



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

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## Holy Communion Sundays

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## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:  
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All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.



# INsight

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 2017

## Weekly Events @ Benton UMC

### Sundays

Worship ..... 8:15 AM  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM  
Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Bible Study @ Hearne Home ..... 6:00 PM

### 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

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  
Bodies On A Mission ..... 6:00 PM  
Choir Practice ..... 6:00 PM

### Fridays

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

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church family,

Soon the holidays will be upon us. The holiday season begins in many ways with Thanksgiving and continues until Epiphany. It is a season filled with expectations and the richness of tradition. Our word holiday is but another spelling of "holy day." The idea of combining religious celebration and relaxation from work goes back to the origin of holy days. These were days of both attending church and freedom from work-because rest itself was considered holy.

The covenant of marriage, friendship and health all prosper when they are given holidays and free times. And if our commitments are such that we consider an entire day an impossible reality in our week, then at least there is always the holy hour or "holihours." We can fence off a certain time each day to be free, to relax, and so become more holy.

While decorating, purchasing gifts, writing cards, cooking grand feasts and attending parties is indeed part of the tradition of the holidays, so is relaxation. Be blessed!

Your Preacher,

Brad



**Sunday, November 5  
6:00 PM**

## Jammin for Jesus! - Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 PM

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

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, November 5**  
 United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion.....7:00 AM  
 Youth—Lunch & Bingo at Brookdale..... 12:00 PM  
 Jammin' for Jesus.....6:00 PM
- Monday, November 6**  
 Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting .....6:00 PM
- Thursday, November 9**  
 Signing Reception for Hayden White.....6:30 PM  
 Youth Practice for Christmas Program .....6:00 PM
- Friday, November 10**  
*Church Office Closed*  
 Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM
- Saturday, November 11**  
*Veterans' Day*  
 Worship Team Meeting .....9:00 AM
- Sunday, November 12**  
 Youth at Providence House..... 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 14**  
 NWLA Truck Unloading ..... 9:00 AM  
 NWLA Food Bag Packing with Youth..... 3:00 PM  
 Church Council Meeting ..... 6:00 PM  
 Nightingales Circle Meeting ..... 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 15**  
 The Closet @ Benton UMC..... 11:30 AM  
 The Closet @ A Cross Faith..... 11:30 AM  
 The Table Food Distribution ..... 12:30 PM
- Thursday, November 16**  
 Youth Practice for Christmas Program..... 6:00 PM
- Friday, November 17**  
 Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera..... 7:15 AM  
 Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM  
 Youth Sandwich Prep ..... 4:00 PM
- Saturday, November 18**  
 Youth Feeding Downtown Friends ..... 8:30 AM
- Sunday, November 19**  
 United Methodist Men's Breakfast..... 7:00 AM  
 LifeShare Blood Drive ..... 7:45 AM  
 District Ministry Training..... 3:00 PM  
 Youth Open Gym Night..... 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 21**  
 Youth Dave & Buster's in Dallas..... 8:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 22**  
*Church Office Closes at 12:00 PM*
- Thursday, November 23**  
*Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed*
- Friday, November 24**  
*Church Office Closed*
- Saturday, November 25**  
 Souper Saturday ..... 7:30 AM
- Tuesday, November 28**  
 O. P. A. L. S. .... 11:30 AM
- Thursday, November 30**  
 Youth Practice for Christmas Program..... 6:00 PM

# O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

## O.P.A.L.S.

**Tuesday, November 28 at 11:30 AM**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

The O.P.A.L.S. (Older People with Active Life Styles) will meet for their annual Bluegrass Jam Fest with Bill Smelly, Jerry Horton and their string-pickin' friends. This is always a great day of fun and fellowship and a delicious potluck meal. The O.P.A.L.S. provide the meat and bread, and you bring your favorite Thanksgiving veggie or salad or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!!

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

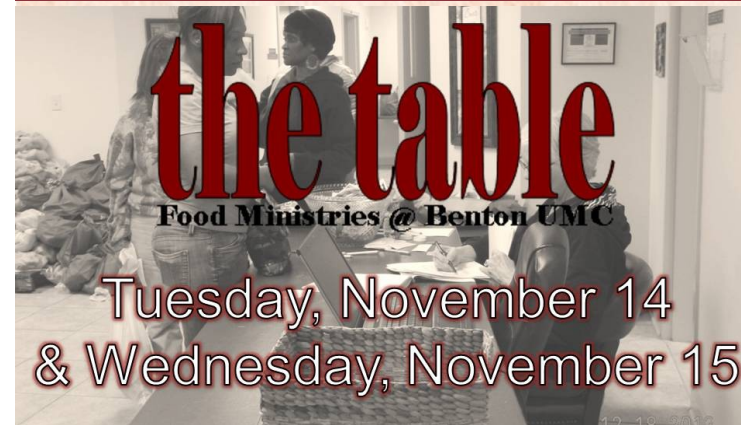


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# Serving Our Community



**Tuesday, November 14**  
**& Wednesday, November 15**

## The Table Food Ministry

<b>Tuesday, November 14</b> 9:00 AM Truck Unloading 3:30 PM Bag Packing	<b>Wednesday, November 15</b> 12:30 PM Food Distribution
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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.

**Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:**

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

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

**A Cross Faith Advocacy Center**

**HOURS:**  
**Wednesday, November 15**  
**11:30 AM-4:00 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 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)**

## LifeShare Blood Drive

*1 Peter 2:21: For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*

**Did you know....**

Regular donors are **88%** less likely to have a heart attack, stroke or cancer

**ONE** donation saves **THREE** lives  
**1 in 3** people will need a transfusion in their lifetime



**Sunday, November 19**  
**7:45 AM-12:30 PM**



# Serving Our Community

## God Working Through Us

During the second service on Sunday, October 22, a witness was offered about the impact of being a good neighbor. If you weren't here, you probably heard about it, and it all came down to a screwdriver. Rita Crosby offers a testimonial about how she helped a gentleman out in need—read about it here in her own words:

“Returning to the Day Care after taking Lea Ann to work, I was approaching Airline Drive from Swan Lake Road. I saw someone pushing his car. Immediately I thought it was the preacher! I made a circle around the Shell station and I realized that Brad was with Mark. Anyhow, I thought God must be telling me something. So I offered to help. All he needed was a Phillips screw driver. Usually the first question I ask a stranger is ‘Where do you go to church?’ and mention that I go to Benton United Methodist Church.

“I always have compassion for people in need of car assistance, especially after my car stopped on Linton Road and a host of angels came to my rescue. The two I will always remember are Mike and Denise Karamales—a connection that will never be broken.

“We serve Jesus Himself when we help those in need.”

At the end of worship on that Sunday, the gentleman came to the church to return the screwdriver and to thank Rita for the impact that this kind gesture had on his life. It was a God moment!!



Screwdriver (left); Rita Crosby (right)

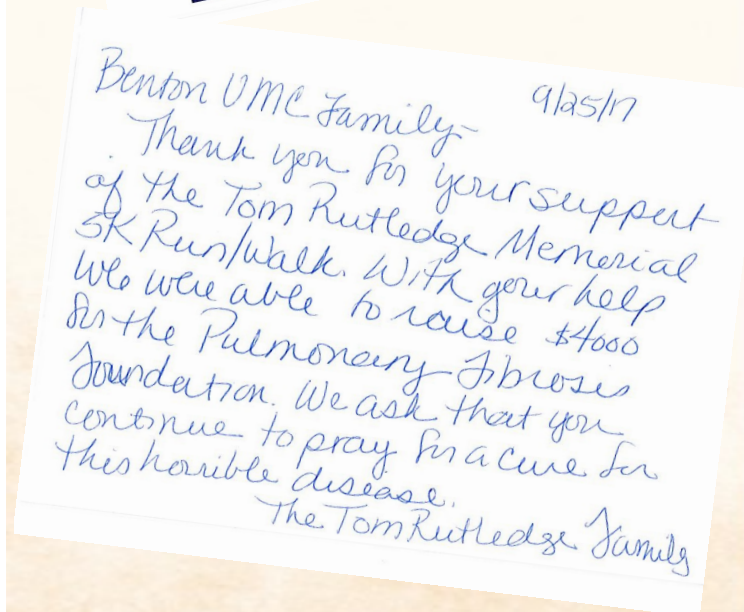


**Poinsettias  
\$10 each**

Adorn the altar with poinsettias in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Poinsettias can be taken home immediately following Christmas Eve Service.

Place your order in the church office at (318) 965-2273 or emailing [linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org).

*Thank you!*



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH·HOPE·LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women  
President, Pat Mosher

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(318) 572-3447

### CALENDAR:

**November 9**— Morning Glories Circle meets at 9:30 AM  
**November 14**— Nightingales Circle meets at 6:30 PM

*Pledges for 2018 will be accepted, please check with Doris Wilhite, our Treasurer.*

*World Thank Bank Program will be presented at both circles and both meet in the Breakfast Club Room.*

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

Be there to see our Louisiana State United Methodist Woman in Mission honored—our very own Betty Russell.



### November 12 Frozen Casserole Sale

Plan to buy your sweet potato casserole and cornbread dressing for the holidays. Also, breads, cakes, pies, and other goodies will be available before and after church until all is gone.

**December 5**—General Meeting, Installation of Officers, Christmas Program  
Circles will go out to eat in December.

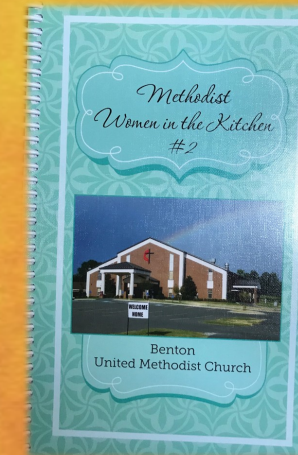
### SHARING:

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 on sale now for \$20 each or 6 for \$100 by:

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**



IN THE MANGER  
**GOD LOVES YOU**  
.....  
THROUGH THE  
CROSS  
**GOD SAVES YOU**

## Because of Bethlehem Advent Study

Begins Sunday, November 26 at 5:30 PM  
at the Home of Martha Grisso  
3302 Cane Break, Bossier City, Louisiana  
\*Books available online, for e-readers, and LifeWay

### CHRISTMAS.

It brings sleigh bells ringing and carolers singing. And sometimes it brings heartache and hurt feelings. If you could use some true Christmas this Christmas, join Max Lucado as he unpacks the enduring promises of Christmas and discovers a lifetime of hope because of **one baby born in Bethlehem.**

For more information about this study, please contact:  
Joel Carter  
(318) 465-9235 or [jlcumc@yahoo.com](mailto:jlcumc@yahoo.com)

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