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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2016

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

I wanted to offer my pastoral vision that I've been praying about for the last several months. It has a three-part focus.

1. **That our church feels pastorally cared for:**

Pastor's, Shepherd's, Congregational Care and our Prayer Team are all in-sync.

Goal: All within our congregation feel cared for.

2. **That our church is spiritually fed:**

Launching more small groups with a mission element to it.

Goal: Growing and serving with each other.

3. **Outreach to the Benton UMC Day Care parents and their children:**

Make a presence
Invite to Church

Goal: Providing ministry opportunities for day care parents and children to plug into which can open the door for new church membership.

4. **Worship:**

Goal: 300 in worship between the two services

Let's give it a year to do so.

Take care and God bless.

Your preacher,

Brad

Weekly Events

at Benton UMC

Sundays

Worship.....	8:15 AM
Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship.....	10:30 AM
Freed-Up Financial Living	2:00 PM
Youth Small Groups	5:00 PM
Bible Study (<i>Hearme Home</i>).....	6:00 PM

Mondays

Bodies On a Mission	9:00 AM
First Place 4 Health.....	6:00 PM

Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team	9:00 AM
Bodies On A Mission.....	6:00 PM
Men's Basketball	7:00 PM

Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission	9:00 AM
The Closet Workday (<i>2nd & 4th</i>) ...	10:30 AM

Thursdays

Letters of John Bible Study	10:00 AM
Choir Practice.....	5:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous	6:00 PM
Bodies On A Mission.....	6:00 PM
Grief Support Group.....	6:30 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission	9:00 AM
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Monthly & Special Events

Sunday, June 4

United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion 7:00 AM
Freed-Up Financial Living..... 2:00 PM

Tuesday, June 6

United Methodist Women General Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 7

LA Annual Conference June 7-10
The Closet @ A Cross Faith 10:30 AM
Dinner With Families @ 7th Heaven Ranch 6:00 PM
Bold Imaginations @ LA Annual Conference 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 8

Morning Glories..... 9:30 AM

Friday, June 9

Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 13

Lay Leadership Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, June 16

Just A Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread 7:15 AM

Sunday, June 18

United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion 7:00 AM

Tuesday, June 20

NWLA Food Truck Unloading 9:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing..... 10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 21

The Closet at A Cross Faith 11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution 12:30 PM

Saturday, June 24

Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM
Amber Kirkley Baby Shower..... 2:30 PM

Tuesday, June 27

OPALS..... 11:30 AM

For more information about these and other events, or to schedule use of a room at the church, please contact Mary Beth West 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)

OPALS

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

Cost: \$5.00

Benton UMC's Older People with Active Life Styles (OPALS) will meet Matt & Vicki Whitehead, who are the resident couple on the campus of "Common Ground" in the Cedar Grove area of Shreveport, and they are coming to tell us about their ministry there and how we can help. This is an outreach ministry of Grace UMC which is doing amazing things with marginalized young people who live there. The OPALS gather each month for good food and fellowship, and sometimes a very informative program. Everyone is invited to come and participate – we hope you will be there!

For reservations, please contact Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465 by June 25, 2017.

Our Thanks to the OPALS

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies
Sometimes you have a few gents
Why more men are not present
Does not make any sense.

Because the meals are so delicious
The price is certainly fair
The games we play are lots of fun
And you ladies never put on airs.

We love to attend the OPALS
We look forward to it more than you know
If something pops up on OPALS day
Then that something has to go.

We love to come and share with you
We feel so much love in this room
We laugh a lot and learn new things
There's no time for any gloom.

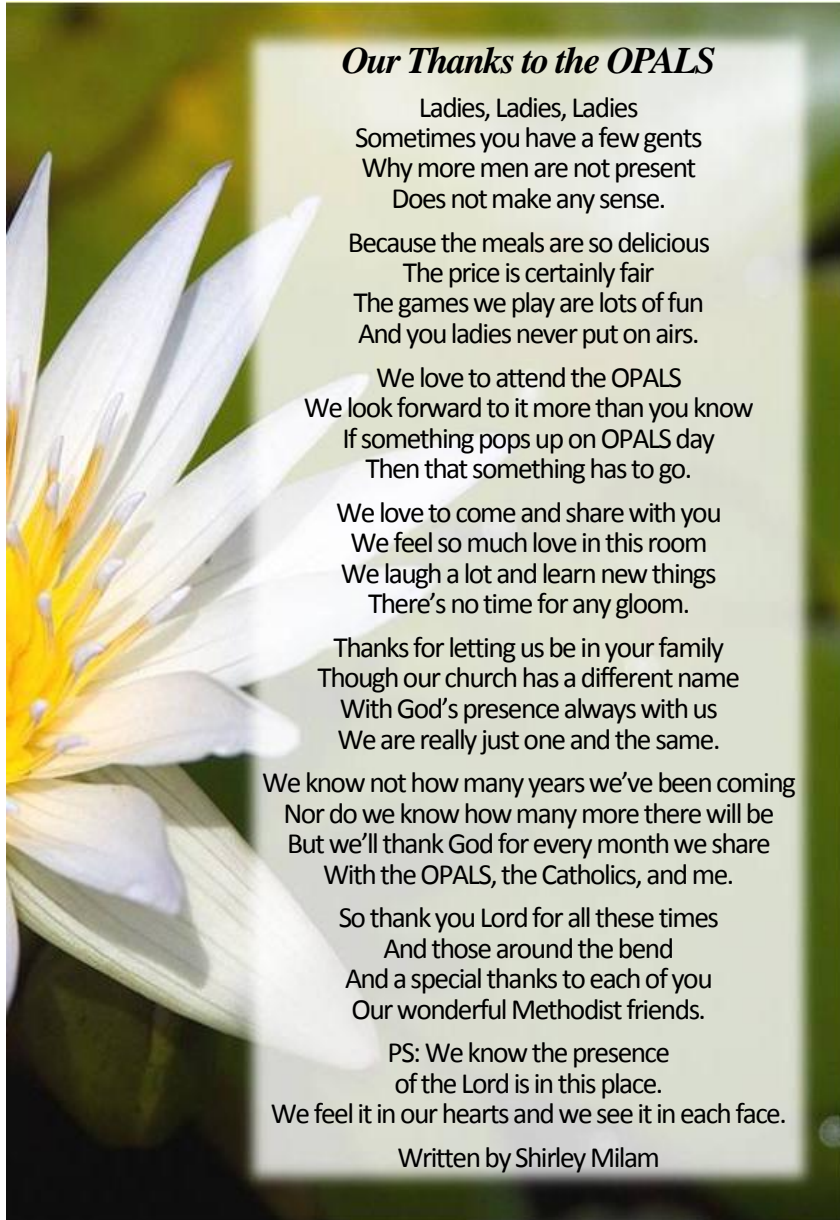
Thanks for letting us be in your family
Though our church has a different name
With God's presence always with us
We are really just one and the same.

We know not how many years we've been coming
Nor do we know how many more there will be
But we'll thank God for every month we share
With the OPALS, the Catholics, and me.

So thank you Lord for all these times
And those around the bend
And a special thanks to each of you
Our wonderful Methodist friends.

PS: We know the presence
of the Lord is in this place.
We feel it in our hearts and we see it in each face.

Written by Shirley Milam



Summer Roundup
 Wednesday, June 7
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 7th Heaven Ranch

Horseback Rides • Hayride
 Hot Dogs • S'mores • Animals
FAMILY FUN!!!

Join Dinner With Families for a fun filled night! We'll be eating hotdogs and socializing all while enjoying some horseback riding and a hay ride at the Seventh Heaven Ranch.

7th Heaven Ranch
1196 Cattlemans Trail, Benton, LA



Memorials

Mary Ruth Waggoner

- by Earlene McClellan
- by Betty Griffen Wilmarth & Randal Martin
- by F. Dean & Carolyn Griffen
- by Mai Doles & Roberta Miller
- by Justin & Tanya Whittington
- by Louise Grisham
- by Oscar Gwin, III
- by Charles & Suda Beard
- by Earl & Natalie Haynes
- by James & Tammie Oakes
- by John & Mary Payne Jackson

Frances Dunnam

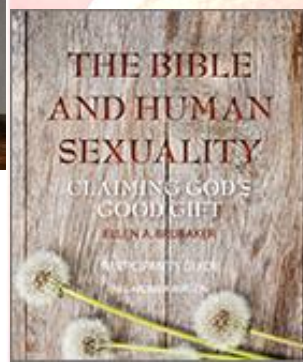
- by Betty Griffen Wilmarth & Randal Martin
- by Mai Doles & Roberta Miller
- by Louise Grisham
- by Steven & Nancy Walker
- by Ronald & Martha Gormanous

**All donations for
 memorials and honorariums
 go to the Building Fund.**



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United Methodist Women
 FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION



Catherine Long will finish our UMW Spiritual Growth Study, *The Bible and Human Sexuality* at the General Meeting, June 6th. This is a really interesting study and we welcome all ladies to attend even if you didn't get the first part. We will be hosting other UMW units on June 6th as a Cluster Study. The meeting will be in the Breakfast Club Classroom at 6:00 PM for business meeting and 6:30 PM for study. Please bring a snack to share.

The 2016 Spiritual Growth study invited us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. It examines the influence of church leaders throughout thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history. It also considers the influence of faith, family systems, heritage, and changing gender roles, along with the impact of race, class, age, ethnicity, and orientation.

CALENDAR:

LA Annual Conference – **June 7-10** at Centenary College
 Please try to attend the Laity Evening at 6:30 PM the 7th.

UMW State “Mission u” –Wesley Center - Woodruff, LA **July 19-22** - Studies this year will be Missionary Conferences and Living as a Covenant Community. Hope we can get a couple of ladies to go this year. UMW will pay the cost for two. Please join us!

Sock Hop – August 11 - with our favorite band – *the KoKoMo Cruisers* 7:00-10:00 PM

UMW District “**Mini Mission u**” **August 18**, Noel UMC, Shreveport at 9:30 AM

General Meeting – Salad Supper, elections and membership – **September 5** at 6:30 PM

Circles meet again in September -- Have a great summer

Music Ministry

Choir Practice—Thursdays at 5:30 PM
 All are welcome to come
 and make a joyful noise!

Contact:
 Jennifer Hable at
hablesheros5@gmail.com

Welcome!

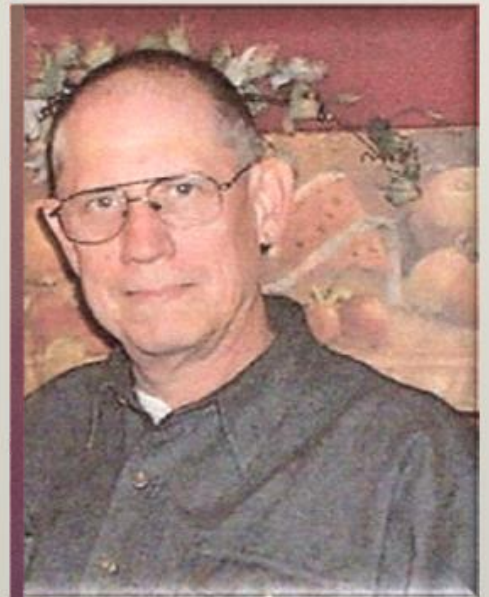
Gerald & Nancy Sandidge

Gerald and Nancy Sandidge have been regular attenders of our Worship Services. They joined the church on April 23, 2017 by transfer from Asbury Methodist Church. Gerald enjoys fishing and hunting while Nancy enjoys gardening, woodwork, fishing, and spending time with her grandchildren. They live at 1719 Lakecrest Drive, Benton, LA 71006. Please welcome Gerald and Nancy.



Joe Madden

Joe has been a regular attender of the church and joined on May 7, 2017 by transfer from Fellowship United Methodist Church in Bossier City. He enjoys spending time with family especially his grandkids. Joe resides at 275 Vance Road, Benton, LA 71006. Please welcome Joe to the church.



Summer Getty

Summer joined the church on May 14, 2017 by transfer from Woodmen Valley Church in Colorado. She is 22 years old and has been active duty for the Air Force for the past 11 months. She enjoys baking and working on her continued education. Summer lives in Kingston Crossing located at 90 Kingston Crossing, Apt. 2508, Bossier City, LA 71111. Please welcome Summer to the church

Thank you!



Thanks so much for the food tray -
the many cards, texts, phone calls,
responses to Facebook and attendance
at visitation and funeral for
my Dad. The many hugs -
taps on the shoulder and expressions
of sympathy were greatly
appreciated

Buddy Heane

Your kind expression
of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and
gratefully acknowledged
by the family of
Dory Heane

Payton P. -
Jersey
Payton N.
ADDYSON D.
Katherine

Turner R.

Thank You BUMC
for hosting
Kingston's DI Fish Fry.
We appreciate your support!
Kingston DI teams

Talman
Lillie R. ♥
Noelle
Jack O.

Serving Our Community

Seeds For the Harvest Community Garden

In March, the Seeds For the Harvest Community Garden team, along with some dedicated volunteers, built raised garden beds for people in our community. Applications for the raised beds were sent out during an earlier food distribution day and 15 applications came back! Out of the 15 applications, 10 were approved. There were requirements for having a garden, such as a working water source and a place where the sun would shine for the better part of the day. The garden team is working to help those who were not approved this year, to prepare for a future garden.

In April, the beds and compost were delivered, along with some tomato and pepper plants. The team has already made another visit and they found that not only were the beds planted and doing well, but the residents had mowed and cleaned up their yards—especially around the gardens! The team will continue to visit regularly to check on the progress, offer assistance, and just be in the community.

Pictured top, left to right: Joel Carter, George Rumbaugh, Buddy Hearne, and Robert Moncrief, filling the raised bed with compost.

Pictured middle, left to right: Sylvia Edwards, George Rumbaugh, and Buddy Hearne filling Sylvia's raised bed! Sylvia is so excited about her garden and it is doing great!

Pictured bottom, left to right: Buddy Hearne, Robert Moncrief, and George Rumbaugh strategizing the next move.

A special thanks to all who have made this garden mission such a success:

Robert Moncrief, Ron Jones, Joel Carter, John Carter, Sr., Louise Carter, Myra Sobral, Ginny Jones, Art Conner, Mike Karamales, Dan Sobral, Read Yancey, George Rumbaugh, and Buddy Hearne.

The Closet @ A Cross Faith

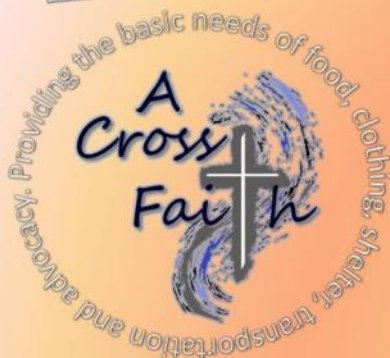
1st Wednesdays
10:30 AM-12:30 PM

3rd Wednesdays
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

For more information
on The Closet, contact:

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A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

HOURS:
Wednesday, June 21
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church

Transforming the community...

Serving Our Community



the table

Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, June 20
& Wednesday, June 21

The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, June 20
9:00 AM
Truck Unloading
10:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, June 21
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

For more information on The Table, contact:
Rachel Stoneman at (318) 965-2273
or rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org



Souper Saturday

Saturday

June 24

7:30 AM

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

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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.

Camp Caney

Registration for Summer 2017 is open!

Pre CampJune 2-4
 Jr HighJune 12-16
 ElementaryJune 19-23
 Sr High..... July 3-7

www.caneycamp.com



Grief Support Group

The Grief Ministry of Benton UMC has begun! Pastor Cheryl Nelson is facilitating two meeting times each week:

- Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Peace Conference Room at St. Jude Catholic Church
- Thursday at 6:30 PM in the Breakfast Club Sunday school room at Benton UMC

The Grief Support Groups are composed of men and women from both churches who are in the grieving process for several reasons. At our first meeting, we learned that grief is as unique as your thumbprint and that everyone has the right to grieve. The support groups are intended to help work through the process and they are open to anyone who needs that help.

If you have suggestions, or know of someone who would benefit from this ministry;
 or if you would like to be part of a grief support group, please contact:

Pastor Cheryl at (318) 422-0914