



Wednesday, November 13 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

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: Hub Urban Ministries
Hygiene Kits wrapped in Blankets

Register by emailing:
linda.silas@bentonumc.org



Journey to Bethlehem

DECEMBER 7 | 6:00-9:00 PM
RAIN DATE: DECEMBER 8 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Watch for sign up sheets in the Family Life Center & Family Life Center Hallway.
Please contact Ron or Ginny Jones at (318) 469-3693 for more information about serving in *The Journey to Bethlehem*—our drive-through nativity.



INSIGHT

November 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).... 5:00 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,

On November 3rd of this year we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. This is a very meaningful service and one of my personal favorites. November 3rd is referred to as Do-It Yourself Canonization Day. Before the twelfth century when the lengthy process of the official canonization of saints by the Catholic Church began, the people pronounced the holy deceased in their midst to be saints by common acclaim. Take some time today to place among the ranks of the saints those who touched you by their faith-filled lives and holy deeds; your parents, grandparents, friends or teachers. May these saints be holy guides and sources of inspiration for you.

God Bless,
Your Preacher

All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2019



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11

Monthly & Special Events

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends
 United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
 Charge Conference..... 3:30 PM

Wednesday, November 6

Cypress Area Garden Club Meeting..... 10:00 AM

Thursday, November 7

Daycare Board Meeting..... 6:00 PM

Friday, November 8

Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM

Sunday, November 10

Frozen Casserole Sale by UMW..... 8:00 AM

Monday, November 11

Church Office Closed in Observation of Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 14

Morning Glories..... 9:30 AM

Friday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 19

Food Truck Unloading..... 8:00 AM
 Food Bag Packing..... 9:00 AM
 Nightingales UMW Circle..... 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 20

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, November 22

Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 26

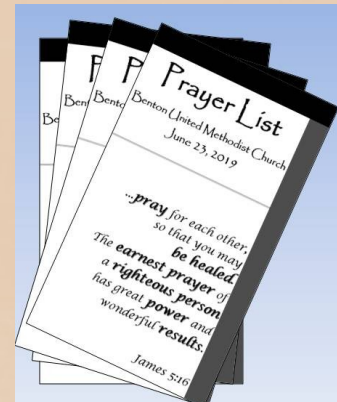
OPALS..... 11:30 AM

Wednesday, November 27– Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 30

Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM



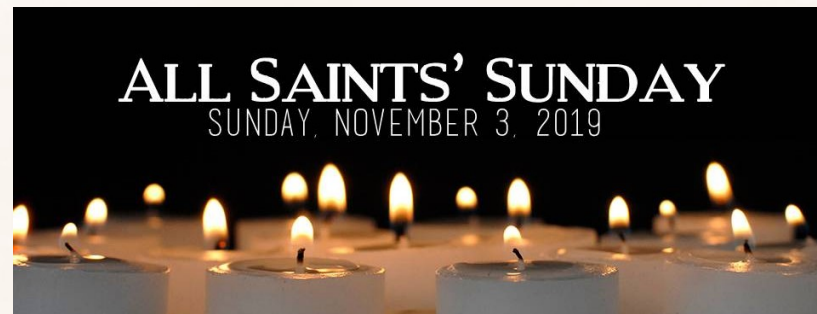
Updated prayer lists are available at the hospitality booth in the Family Life Center.



WOW!

5:30 PM Dinner
 6:10 PM Bible Study & Activities

Register by emailing
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O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

Tuesday, November 26
 at 11:30 AM
 All are welcome!



Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursdays
 6:00 PM

Upstairs in the
 Conference Room

2019 Christmas Calendar

Starting in November:
 New Toy Collection for Toy Shoppe

Angel Tree for Louisiana
 United Methodist
 Children & Family Services

Angel Tree for Kingston Shoes

Operation Christmas Child
 Shoeboxes

Wednesday, December 4
 5:30 PM—Caroling

Saturday, December 7
 6:00 PM—Journey to Bethlehem

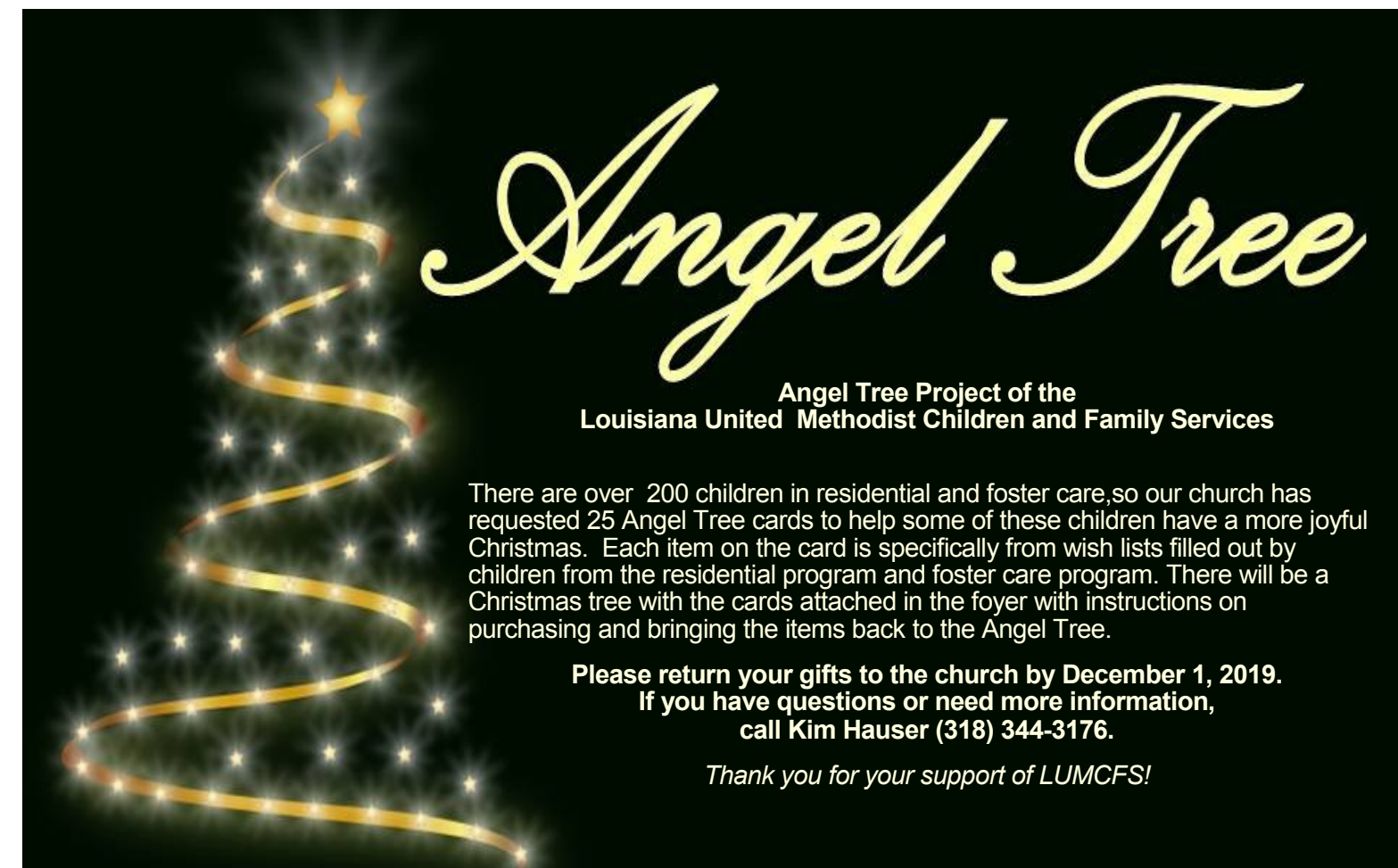
Wednesday, December 11
 6:00 PM—Youth Program

Sunday, December 15
 8:15 AM—Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 18
 12:30 PM—The Toy Shoppe
 6:00 PM—Children's Program

Friday, December 20
 5:00 PM—Random Acts
 of Christmas

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 PM



Angel Tree Project of the
 Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services

There are over 200 children in residential and foster care, so our church has requested 25 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 1, 2019.
 If you have questions or need more information,
 call Kim Hauser (318) 344-3176.

Thank you for your support of LUMCFS!

Jesus

The True Gift Of Christmas

The Toy Shoppe & Wrapped in Love

The Toy Shoppe & Wrapped in Love Set-Up TBA
Please contact Ashley Stinson if you want to help at (318) 349-5913

Wednesday, December 18—We Need YOU!!
12:30 PM—Helping Shoppers, Wrapping Gifts, & Distributing Food

Toys needed for ages 0-12 (\$15-20 in value)
Gift cards needed for teens
(\$20 in value from Bass Pro, Academy, etc.)

Wrapping Accessories needed (Bows, gift boxes, ribbon, etc.)

To serve, please contact:
Ashley Stinson (318) 349-5913



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Build your shoebox and bring to worship
on **Sunday, November 17**
for a special blessing!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoe Box Ministry:
UMW Project but *everyone* can participate with items or filled boxes.

- Pray and/or write a note for the child who will receive the box.
- Decide boy or girl
- Decide age: 2-4 5-9 10-14

DEADLINE:

Blessing of the Boxes is on November 17th or you can bring your boxes to either circle meeting. Morning Glories is on November 14th and Nightingales is on November 19th to be delivered to First Baptist Bossier Katherine Ashley.

NO: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Check online for full instructions at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Thank you for participating in this Samaritan's Purse project.



Frozen Casserole Sale Sunday, November 10

UMW News

Circle Meetings:

Morning Glories Thursday, November 14 at 9:30 AM
Nightingales Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM

Events:

Frozen Casserole Sale Sunday, November 10 at 8:00 AM
Support the UMW by purchasing frozen sweet potato casserole, stuffing, or other delights—let them do the cooking this Thanksgiving!
Operation Christmas Child Blessing Sunday, November 17

Loving Jesus Through His Children



Gingerbread House Mini Mission

In July, Alex Person, Forensic Interviewer and Education Coordinator, and Lacie Hadley, Forensic Interviewer came to talk about the Gingerbread House and how it serves in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Alex did a wonderful job teaching our littles about body safety—they were completely engaged. She had games and activities so the kids were especially attentive. Lacie gave an overview of the program on their day-to-day business, programs, and funding. Then we packed snack bags for the children who are served by the Gingerbread House—and we all looked forward to our ice cream treat when we finished. Alex and Lacie took the snack bags back that night and were very appreciative! Thank you Benton UMC!!



Indianapolis Plan:

Summary: This legislation envisions a Traditionalist United Methodist Church that would maintain the denomination's current restrictions on same-sex weddings and ordination of gay clergy. A separate Centrist/ Progressive United Methodist Church would remove those restrictions, as well as church teaching that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. The legislation holds out the possibility of a third denomination, a Progressive United Methodist Church, that would practice immediate full inclusion of LGBTQ persons.

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [UMNS report](#) – August 13, 2019

UMC Next Plan:

Summary: This legislation would keep intact The United Methodist Church as a denomination while allowing for greater regional autonomy across the connection. The doctrinal standards in the *The Book of Discipline* would be retained, but the language and policies that have excluded LGBTQ persons would be removed. Pastors would be able to determine if a couple is ready for marriage and it would be up to annual conferences to determine if a candidate meets the criteria for ordination. This proposal calls for the passage of proposed legislation that would create a U.S. Regional Conference to deal with matters affecting only the U.S.

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [UMNS report](#) – August 19, 2019

New Expressions Worldwide (N.E.W.) Plan:

Summary: This legislation would dissolve The United Methodist Church and form four new global denominations instead. The new Methodist expressions would be traditionalist, moderate, progressive, and liberationist in orientation. A special General Conference before 2024 would take up the plan of separation, and a moratorium on complaints, charges, and church trials related to the church's restrictions around homosexuality would be in place until separation occurs.

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [UMNS report](#) – September 25, 2019

Plain Grace Plan:

Summary: This legislation proposes a period of discernment leading to the creation of “fresh expressions of Methodism” that various like-minded groups could form. Each new form of Methodism would remain in “full communion” with The United Methodist Church through at least 2028 and potentially beyond, meaning that each would accept the validity of the other's baptism and ordination, but no denomination would be forced to accept doctrine, polity, members, or ministers. The legislation also includes a “gracious exit” option for churches that don't want to commit to the “gracious affiliation” process this plan calls for.

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [Executive summary](#) | [Plan timeline](#)

Oppose Dissolution | Preserve Unity Plan:

Summary: This legislation asks General Conference to allow further study with the goal of developing a new form of church organization that creates unity in mission while allowing for contextual ministry in matters that divide us, including ministry with and the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons. The legislation calls on [the Connectional Table](#) and the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters to collaborate on this effort and supports proposed legislation that would create a U.S. Regional Conference to deal with matters affecting only the U.S.

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [UMNS report](#) – October 2, 2019

**If you have questions, please contact Pastor Brad Franklin
at (318) 965-2273 or at brad.franklin@bentonumc.org**

General Conference 2020: A preliminary look at key legislation

By: Christa Meland

From <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/general-conference-2020-a-preliminary-look-at-key-legislation-12979028>

Next May, 15 months after the top legislative body of The United Methodist Church voted to adopt the Traditional Plan, delegates at the 2020 General Conference will consider alternative options for a way forward. (View all General Conference 2019 coverage [here](#).)

The Traditional Plan, approved at the 2019 Special Called Session of General Conference, maintains that homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching” and increases penalties for self-avowed gay clergy and clergy who officiate same-sex weddings.

In recent months, several groups within the denomination have submitted legislation for the 2020 General Conference to consider.

The following list, adapted and expanded upon from a report originally published on the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church website, is not exhaustive but includes plans that have been distributed publicly. Given that some of these plans were made public before the 2020 legislation deadline, some proposals may have been modified before they were submitted; what is below represents the most up-to-date information about each plan that’s publicly available at this time. Additional proposals have been submitted, will be published in the Advance Christian Daily Advocate (planned to be released in February), and will also be available for consideration by General Conference delegates.

The Plans

The United States as a Regional Conference:

Summary: This legislation would create a new structure, a regional conference, for churches in the United States. Under this proposal, U.S. United Methodists would vote on initiatives that solely affect the United States and leave General Conference to address truly global matters. The regional conference would have the power to make some changes to the Book of Discipline, excluding portions that a General Conference may designate “non-adaptable.”

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Narrative](#) | [Press release](#) – July 23, 2019

Bard-Jones Plan:

Summary: Under this legislation, an annual conference would choose to join one of three groups tentatively being called the Traditional Methodist Church, the Open Methodist Church, and the Progressive Methodist Church. The Traditional Methodist Church would begin with a Book of Discipline that includes the Traditional Plan. The Open Methodist Church and Progressive Methodist Church would begin with a *Book of Discipline* modified to include the [Simple Plan](#) as presented in St. Louis, which called for eliminating restrictions on same-sex unions and ordination of gay persons as clergy, as well as removing the church’s official position that homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching.”

Learn more: [Plan proposal](#) | [UMNS report](#) – August 8, 2019

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Love



Serving Our 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
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katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net

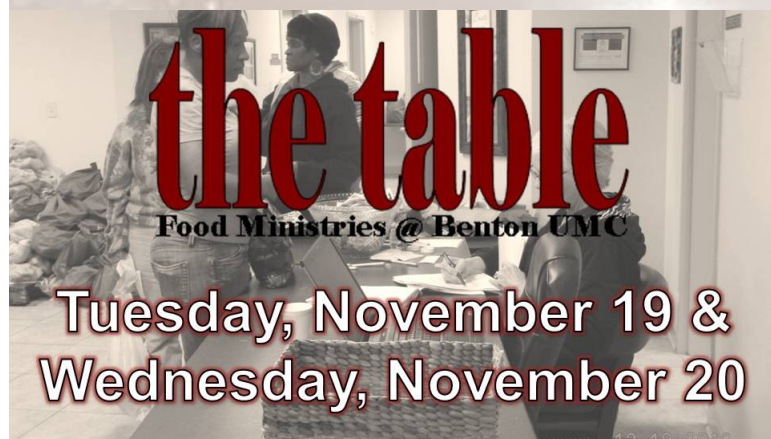


Tuesday, November 19
8:00 AM Truck Unloading
9:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, November 20
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

The Table Food Ministry

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



Tuesday, November 19 & Wednesday, November 20

The Mark David Penny Drive for Missions donation spotlight:

October 22, 2019

Benton UMC, VBS Pennies for Missions
4615 Palmetto Rd
Benton, LA 71006-0388



Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
904 Deville Lane
PO Box 929
Ruston, LA 71273-0929
Phone: (318) 255-5575 Fax: (318) 255-5457
Website: LMCH.org

Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services

Dear Faithful Members:

Your investment in our ministry maintains the programs which are instrumental to healing the youth in our care. We simply could not do it so well without your help. Thank you for remembering our children with your gift of \$500.00.

Friends, our staff continually witness the struggles these children experience as they attempt to unhook themselves from a revolving door of adverse childhood experiences. Please remember them in your daily prayers, specifically ask for restoration for these young lives that we have been blessed to care for.

The new year gives us the opportunity to help the children in our care begin a process of self-restoration by learning to love themselves and heal relationships with forgiveness so that they can have a successful future.

Sincerely,

Rick Wheat
President and CEO

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

Thank you, Benton UMC

Dear Church,

I wanted to offer a big thank you for your kindness, generosity and love during the month of pastor appreciation. Your love of course is felt year round and it means so much. The Franklin family are truly blessed to be a part of the BUMC family. I am truly blessed to be your pastor. God has brought us together for such a time as this. God Bless.

With much love,
-Your Preacher

We at central office would like to thank you for the wonderful food. The staff was very excited to tie sandwiches, fruit, and muffins. Thank you for thinking about us.

*Regards,
Sam Hill*

Pastor Franklin and Benton UMC,
Thank you so much for the generous Amazon gift card. What a blessing! I plan to use the gift card to purchase a bookshelf for my students' IRLA books. It is an honor to teach in such a supportive community! Thanks again for your generosity!

Heather Pearson
1st Grade Teacher
Legacy Elementary

