

LA Conference Apportionment amount for 2019 is \$44,828.00. We have paid \$35,146.17 through third quarter. Balance \$11,716.83. We are paying \$3,905.21 per month.

**Mortgage note balance** \$ 187,884.31 (Note is \$5,661.61)

**Note for Air conditioners for Family Life Center balance** \$0.00 (Paid off in July.)

**We had a couple of large items we purchased and paid during the third quarter.**

**We purchased an air conditioner and paid \$6,800 in August.**

**We purchased a new projector for Family Life Center and paid 5,900 in September.**



**WOW!**

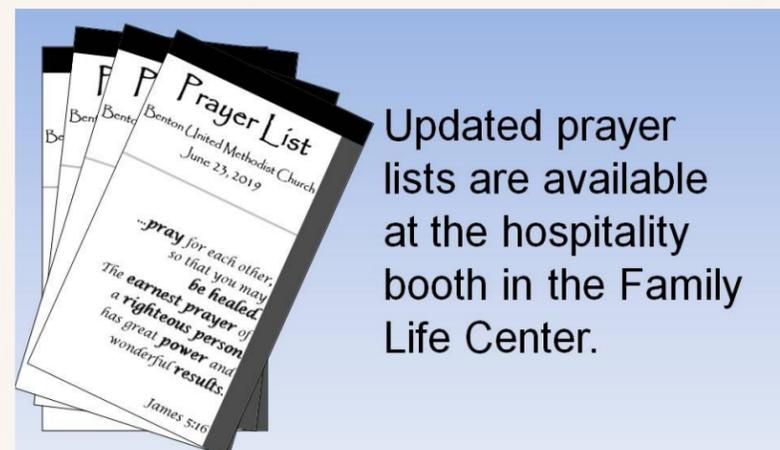
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This month's Children's Ministry Family Event will be at 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven Ranch. If you would like to participate in these events, please contact Linda in the church office to get on the event Group Me.

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM**  
Linda Silas  
(318) 965-2273 or [linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org)



## The Mark David Penny Drive for Missions donation spotlight: Fire Recovery Ministry of Benton UMC—\$700

This ministry meets people at one of the most devastating times of their lives and helps the recovery process begin all while the fire is **still** burning. House fires can be emotionally, physically, and financially devastating, so the Fire Recovery Ministry is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

**How it works:** A servant will take a fire box and the fire phone home with them for one week. If the fire chief or fire fighter calls the phone, they will take down the family's information and leave immediately with the fire box and their servant partner. (This can be a husband and wife team or 2 other people that are male and female.) Then, the team will arrive at the house (ID cards are issued by the fire chief), meet the family, and do what is called for at that time. Often, they need hugs, someone to hold their hands, answer questions about what is next, and most importantly, to pray with them. Interested? Training is available!

**Thank you to all who participated to make these donations possible!**

...to remind <sup>us</sup> me  
of His faithfulness.

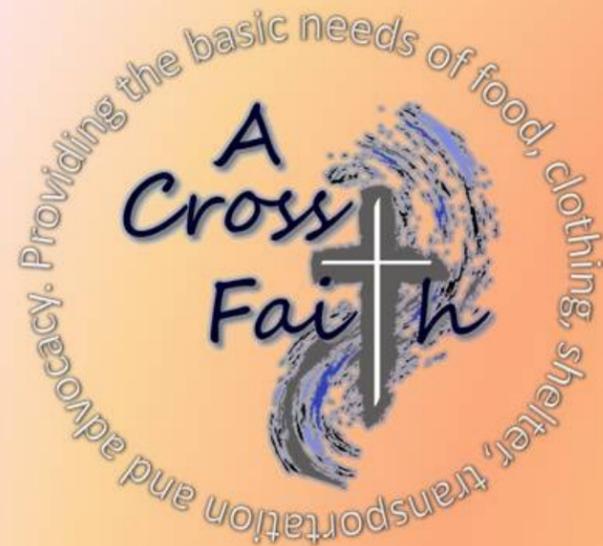
Thank You

VBS Pennies,  
Your generous contribution to the "Fire Box Ministry" will provide aid and comfort to those in a very trying time.  
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## Thank you, Benton UMC

BUMC -  
We want to thank you for the hams that fed our family and friends after the Celebration of life for So Ellen. Our church family helped make our difficult time bearable - It is a blessing to be a part of this Church -  
Gratefully,  
Romans 15:13  
Dennie + Donna Daynes

# Serving Our Community



## A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

**HOURS:**  
Wednesday, October 16  
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

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

*Transforming the community...*

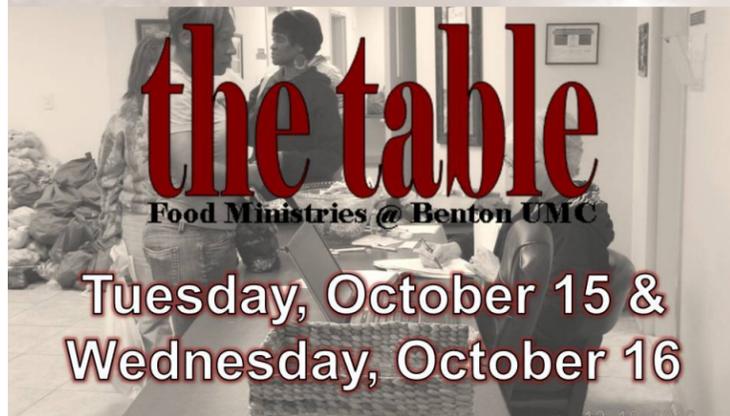
### Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, or to be 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)



**Tuesday, October 15**  
8:00 AM Truck Unloading  
9:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, October 16**  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

### The Table Food Ministry

For more information on The Table, contact:  
Kim Hauser [kimdenise1996@gmail.com](mailto:kimdenise1996@gmail.com) or Rachel Stoneman [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

### Bringing Bread for the Altar

On Sunday, October 6th, please bring bread to share with a local ministry and place it on the altar on your way in to worship. Pastor Brad will bless this bread for those who will receive it.

### About World Communion Sunday in the UMC

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

### Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

### Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord  
~ John B. Foley "One Bread, One Body"*

# Loving Jesus Through His Children

## Nursing Home Mini Mission

In March Mary Jane Bradford led our mini mission for Pilgrim Manor and Garden Court nursing homes. We packed an Easter care package with shampoo, lotion, chapstick, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissues. It was so much fun! Even the Morning Glories took some time out of their meeting to color Easter greetings from our church!

Ashley and the children had a great time with the children coloring the greeting cards, too!



After all the bags were packed and the cards were decorated, the bags were delivered! Please say a special thank you to our Youth Ministry who delivered those packages! Youth parents loaded up their cars and took the kids to take these care packages to each of the recipients personally.

***Thank you, church, for all you do to continually bless and nurture our community.***

