

Hangin' *of the* Greens

Wednesday, November 28

Dinner at 5:30 PM
Service at 6:10 PM

Join us for fun, fellowship and family as we adorn the church in preparation for Christmastide.

Contact Linda Silas at
(318) 965-2273
for dinner reservations.

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

November 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church

Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship	8:15 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Class Meeting.....	11:30 AM
Boy Scouts	2:00 PM
Bible Study @ Hearne Home.....	6:00 PM

Mondays

Bodies On a Mission.....	9:00 AM
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Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team.....	9:00 AM
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Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission.....	9:00 AM
The Closet Workday @ BUMC	9:30 AM
The Closet Distribution @ Chapel.....	11:30 AM
WOW! Dinner	5:30 PM
WOW! Studies.....	6:10 PM

Thursdays

Bible Study led by Brad Franklin	10:00 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....	6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission.....	9:00 AM
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A Word From Pastor Brad

Church,

November 1st is All Saints Day. It's a day to remember that we are all called to be holy and to remember those you love who have passed through the doorway of death into eternal life. Take time today to prayerfully recall those family members, friends and significant people in your life who have died.

In the Middle Ages it was the custom to bury people facing east, the direction from which it was believed Christ would come on Judgment Day. On that last day, people would rise facing the Judge's glorious arrival. Priests, however, were buried facing west so that they would rise in a position to read their judgment to the people. Take time in the month of November to reflect that regardless of the direction of our tomb or grave "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Bless You-
Your Preacher,
Brad

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

*Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory. "*
Psalm 24:8-10



Journey to Bethlehem

SAVE THE DATE!! DECEMBER 8 & 9

Watch for sign up sheets in the Family Life Center & Family Life Center Hallway.
Please contact Ron or Ginny Jones at (318) 469-3696 for more information about serving in
The Journey to Bethlehem.

Monthly & Special Events

Sunday, November 4

United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
 All Saints' Sunday..... 8:15 & 10:30 AM
 Hands & Feet: Serving with Our Children.... 3:00 PM
 Blessing of the Pets..... 5:00 PM

Monday, November 5

Shreveport District Ministry Team Meeting... 5:30 PM

Thursday, November 8

Morning Glories 9:30 AM
 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

Friday, November 9

Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM

Sunday, November 11

United Methodist Women Casserole Sale... 8:00 AM

Tuesday, November 13

Staff/Parish Relations Meeting..... 6:00 PM
 Nightingales..... 6:30 PM

Friday, November 16

Just a Bunch of Lit Wits..... 7:15 AM

Sunday, November 18

United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM

Tuesday, November 20

NWLA Food Truck Unloading 8:00 AM
 NWLA Food Bag Packing 9:00 AM
 Nightingales 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 21

The Closet @ A Cross Faith 11:30 AM
 The Table Ministry Lunch & Devotion..... 11:30 AM
 The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM

Saturday, November 24

Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM

Tuesday, November 27

O.P.A.L.S..... 11:30 AM

Wednesday, November 28

Hanging of the Greens 5:30 PM

For more information about these and other events, or to schedule use of a room at the church, please contact Linda Silas in the church office at (318) 965-2273.

Regularly scheduled events are listed on page 1.

O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

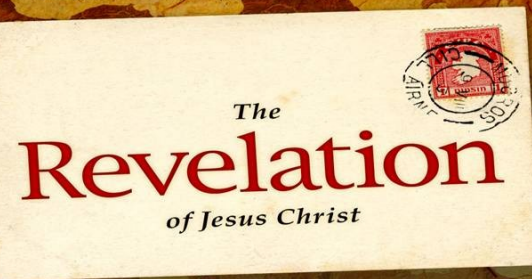
**Tuesday, November 27 at 11:30 AM
 in the Family Life Center**

The Older People with Active Life Styles will be meeting for their annual Thanksgiving "Pickers and Pot Luck" gig. Bill Smelly, Jerry Horton and their amazing bluegrass friends will be having a jam session with us. OPALS will provide the grilled pork loin and everyone who comes should bring their favorite Thanksgiving dish to add to the table. We feed the pickers, so bring a bit extra.

Our donation to Common Ground this month will be baby diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5).

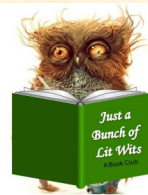
There's always good food and a lot of toe-tapping laughter, so join us and celebrate Thanksgiving!

By the way, OPALS do not meet in December - see you next in January 2019.



**Bible Study:
 Thursdays at 10:00 AM**

BIBLE STUDY
Genesis
**Sundays at 6:00 PM
 at the Home of
 Buddy & Reba Hearne
 3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA
 (318) 965-0122**



Our book club meets again on November 16, 2018 with the book **Skipping Christmas by John Grisham**. We choose books at our monthly meetings. Now is the time to jump in and join the Lit Wits! We would love to see you there!

Contact Joel Carter for information at (318) 465-9235.

Thank You, Benton UMC



*Dear ladies of the Benton UMC UMW,
 Thanks so much for the continuing support of Common Ground's ministries. You all have supported us in so many ways & allowed us to help our friends in Cedar Grove have a brighter day! Please know how much it means to all of us -
 Lisa Cronin
 for Common Ground*

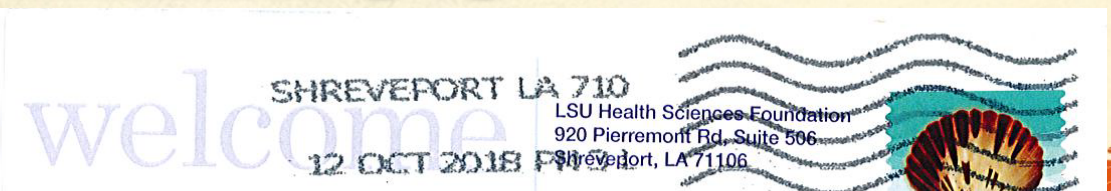


*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever
 psalm 136:1*



Pennies

WELCOME



You recently made your first donation to LSU Health Shreveport. That means you've chosen to support the next generation of healthcare professionals and play a part in advancing life-saving research. You've seen a place where you can make an impact, and you acted.

Your generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. No matter the amount, any gift given to LSU Health Shreveport helps! We just want to say **THANK YOU** for joining our wonderful community of donors. We're grateful you took that first step.

Best,
Kevin Flood
 President & CEO
 LSU Health Sciences Foundation

*Benton United Methodist Church
 4615 Palmetto Rd
 Benton, LA 71006*

Fall
THANKFUL
Grateful

Thank You, Benton UMC

Dear Church,

I wanted to offer my thanks to you for your thoughtful cards and generous love offering for pastor appreciation month. It means a lot. I feel the love and I'm very blessed to be your pastor.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In Christ's Love,
Your Preacher-
Brad Franklin



10/29/18
Benton United Methodist Church,
Words cannot say enough about
the love you have shown me during
my sister's illness and death.
Through kind words, thoughts, cards,
prayers, and presence at Myrela's
Memorial service, my heart was
touched and prayers felt. God
has been my strength through it
all.
Love,
Reba Hearne

September 18, 2018

Benton United Methodist Church
4615 Palmetto Rd.
Benton, La. 71006

Dear Pastor,

Your Church recently sent us \$500 to help with the expenses of our Freedom Celebration Fire Works Show.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated. This cooperation between our churches is admirable and we are glad you can enjoy this time of year and celebration of our freedom with us.

Again, thank you for being a good neighbor and fellow members of the Christian Family

Yours truly,

Cecil Winn, Executive Pastor
Cypress Baptist Church



Dear Church Family,

My heartfelt thanks to my wonderful church family for all the calls, texts, flowers & cards - and especially the prayers! during my hospital stay and as I recuperate at home. I am happy to say, I am on the mend! God is Good and may He bless each of you.

Love,
Pastor Cheryl

Sunday, Nov. 4
3 PM
Children & Adult
Serving Ministry

Hands & Feet Ministry: Serving with Our Children

Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 PM

This is a wonderful time for adults of the church to meet and mentor those younger children and parents through service and fellowship.

Bring shoeboxes to fill and the items you would like to send and we will build the boxes together and place on the altar. For ideas, visit:

<http://bentonumc.org/OperationBlessingShoeBoxes>

All are welcome, invited, and encouraged to serve through the Hands & Feet Ministry.

Bless a Child With a Shoebox Gift

Bring your boxes on
November 11th for a blessing!

Christmas Poinsettias
ORDER BETWEEN NOVEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 3

United Methodist Women
FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women
President, Pat Mosher
onthelake8@bellsouth.net
(318) 572-3447

Tapestry
Women's Ministry

I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. - Colossians 2:2

Mark your calendars:

Circle Meetings

Morning Glories Circle
Thursday, November 8 at 9:30 AM

Nightingales Circle
Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM
We will have a speaker from LSU AgCenter on nutrition and holiday ideas.

Both Circles will meet in the Breakfast Club Room.

Sharing:

November is **THANK BANK** month.

We did not have our board meeting on October 29. A new date will be set for our Executive Board Meeting.

Shreveport District Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 10 at Christ UMC

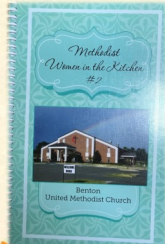
Frozen Casserole Sale & Blessing of the Shoeboxes
Sunday, November 11

The deadline for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes is November 11. Thank you to all who participated!

Christmas Fellowship
Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 PM
Open to all ladies of Benton UMC.
Come and hear what will be Our Story in 2019.

Methodist Women in the Kitchen #2
Our Cookbook is still available in the church office at **\$20 each or 6 for \$100.**

They make great gifts for Christmas!!
Proceeds go to United Methodist Women supported missions.





School Hygiene Kit Packing at WOW!



Thank you all for helping pack the hygiene kits for the elementary schools! They were requested at a Bossier Parish School Board Meeting recently as an item teachers and counselors like to have on hand. We packed 100 bags that were split between Kingston, Legacy, and Benton Elementary Schools. Join us for our next WOW! Mission Night!



WOW! Mission Night UMCOR Hygiene Kits and Flood Buckets Wednesday, November 14 5:30 PM Dinner 6:10 PM Packing buckets & kits

Angel Tree

Angel Tree Project of the Louisiana Methodist Children and Family Services (Formerly Methodist Children's Home)

There are a total of 96 children in residential care and 106 in foster care and our church has requested 20 Angel Tree cards to help some of these children have a more joyful Christmas. Each item on the card is specifically from wish lists filled out by children from the residential program and foster care program. There will be a Christmas tree with the cards attached in the foyer with instructions on purchasing and bringing the items back to the Angel Tree.

Please return your gifts to the church by December 2, 2018. If you have questions or need more information, call Kim Hauser (318) 344-3176.

Thank you for your support of Louisiana Methodist Children and Family Services!

Serving Our Community



The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, November 20 8:00 AM Truck Unloading 9:00 AM Bag Packing Wednesday, November 21 12:30 PM Food Distribution

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

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: 3rd Wednesdays 11:30 AM-4:00 PM All Other Wednesdays..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

A Cross Faith Advocacy Center logo and hours: Wednesday, November 21 11:30 AM-4:00 PM. Also lists participating churches: Benton United Methodist Church, Elizabeth Baptist Church, St. Jude Catholic Church.

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

Sue Shadow 318.965.2496 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

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10