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**Benton United Methodist Church**  
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Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month in both worship services. And every other Sunday in the month, it is offered in the Ed DeBusk Prayer Chapel on the second floor (directly across from the elevator) between 10:10 AM and 10:25 AM.  
Pastor Cheryl invites all who would like to receive Holy Communion more often, or who may miss 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, to join her there immediately after Sunday School, which ends at 10:15 AM, and before the 10:30 AM worship service.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:  
[rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)

All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.



## Weekly Events

### Sundays

Worship..... 8:15 AM  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM  
Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Bible Study @ Hearne Home ..... 6:00 PM

### Mondays

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

### Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team ..... 9:00 AM  
First Place 4 Heath..... 6:00 PM  
Men's Basketball ..... 7:00 PM

### Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission ..... 9:00 AM  
The Closet Workday ..... 11:30 AM  
The Closet Distribution ..... 11:30 AM

### Thursdays

Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Alcoholics Anonymous ..... 6:00 PM

### Fridays

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

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

June 21st begins the summer solstice. This is one of the great days on our calendar marking the year's longest hours of daylight. Take time on this day to watch our daystar disappear over the western horizon as our planet slowly turns eastward on its twenty-four hour pilgrim's revolving journey in space. Today begins the new season of Summer; celebrate its arrival as an opportunity to begin something new in your life. Examine your life patterns, and if you find that you are stuck in old ruts that keep you from being fully alive, today's the day to jump out of them and start afresh.

Blessings to You-  
Your Preacher,

Brad



BREAD OR STONES & BENTON UMC HOST

# FAITH in ACTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE W/  
ECUMENICAL COLABORATION FOR  
CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITIES

BREAD OR STONES  
& A CROSS FAITH  
HOST

## FAITH IN ACTION

THURSDAY  
JUNE 4, 2018  
6:00 PM

Please mark your calendars and join us on Thursday June 14th at 6pm for a Bread or Stones Faith in Action Gathering at Benton UMC. Great things happen every day in Louisiana-come and put your *faith in action*.

For more information, please contact Rachel Stoneman at 318.965.2273.



*“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”*

~Genesis 18:19

# Monthly & Special Events

Louisiana Annual Conference  
June 6-9

**Sunday, June 3**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion ..... 7:00 AM  
LifeShare Blood Drive..... 7:45 AM

**Tuesday, June 5**  
Finance Committee Meeting ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, June 6**  
Laity Expo at Annual Conference ..... 5:30 PM  
Safety Team Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

**Friday, June 8**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM

**Thursday, June 14**  
A Faith in Action Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

**Friday, June 15**  
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits..... 7:15 AM

**Sunday, June 17**  
United Methodist Men Sunday..... 7:00 AM

**Monday, June 18**  
UMW Executive Meeting..... 1:00 PM

**Tuesday, June 19**  
NWLA Truck Unloading..... 9:00 AM  
NWLA Food Bag Packing ..... 10:00 AM  
District Finance Meeting..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, June 20**  
Bible Study led by Darrell Williams ..... 10:30 AM  
The Closet @ Benton UMC ..... 11:30 AM  
The Closet @ A Cross Faith ..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Ministry Lunch & Devotion..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM

**Friday, June 22**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, June 26**  
O.P.A.L.S..... 11:30 AM

**Thursday, June 28**  
Cursillo Event..... 6:30 PM

**Saturday, June 30**  
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM

*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.*

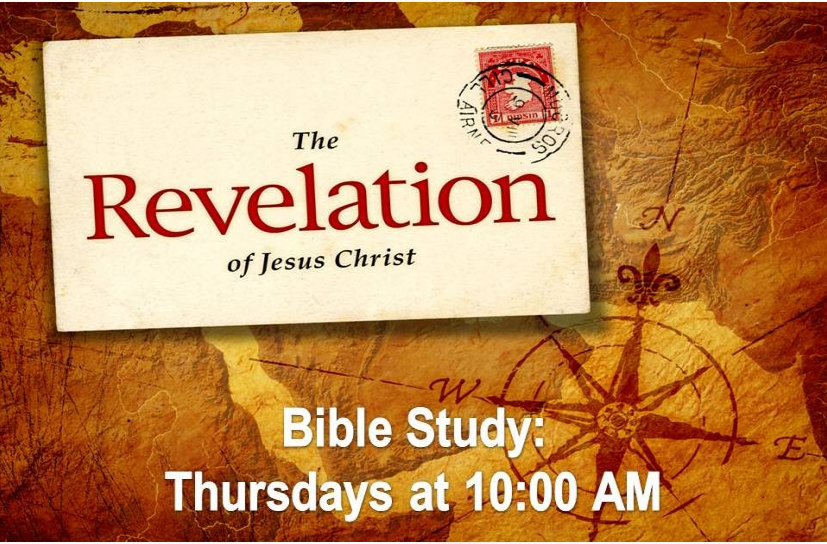


**Tuesday, June 26 at 11:30 AM**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet in the Family Life/Worship Center for their monthly gathering. This ministry is designed for folks who are 55+ (even though all are welcomed); so if you're new to the church, we encourage you to come & join the fellowship, enjoy the good lunch and learn something new! This month's program is featuring Dr. Ashley Baker from Regional Urology, speaking about the aging woman's issues in her field - so, men, come if you dare . . . or if you care!

We support Common Ground in the Cedar Grove area of Shreveport by donating pantry items, and this month you are to bring small bags/boxes of rice & pasta. We also ask you to call Peggy Rumbaugh by June 24 to make your reservation. Hope to see you there!

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



**Register online at**  
[www.bentonumc.org/VBS2018SHIPWRECKED](http://www.bentonumc.org/VBS2018SHIPWRECKED)

*Shipwrecked*

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13, 2018**  
**9:00-11:30 AM**

*Ages 3 years (potty trained, please)  
through entering 6th grade.*

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Mary Jo Duddy**  
**maryjo.duddy@bossierschools.org**

# Thank you, Benton UMC!

Your kind and thoughtful  
expression of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated and  
gratefully acknowledged

Dear Church Staff,  
Deep appreciation is sent for  
the beautiful plant that  
was sent for Brad's Grandfather's  
funeral. Grandma Lough  
keeps it on display in her  
home! We appreciate your  
thoughtful blessing!  
Sue Franklin (Brad's Mom)

**What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a  
hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation.  
Let all things be done for building up.  
~1 Corinthians 14:26**

Dear Benton United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for the  
graduation book and the service  
honoring us. Pastor Brad's  
message was so meaningful.  
I appreciate your thoughtfulness  
as I begin this new chapter of my  
life.

Love,  
Brooke

Brooke Danielle Smith



## We Serve

### Lions Club

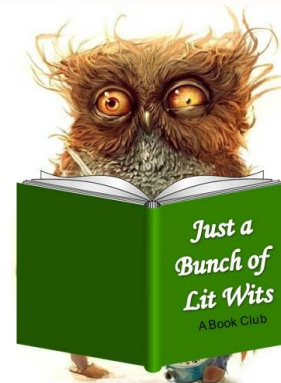
Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world. We have over 1.4 million members in 202 countries and locations around the globe. We are proud to say that 100% of the fund and donations we raise goes to our charitable programs. All administrative expenses are covered by the individual Lion's dues. We are all unpaid volunteers, from our International President down to the newest Lion.

We are committed to wiping out preventable blindness throughout the world. One way you can help us achieve that commitment is by **donating your old or no longer used eyeglasses and hearing aids**. Lions Clubs throughout Louisiana collect and recycle used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The glasses are inspected for condition and the prescriptions determined. We can also use prescription sunglasses. They are then packaged up in 100 pair boxes and sent out with medical missionary teams all over the world. We recycle around 100,000 pairs a year and there is always a need. The hearing aids are evaluated and repaired if needed and sent along with the glasses.

This year 400 pair went to Uganda with a Cypress Baptist Mission spring trip.

Lions Dick and Pat Mosher have **placed a collection box in the North Foyer for eyeglasses and hearing aids**. If you have some used glasses or hearing aids this is an excellent way to clean them out. Just bring them to church and drop them in the box. All donations are gratefully accepted.

**For information call Dick Mosher at  
(318) 965-2373. Thank you.**



*Just a Bunch of  
Lit Wits*  
A Book Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 7:15 AM  
at Panera Bread on Airline

For more information, contact:  
Joel Carter  
jlcumc@yahoo.com

Our book club starts over again on June 15, 2018 with the wonderful book *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis. 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.**



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women  
President, Pat Mosher

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(318) 572-3447



We honored Louise Grisham, Betty Russell and Peggy Rumbaugh on May 6<sup>th</sup> for being our Legacy United Methodist Women. More than \$270,000 was raised on the Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund.

Our circle meetings are out for the summer. We'll see you at our September membership salad supper on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our Reading report is due to district June 15<sup>th</sup> so make sure Pat Moncrief knows how many books you read this year.

### Mark your calendars:

**Louisiana Annual Conference** June 6-9  
at Centenary College. Please try to attend the Laity Expo  
at 5:30 PM to 7:30 the 6<sup>th</sup> at Noel UMC.

**BUMW Executive Meeting:** June 18 at 1:00 PM

**UMW State "Mission u":** July 25-28  
Wesley Center - Woodworth, LA  
Studies this year will be "Embracing Wholeness:  
Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living" and  
"What About Our Money? A Faith Response".

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

**UMW District "Mini Mission u":** August 18  
at Zwolle UMC

**General Meeting** September 4 at 6:30 PM  
Salad Supper, elections and membership

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

*Proceeds go to United Methodist Women  
supported missions.*

## How has God touched your life through Souper Saturday?

"I get a Blessing every time I serve on my particular route....To bring food and Prayer to GOD's children who are in need helps fulfill a witness and blessing from our HEAVENLY FATHER...."

~ David Collins

"He's given me a place to serve people, I would never have met and the opportunity to pray with them each month. It's an opportunity to offer people the love of Christ, to offer them hope, and invite them to church and give them the bread of Christ."

~Nancy Grant

"The people we deliver to are like family to us! We are always so glad to see each other. Mark helps them with chores when they need it - God has really touched our lives through them! They love and brag on our church all the time. They even save us pennies each year for VBS!"

~Mark & Rita Crosby

## What does Souper Saturday mean to you?

"Serving others that might not have a hot meal or a vehicle - which is most of the people on my route. It's a great chance to share Christ's love and praise God. It's so very little effort to serve so many in need. It's also a great way to stay in contact with the community. Not to mention that we have so much fun in the kitchen! Browning the meat, bagging the bananas, and seeing people smile - that's what Souper Saturday is all about!"

~David Denmon

"I enjoy the getting together with the workers, getting the food ready, delivering, and talking to the people at the nursing home. They are so happy to see me and Lola Ann! They just hug her neck when she comes in!"

~Margie Garner

"Lori and I take turns at Souper Saturday as often as we can, and with our small children and extracurricular activities, it is not always possible. Souper Saturday gives us an opportunity to serve—even with all the extracurriculars—and we look forward to a day when Cohen and Cambria can join us. We love the atmosphere, setting an example for our children and others, fellowship, and giving back to the community."

~Jeremy Moore



## The Table Food Ministry

**Tuesday, June 19**  
9:00 AM Truck Unloading  
10:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, June 20**  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

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

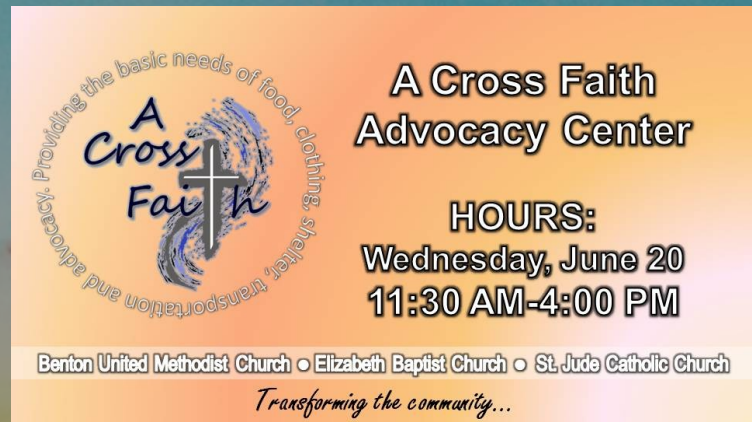
Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays ..... 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

All Other Wednesdays..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

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

Sue Shadow  
(318) 965-2496  
[shadow781@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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