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Work Day
Saturday, February 2
8:00 AM
 1163 Methodist Camp Road
 Minden, LA 71055

Come help prepare our campus for upcoming summer camps and retreats!

Things to bring:
 chainsaws, rakes, blowers (gas powered), chains, limb saws, tractors, pole saws, hammers, and gloves

RSVP to Patrick at:
 318-372-9485 or TBLLC@outlook.com

We understand that there is a chance of rain for Saturday. We will make a decision on Thursday and let everyone know for sure – but please plan to be there!

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.

INsight

February 2019

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church

Weekly Events

- Sundays**
 Worship8:15 AM
 Sunday School9:15 AM
 Worship10:30 AM
 Boy Scouts2:00 PM
 Bible Study at the Hearne Home.....6:00 PM
- Mondays**
 Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM
- Tuesdays**
 Intercessory Prayer Team9:00 AM
- Wednesdays**
 Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM
 The Closet @ BUMC.....9:30 AM
 The Closet @ Chapel.....11:30 AM
 WOW! Dinner5:30 PM
 WOW! Studies.....6:10 PM
- Thursdays**
 Thursday Bible Study: *John*10:00 AM
 Alcoholics Anonymous6:00 PM
 Choir Practice6:00 PM
- Fridays**
 Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM



South Louisiana Flood Relief Trip
February 10-13 (Sun-Wed)

South Louisiana Flood Trip—All Skill Levels

The team will leave immediately following the 10:30 AM Worship Service and return Wednesday. There are two possible destinations: Baton Rouge or Varnado. Baton Rouge is in rebuild from the 2016 floods and Varnado was flooded on December 27, 2018, so they are in need of muck-outs. If the muck-outs are complete by the time February 10 gets here, we will go to Baton Rouge.

If you would like to know more about what is expected and what happens on a flood relief trip, or would like to register for this trip, please contact:

Rachel Stoneman (318) 469-9100 or
 rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

In 1590 the first pockets were placed in men's trousers. Before a cloth pouch became a sewn-in feature, the pocket was first just an opening where a cloth bag could be inserted. Rejoice in this common but relatively new invention in clothing, for it would be hard to function as we do without them!

This is a reminder to be thankful for the simple and small things in life.

Be blessed!!
 Your Preacher,
 Brad

A NEW SERVING MINISTRY!

Care Bears, a new serving ministry brought to you by Linda Silas, serves local children traumatized by abuse, disaster, or other tragic circumstance. First responders of the Benton Police Department and Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department keep these stuffed animals with them to give to children who have suffered or witnessed traumatic events.

Studies show that stuffed animals can be a comfort because children benefit from the embrace they give these softly textured toys. It offers them a friend in a chaotic time and these stuffed animals will be prayed over with focus on the recipient. God knows who that will be.



To help this ministry, please bring new and very gently used stuffed animals to the church office.

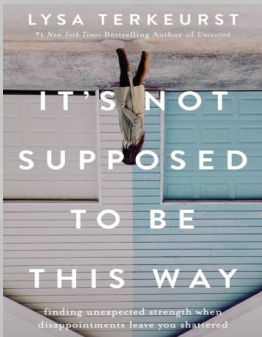
For more information on how you can serve in this ministry, please contact:

Linda Silas
 (318) 965-2273
 linda.silas@bentonumc.org



Monthly & Special Events

- Sunday, February 3**
 United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
 UMW & Tapestry General Meeting.....11:30 AM
- Thursday, February 7**
 Palanca Party6:30 PM
- Friday, February 8**
 Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Sunday, February 10**
 Cookie Stroll by the United Methodist Women8:00 AM
 Flood Relief Team Departs.....11:30 AM
- Tuesday, February 12**
 Nightingales UMW Circle Meeting6:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 13**
 Flood Relief Team Returns (approximately)3:00 PM
- Thursday, February 14**
 Morning Glories Goes to Common Ground9:30 AM
- Friday, February 15**
 Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread7:15 AM
 Sounds of Benton with the Matt Harris Quintet.....6:00 PM
- Sunday, February 17**
 United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
- Tuesday, February 19**
 NWLA Food Truck Unloading8:00 AM
 NWLA Food Bag Packing.....9:00 AM
- Wednesday, February 20**
 The Closet Clothes Ministry @ A Cross Faith.....11:30 AM
 The Table Food Lunch & Devotion11:30 AM
 The Table Food Distribution12:30 PM
- Friday, February 22**
 Sew Crazy Ladies10:00 AM
- Saturday, February 23**
 Souper Saturday7:30 AM
- Sunday, January 24**
 Safety Team Training at Bodcau11:00 AM
- Monday, February 25**
 It's Not Supposed to Be This Way Bible Study.....6:30 PM
- Thursday, February 28**
 Explanation on A Way Forward6:00 PM



Mondays at 6:30 PM
Study Begins
February 25

Study guide available
at Amazon & Lifeway

What do you do when your reality is so different from the vision you had for yourself. In the 6-session video Bible study with Lysa TerKeurst, she offers fresh biblical insight to get you through painful situations. 3 different levels of commitment for those with time constraints:

- Watch video and discuss
- Watch video, discuss and complete study guide
- Watch video, discuss, complete study guide and read book

To register for class, contact either facilitator:

Lorie Watson at lorie.hill@yahoo.com
 or Rachel Stoneman at rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org
 (318) 965-2273

Fish & Golf Tournaments May 17-19 Cypress Bend Resort and Spa in Many, LA

*Hosted by the Louisiana Conference
 of United Methodist Men*

Our hope is that you will pick up a registration form in the church office and join in our goal of "Helping Men Know Christ."

Your Brother in Christ!
 David Byerley, UM Men
 (318)347-6664
david.byerley@boehringer-ingelheim.com



Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:30 AM in the Family Life/Worship Center \$5 per person

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for a delicious lunch and a delightful program, focusing on Love & Valentines. Pastor Cheryl will speak as a "teacher" and a "preacher" on the origin of Valentine's Day and the importance of love at every stage in life. Wear red and come prepared to laugh; lunch is \$5 and you'll need to make a reservation with Peggy Rumbaugh by February 24. Our donation to Common Ground this month for their neighborhood pantry is jars of peanut butter – they are so appreciative of our support. Hope to see YOU at OPALS!

For reservations, please contact:
Peggy Rumbaugh (318) 349-1465



Women's Weekend at Wesley Center

Benton UMC is once again sponsoring a women's weekend at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, just south of Alexandria. The FUNdamentals of Patience is happening March 1-3, 2019 with Cheryl Fell, author and motivational speaker, providing the "FUN" and Cheryl Nelson leading the discussions on "patience." It will be a weekend of fun, relaxation and spiritual revitalization for women of all ages. We will walk the woodland labyrinth, experience Holy Communion, share our thoughts and stories, play games and rest. The discounted cost of the weekend is \$125 for a double room and \$175 for a private room which includes 2 nights' lodging, 6 meals and the use of all the facilities. There are also scholarships available; see Pastor Cheryl for more information and a registration form. The deadline is Feb. 20 and you can also register online by going to www.thewesleycenter.com and clicking on "FUNdamentals Retreat." The Wesley Center is a wonderful setting for a time apart so treat yourself and join us.

Benton United Methodist Church 2019 Church Council, Staff & Support Ministries

Daycare / Pre-School Board

- Denise Karamales, Chair
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 Mark Crosby, Trustees Representative
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 Myra Sobral, Class of 2019

Debbie Filler, Class of 2020
 Denise Karamales, Class of 2020
 Michael Valentine, Class of 2020

Paige Malley, Class of 2021
 Amy Milam, Class of 2021
 Arden Madden, Class of 2021

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- Ann Sellers & Lindsay Salter, Co-Chairs
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Team Members:

Gordon Bartage
 David J. Doyal
 Robert Hauser

Kim Hauser
 Buddy Hearne
 Andy Holley

Lillian Holley
 Ginny Jones
 Ron Jones

Pat Mosher
 Rev. Cheryl Nelson
 Ann Thomson

Congregational Care

- Pat Mosher & Mona Bartage, Co-Chairs
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 Rev. Cheryl Nelson, Associate Pastor

Team Members:

David & Kelly Denmon, Eucharistic Ministry
 Betty Russell, Prayer Team
 Nancy Stinson, Prayer Chain
 Gail Pitts, Hospitality/Bereavement

Cheryl Nelson, Shepherd Ministry
 Ernest Covington, Visitation
 Sandra Ursery, Disciple Shepherd
 Rev. Brad Franklin, Disciple Shepherd

Outreach Team

- Sue Shadow, Chair
 Rachel Stoneman, Director of Missions

Team Members:

Rachel Stoneman, Church Disaster Coordinator
 Myra Sobral & Monica Arredondo,
 Volunteer Placement Coordinators
 Rachel Stoneman, LifeShare Blood Drives
 Souper Saturday, Katherine Kavanaugh
 Guy "Fuzzy" Bradford, Fire Recovery Ministry
 AA Leader, Alcoholics Anonymous
 Rachel Stoneman, Disaster Relief
 Ashley Stinson & Joley Scott, Wrapped in Love
 Ron Jones, Joseph Ministry
 Ginny Jones, Emergency Food Pantry

David Denmon, Church Council Chair
 Betty Russell, Advisor
 Kim Hauser & Rachel Stoneman, NWLA Food Pantry
 Rachel Stoneman, Community Garden
 Rachel Stoneman, A Cross Faith Advocacy Center
 Sue Shadow, The Closet Clothes Ministry
 Kim Hauser, LAUM Children & Family Services
 Jon & Kelly Novak, Operation North Star
 Carolyn Collins, The Toy Shoppe
 Linda Silas, Care Bears

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 Sue Shadow, Serving Ministries Coordinator
 Ann Sellers & Lindsay Salter, Inviting Ministries Coordinators
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 TBD, Representative, Benton United Methodist Women

Committee on Lay Leadership

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor Co-Chair
 George Rumbaugh, Lay Leader Co-Chair

Gary Wyche, Class of 2019
 George Rumbaugh, Class of 2019
 Lindsay Salter, Class of 2019

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 David Collins, Class of 2020
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Board of Trustees

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor (Ex-Officio Member)
 George Rumbaugh, Lay Leader, (Ex-Officio Member)
 Mark Crosby, Chair

TBA, Class of 2019
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 Lorie Watson, Class of 2019

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Gerald Sandidge, Class of 2021
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Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor (Ex-Officio Member)
 George Rumbaugh, Lay Leader (Ex-Officio Member)
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 Monica Arredondo, Chair

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 Bo May, Class of 2020

Guy Bradford, Class of 2021
 Stacy Smith, Class of 2021
 Kim Cox, Class of 2021

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Buddy Hearne, Chair
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 George Rumbaugh, Lay Leader
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 Volunteer, Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper
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 Buddy Hearne, Class of 2020
 Henry Simons, Class of 2020

Rob Salter, Class of 2021
 Belinda Kennedy, Class of 2021
 Danny Etter, Class of 2021

Sounds of Benton

with the Matt Harris Quintet

Join us for a night of music and dancing in support of the Benton United Methodist Church praise band.

Dress Code: Church Formal (no jeans, Sunday best)

Friday, February 15, 2019

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Jazz at 7:00 PM

\$25 per ticket



Childcare will be provided in the old sanctuary in the Children's Building. Please meet the childcare workers in the North Foyer at 5:45 PM.

**For tickets and information, please contact:
 Jennifer Hable at hablesheros5@gmail.com
 or Benton United Methodist Church at (318) 965-2273**



The United Methodist Women & Tapestry Ministry

Invites All Ladies of the Church!

Sunday, February 3

immediately following 10:30 AM Worship

Join us to plan our next adventures in fundraising! We need you!



**Morning Glories Go To Common Ground!
 You are invited!!!**



Thursday, February 14 at 9:30 AM

Please join this excursion to Common Ground to see where and how we can serve this vital ministry in the Cedar Grove area. We will meet at the church and have light refreshments then caravan to Common Ground. If you are able, please bring cookies to take to Common Ground. That will be our offering!

The more the merrier! We hope you will join us!!

For information, contact Sandra Upshaw at (318) 326-5966.

Loving Jesus Through His Children



December 2018
Varnado, LA Flood
Relief Trip
January 4-8, 2019

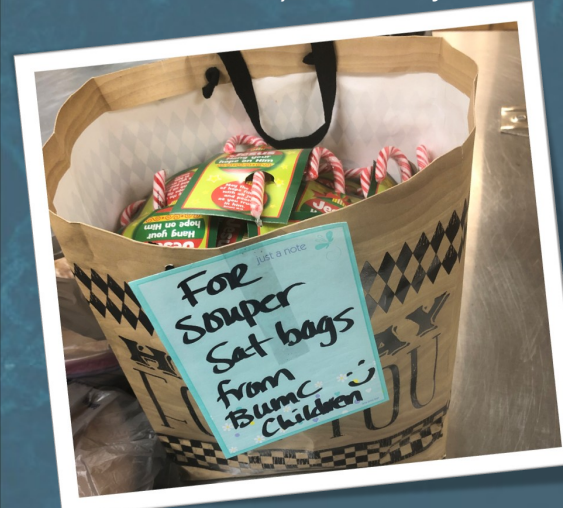


Below: Souper Saturday Crew prepares bags, cakes, and soup for distribution.



Pictured above: The delicious pork leftovers from our volunteer luncheon fed 30 boys in the basketball program.

Vicki Whitehead of Common Ground in Cedar Grove said, "They were so excited on a cold night to get such a yummy meal!!! Thank you so much for remembering us."



Left: Our Benton UMC Children's Ministry love on those on the Souper Saturday route by making a candy cane message that said, "Hang your hope on Jesus." What a sweet way to share God's love!

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that **1974 households** with **4,109 people** were served in 2018?

Do you know how that happened?

Look at this breakdown of the ministries that reached out to the community in Jesus' name:

- 952 Pounds of Christmas Hams
- 2,902 Pounds of Emergency Box Food
- 100 Mackenzie's Manna Bags
- 1,080 Souper Saturday Meals
- 6,771 Bags of Clothes Closet Clothing to Families & Other Ministries of the Area
- 13 Complete Sets of School Uniforms
- 15 Beat the Heat Fans to Council on Aging
- 50 Pieces of Furniture & Household Goods Taken to Families and ReNesting
- 2 Fire Recovery Boxes
- 225 Goodwill certificates
- 200 Elementary School Hygiene Kits
- 100 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- 2 Anonymous Abuse Cases Assisted to Shelter
- Multiple Homeless Assisted Through Bossier Parish Schools
- 15 Kingston Elementary Angel Tree Shoes
- 20 Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services Angel Tree
- 37 Backpacks for Pantry Clients
- 320 Benton Middle School Backpacks Filled with Food
- 30 Backpacks filled with Supplies for Counselors at Educator Appreciation Luncheon
- 27 Toy Shoppe Gift Cards
- 3 Adopted Christmas Families
- 30 UMCOR Flood Buckets
- 39 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- 368 Toy Shoppe Toys for Pantry Families, Grandparents, Common Ground & the Benton Fire Department
- House Muck-outs and Rebuilds
- 15 Trips Taking 53 Items to Common Ground
- 10 Trips to Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission
- 7 Trips Delivering 37 Items to Care Pregnancy Center (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center)
- 7 Trips to Fuller Center Delivering 15 Items
- And so much more...

All of this because of the man hours spent in:

2,340 Joseph Ministry, 384 Sew Crazy Ladies, 552 Souper Saturday, 1,320 Table Food Ministries and 1,500 The Closet Clothes Ministry.

Let's not forget the uncounted hours of Wednesday Night Missions, Toy Shoppe, Operation Christmas Child, Backpack programs, A Cross Faith Networking, Emergency Food Pantry, Disaster Team Hours, and those who use their personal vehicles, gas, tools, and talents to make Benton United Methodist Church a Serving Community Church.

Church, thank you for the hours you spend in prayer for each of these ministries. Thank you for your labor of heart and hands. Thank you for the donations that make these ministries possible. And most of all, thank you for being the tangible presence of Jesus' love in the community.