



**Holy Wednesday
Reflection & Scripture Reading
Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

**Dinner at 5:30 PM
Service at 6:00 PM**

Join us for our last WOW! of the season to enjoy a delicious meal and a special service.

Reserve your spot by calling Linda Silas at (318) 965-2273 or email her at linda.silas@bentonumc.org

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

**April 2019
Monthly Newsletter
of Benton United Methodist Church**

Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship 8:15 AM
Sunday School 9:15 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
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way .. 6:00 PM

Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team 9:00 AM
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way . 10:00 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! Studies 6:10 PM
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Thursdays

Thursday Bible Study: *John* 10:00 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM

A Word From Pastor Brad

The Empty Tomb-John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there. ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

2019 HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 PM

Good Friday Service & Luncheon
Friday, April 19 at 11:00 AM
Fish fry immediately following service.
R.S.V.P. to Linda at (318) 965-2273

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 PM

**Easter Sunrise
& Worship Services**
Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunrise at 6:30 AM
at the home of Bob & Sue Shadow
374 West Lakeshore Drive, Benton, LA
For directions, visit: www.bentonumc.org/sunrise

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 14-April 19
8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Experience a devotional journey of Jesus' final hours
through different depictions of His condemnation and crucifixion.

Dear Church,

An excellent Eastertide reflection would be to take time to appreciate all the sources of happiness that are ours today. Be grateful for good health, shelter, clothing, good friends, family, and the most precious of all gifts: life. Easter is the celebration of New Life. And if we could truly appreciate what a gift it is to simply be alive, how could we help but be happy?

Taking time each day to experience contentment with what you have and with who you are, especially in the light of the Resurrection, would make it easier to wish others the gift of happiness. When you are content, you can offer others a gift that you already possess. Then every Sunday, if not every day, would be an Easter Sunday!

Happy Easter!!

Your Preacher,
Brad



Monthly & Special Events

- Thursday, April 4**
Dinner with Friends @ *Shane's Seafood Bossier* 6:00 PM
- Saturday, April 6**
Annual Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM
- Sunday, April 7**
United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM
- Tuesday, April 9**
Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- Thursday, April 11**
Morning Glories UMW Circle 9:30 AM
- Friday, April 12**
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Sunday, April 14**
Class Meeting 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 16**
NWLA Food Truck Unloading 8:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing 9:00 AM
Nightingales 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 17**
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
WOW! Holy Week Reflection 5:30 PM
- Thursday, April 18**
Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 19**
Good Friday Luncheon 11:00 AM
- Saturday, April 20**
Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 PM
- Sunday, April 21**
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Easter Worship 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 23**
OPALS 11:30 AM
Safety Team Meeting 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 26**
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Saturday, April 27**
Souper Saturday 7:30 AM
- Sunday, April 28**
Class Meeting 11:30 AM

Louisiana Society
of Animal Artists

LSU Medical Center
School Library Building C

March 12, 2019 Until

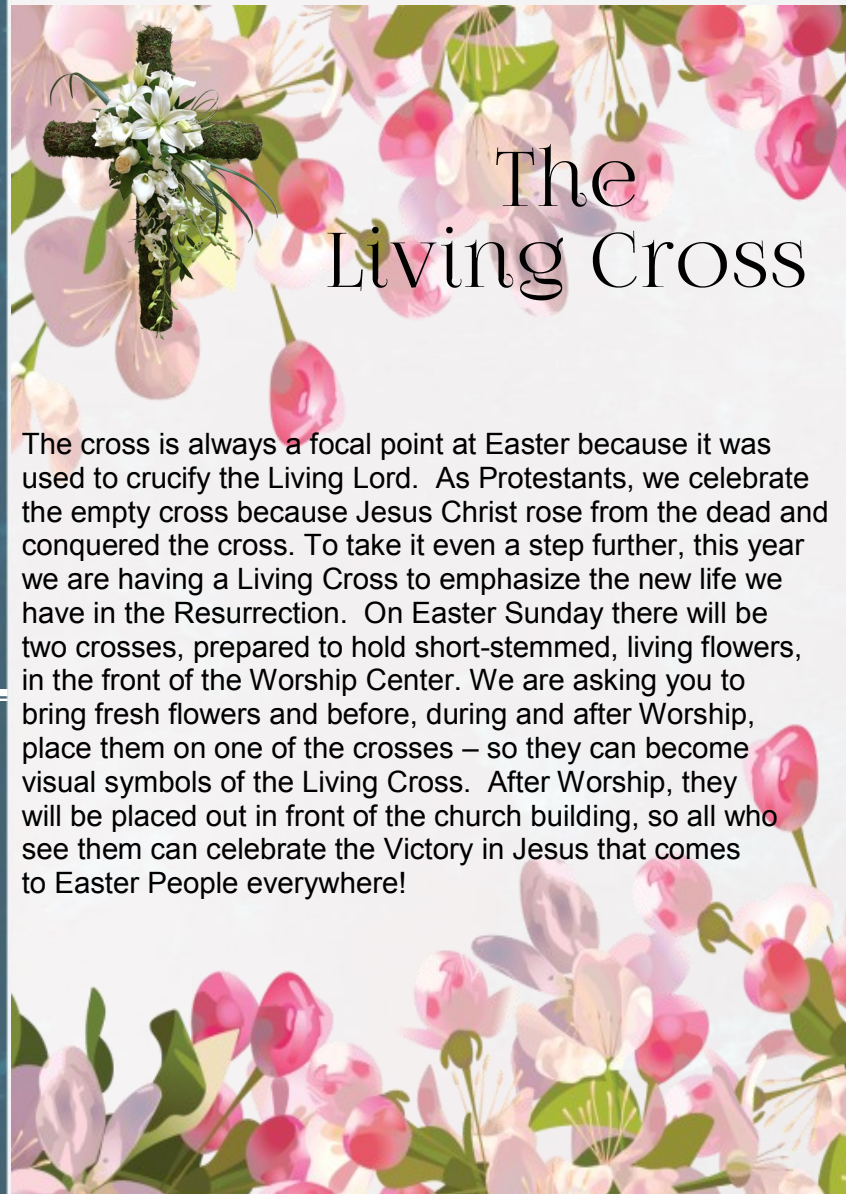
If you want to see and buy art, the Louisiana Society of Animal Artists has an art show at LSU University Health Science Center Library in Building C. Eighty pieces of art will be shown beginning March 12, 2019. Prints, giclees, and originals of animals, flowers and landscapes will be shown.



Tuesday, April 23, 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 will highlight a young photographer, Hannah Spence (daughter of Lillian & Andy Holley). Hannah graduated from La. Tech in 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and is employed by Bossier Parish Schools. She will tell us about her work with the students and about the awards she has garnered with her photography. She will also have some of her work on display – you won't want to miss this OPALS! Lunch is \$5 and you'll need to make a reservation with Peggy Rumbaugh by April 21. Our donation to Common Ground this month for their neighborhood pantry is canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.) – they are so appreciative of our support. Hope to see YOU at OPALS!

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



The Living Cross

The cross is always a focal point at Easter because it was used to crucify the Living Lord. As Protestants, we celebrate the empty cross because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and conquered the cross. To take it even a step further, this year we are having a Living Cross to emphasize the new life we have in the Resurrection. On Easter Sunday there will be two crosses, prepared to hold short-stemmed, living flowers, in the front of the Worship Center. We are asking you to bring fresh flowers and before, during and after Worship, place them on one of the crosses – so they can become visual symbols of the Living Cross. After Worship, they will be placed out in front of the church building, so all who see them can celebrate the Victory in Jesus that comes to Easter People everywhere!

Many Thanks, Benton UMC!



~Love from the Carter Family~

When John and Louise moved to Haynesville with Joel, we didn't lose those 3 church family members. We miss them because they aren't here as often, but they think of us all the time. Just look at this honorarium! They are as much a part of us as they were before the miles separated us. So glad they visit now and again for dinners, auctions, the food bank, and the Lit Wit book club! Know we are in their prayers as they are in ours.

This gift to Heifer International given in your honor will provide a struggling family the resources it needs to achieve self-reliance. That means the family will be able to eat nutritious meals every day, send their children to school and actively create a better future for themselves and their community.

Thank you for inspiring this life-changing gift and for being part of our mission to end hunger and poverty around the world.

*Love from The
Carter Family*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the much needed prayers while my family and I were sick and recovering for the past 3 months. The texts, phone calls, visits, and cards were greatly appreciated. I am proud to be a member of such a caring and giving church.

*With much appreciation,
Martha Grisso and the Grisso family*



ANNUAL Ladies LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 11:30 AM
Family Life Worship Center

Tickets—\$20 per person

SPECIAL GUEST
Clara Hemming



SPECIAL MUSIC

*provided by the Deville Family
& Hannah Potter*

Ladies, help our luncheon grow by hosting a table, inviting your family, friends, and neighbors, or volunteering to serve!

Proceeds support Methodist Children & Family Services, North Rampart Center, Common Ground, Providence House, the Benton UMC Table Food Ministries, and many others.

For tickets and information, please contact:

Patsy Burnes
(318) 658-5554

Pancake Breakfast

*Thank you to all who helped at our Pancake Breakfast!
Breakfast was wonderful!!!*



Loving Jesus Through His Children

Serving Common Ground

Pictured Left: Matt & Vickie Whitehead

Benton UMC welcomed Matt & Vickie Whitehead to hear their powerful testimony about service through Common Ground Community in Cedar Grove. As a supporter of Common Ground Ministry through OPALS, Missions, and the United Methodist Women, we packed 160 snack bags for their after-school and basketball programs. These snacks will last a month. The bags included low-fat chocolate milk, Caprisun, fruit, protein bar, chips, napkin, and spoon. Thank you, Benton UMC, for your support!



Pre-school Class Serves, Too!

Mrs. Loretta and Mrs. Rita teaches serving in their classroom. These children have big hearts and every year they collect canned goods during the first 100 days of school. This year, they collected 77 canned goods! Each emergency box has about 15 canned goods, so they will fill 5 boxes!!

Thank you, pre-school class, for your support! It is never too early to learn about a servant's heart!



Serving Our Community



The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, April 16
8:00 AM Truck Unloading
9:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, April 17
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

Tuesday, April 16 & Wednesday, April 17

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

HOURS:
Wednesday, April 17
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

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Transforming the community...

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

Sue Shadow
318.965.2496
shadow781@bellsouth.net

Souper Saturday

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.

Saturday
April 27
7:30 AM

For more information on Souper Saturday, contact:

Katherine Kavanaugh
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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