

# INSIGHT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 2016

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

Sunday School ..... 9:00 AM  
Worship ..... 10:15 AM

### 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 Clothes Ministry ..... 11:30 AM  
Youth Wednesdays ..... 6:00 PM

### Thursdays

Alcoholics Anonymous ..... 6:00 PM  
Bodies On A Mission ..... 6:00 PM

### Fridays

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

*Welcome Pastor Brad & Family!*



Sawyer, Brad, Emily,  
Madison, & Noah

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church Family,

I want to greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ. Emily and I are thrilled about our move to Benton and can't wait to get to know each of you. I wanted to include a bit of biographical information about us. I'm originally from Pineville and Emily from Shreveport. We have boy and girl twins, Madison and Sawyer, who recently had their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. As of April 28th of this year we had our third child Noah. Sleep has become a luxury lately!

As your pastor I want you to know you're receiving a caring leader. I will preach the word of God, care for the congregation, and do a whole lot of listening so that I can better understand where we've been and where God is leading us to go.

The last three verses of Psalm 33 come to mind as we make our journey of faith together *Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in you.* As we move forward God is indeed with us. My thoughts and prayers go with you.

God Bless,  
Pastor Brad

*Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help  
and shield. Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we hope in you.*

Psalm 33:20-22

# Monthly & Special Events

## Sunday, July 3

United Methodist  
Men Breakfast & Devotion.....7:30 AM

## Monday, July 4

Church Office Closed  
*Happy Independence Day!!!*

## Thursday, July 7

Dinner With Friends.....6:30 PM

## Friday, July 8

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

## Monday, July 11-15

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School .....9:00 AM

## Monday, July 11

Bodies On A Mission  
(temporary time change) .....8:00 AM

## Wednesday, July 13

Bodies On A Mission  
(temporary time change) .....8:00 AM

## Friday, July 15

Bodies On A Mission  
(temporary time change) .....8:00 AM

## Sunday, July 17

United Methodist Men  
Breakfast & Devotion.....7:30 AM

## Tuesday, July 19

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

## Wednesday, July 20

The Closet Clothes Distribution .....11:30 AM  
The Table Food & School Supply  
Distribution .....12:30 PM

## Friday, July 22

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

## Monday, July 25

United Methodist Women  
Executive Committee Meeting.....12:00 PM

## Tuesday, July 26

O.P.A.L.S.  
(Older People with Active Life Styles).....11:30 AM

## Wednesday, July 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry .....1:30 PM

## Saturday, July 30

Souper Saturday.....7:30 AM

## Memorials & Honorariums

### In Memory of:

*Frankie Rodes*  
by Jeanene and Tom Clark

## Donor Leaves

**New Leaves**  
placed on the Donor Recognition Tree  
in honor of:

*Green Long*  
by Virginia Lewis  
*Patricia Lewis*  
by Virginia Lewis

*Donor leaves are available for a minimum donation  
of \$100 in the church office  
in memory or in honor of your loved one.  
All donations go to the Building Fund.*

**O.P.A.L.S.**  
(Older People with Active Life Styles)

**Tuesday, July 26 at 11:30 AM**

**Family Life Worship Center**

**Cost: \$5.00**

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for our monthly time of Fun, Food & Fellowship – and YOU are invited! In honor of the Fourth of July, we will be celebrating Fatherhood with a patriotic flair, so bring a picture of your dad in his military uniform, if you have one. Or just a favorite picture – or even better, bring your dad. We will share their stories and hear a patriotic reading by Jackie Nelson.

The cost of the meal is \$5 and you will need to RSVP by Friday, July 22. Everyone is welcome!

**Please R.S.V.P. to  
Peggy Rumbaugh  
(318) 349-1465**

# Dinner With Friends



**Thursday, July 7, 2016  
at 6:30 PM**

**Family Life Worship Center**

Adults singles, couples and empty nesters.  
Hope to see you there!!

## **Fun ♦ Food ♦ Fellowship**

Potluck Dinner—Each small group is assigned to bring food.

Contact : Reba Hearne 337-739-5048

We will divide into small groups for next quarter.  
Each small group meets once a month for dinner and fellowship.



## **Benton United Methodist Women**

*Pat Mosher, President*

### Fundraisers:

**OWL salsa (\$6) and jelly (\$7)** for sale from Ruston Methodist Children's Home *(available in the church office)*

**Sock Hop - August 12**

**Fall Craft Sale – October 15**

**Frozen Casserole Sale – Nov 13**

### Activities:

**July 20-23**

UMW State "Mission u"-Wesley Center, Woodruff, LA

**July 25**

12:00 PM Executive Meeting - nominations due

**August 20**

UMW District "Mini Mission u" Shady Grove UMC, Mansfield, LA

**September 6**

General Meeting 6:30 PM - election of officers, salad supper

*No circle meetings till September 8 and 20. Have a great summer!!*



For more information on Benton United Methodist Women, please contact:  
**Pat Mosher, President at [onthelake8@bellsouth.net](mailto:onthelake8@bellsouth.net)**

# Thank You, Benton UMC, for all you do for our community!

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at home  
in a  
loving heart.

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for your kindness.

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Freeda Johnson  
+  
Family



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May 18, 2016

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Dear Faithful of Benton United Methodist Church,

Greetings as Eastertide has swept us into Pentecost.

Please accept my deepest thanks for your contribution toward the recent unprecedented floods that have impacted the entire state of Louisiana. From east to west and north to south churches and families continue to recover from the torrential rains with even more to come in the days ahead. You will want to change this later.

Your generous gift will help provide assistance to many who are in the midst of recovery. There is one thing for certain, the great people called United Methodist in Louisiana always respond generously at times of disaster. We are known as survivors not as victims at times like this because we respond quickly to help our neighbor. You live out the words of Jesus every day by loving your neighbor in tangible ways.

I pray that God will bless you and your congregation in ways that we cannot possibly ask for or imagine.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey  
Resident Bishop, Louisiana Area  
The United Methodist Church

CFH/km

He lives  
in you.

Thank you so much for allowing myself and my wife to come into Benton UMC's beautiful house and share what the SBEM is about and allowing us to share our hearts. Again we thank Benton UMC for all that you do to help us to share our love with the hurting and broken. through that love Benton UMC and the SBEM are changing lives.

Thank you!  
Larry Howell  
Executive Director SBEM



May 25, 2016  
Gift-in-Kind

Your gift today: baby food, misc. items  
from Food Drive Program

Benton United Methodist Church  
4615 Palmetto Road  
Benton, LA 71006


Dear Supporter,

Supporting women so that their choices may bring blessing, freedom and hope for the future is what we have been doing at the Crisis Pregnancy Center for over 20 years. The donations that we receive from people like you make it possible for us to offer help and hope to those who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Thank you for your recent contribution. Our prayer is that God will bless you as much as you have blessed others.

Sincerely,

  
Vickie Brumley  
Executive Director

BUMC,  
Thanks for  
the baby food!  




# Serving Opportunities

## A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

A Cross Faith is an ecumenical ministry founded by St. Jude Catholic Church, Elizabeth Baptist Church, and Benton United Methodist Church. This group advocates for transportation, food, shelter, clothing, and physical and mental health.

Rachel Stoneman (318) 965-2273

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Anonymous open meeting for those with alcohol addictions. AA meets on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Classroom.

Kenny Ashley (318) 464-2463

## Beat the Heat Fan Drive

Benton UMC collects fans for the elderly and low income families in our immediate area. We serve Benton and Plain Dealing Council on Aging and those served by Benton UMC.

Rachel Stoneman (318) 965-2273

## Benton UMC Emergency Food Pantry

This ministry provides food for families during the emergency situations. They do not have the paperwork available for the monthly program, are homeless, or are in a another situation. The flexibility of the Emergency Pantry allows us to help people in unexpected situations. The supplies for this pantry come from food and monetary donations from the church.

Ginny Jones covey21@att.net

## Fire Recover Ministry

This ministry meets people at one of the most devastating times of their lives and helps the recovery process begin all while the fire is still burning. House fires can be emotionally and physically devastating, so the Fire Recovery Ministry is on call 24 hours a day for 7 days a week for 365 days a year.

Guy (Fuzzy) Bradford (318) 965-9408 or bowrat@aol.com

## Food for Backpacks @ Benton Middle

As an agency of the NWLA Food Bank, we provide for food-insecure children with "weekend" food. The gallon size packs are distributed on Fridays by Michelle Pruitt.

Rachel Stoneman (318) 965-2273

## Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana Pantry

Benton UMC is an agency of the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank that serves the 71006 zip code area. The supplies for these boxes come directly from the NWLA Food Bank at very little expense to the church. Applicants must meet requirements to be approved for this program. Distribution is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:30-4:00 PM Unloading and packing are done the Tuesday before at 9:00 AM.

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## Helping the Homeless

Monthly educational focus on helping homeless families by bringing in items that are needed in the community. We support the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, Feeding the Homeless, The Hub Ministries and Benton UMC's relationship with the Bossier Parish School Boards homeless liaison, Arcenia Anthony to help one family at time.

Amy Randall ak143@aol.com

## LifeShare Blood Drive

Benton UMC hosts LifeShare Blood drives quarterly throughout the year. Our next drives are Sunday, August 21 and Sunday, October 16 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Rachel Stoneman (318) 965-2273

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Provides shawls to those needing comfort in times of trials (illness, tragedy, etc.) Betty Russell & Deborah Kintner.

Deborah Kintner (318) 746-8207

## School Supply Drive

Benton UMC collects school supplies and back packs to help our neighbors in The Table Food Ministries start school off right. Begins collecting in June of each year: backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, notebook paper, and 1 subject spiral notebooks.

Rachel Stoneman (318) 965-2273

## Seeds For the Harvest Community Garden

Learn how to grow, harvest and cook fresh vegetables grown by your own hands. This ministry is an educational outreach. There are many different opportunities to serve in the garden—watering, digging, helping in cooking and storing classes, and many others. No skills needed.

John Carter john.carter364@yahoo.com

## Souper Saturday

Meets the last Saturday of each month to prepare soup and bag lunches for those in the Benton community who receive *Meals-on-Wheels* and other homebound people. The ministry insures that these recipients receive at least one warm meal on the weekend. Servants gather to cook, bag, clean or deliver the soup and lunches.

Katherine Kavanaugh katherine.kavanaugh@cookyancey.com

## Stampede Hunger 5K & Stand Up 2 Hunger

Yearly fundraisers that benefit the Food Bank of NWLA and the Benton UMC monthly and emergency food pantries.

Lynnse Terhune sassys softball990@aol.com

## The Closet Clothes Ministry

*The Closet Clothes Ministry* serves those in need of clothing and household items. *The Closet* accepts donations of clothing, shoes, linens, and other household items. *The Closet* is open on the first, second, and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It is open on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00-4:00 PM.

Sue Shadow (318) 965-2496

## The Toy Shoppe

Benton UMC collects toys and gift cards each year to bring a little Christmas joy to the children served by The Table Food Ministries. We begin collecting November 1st of each year.

Millie Crites (318) 965-2273 millie.crites@bentonumc.org

## United Methodist Men

Joel Carter jlumc@yahoo.com

P.E.T. Project (see article on next page)  
Methodist Children's Home—Ruston, LA  
Gingerbread House  
Teen Challenge  
Operation Blessing

## United Methodist Women

Pat Mosher onthelake8@bellsouth.net

Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Samaritan's Purse  
The Toy Shoppe & The Table Food Ministires  
Methodist Children's Home  
Providence House

# Serving Opportunities



## Benton United Methodist Men New Ministry PET® Mobility Project

PET stands for Personal Energy Transportation. It is a sturdy, three-wheeled vehicle propelled by a hand-crank that can be operated by a man, woman or child who is mobility impaired. They are shipped to over 100 countries world-wide.

Benton UMM has partnered with the Brazos Valley PET affiliate (Bryan, TX) to build the PETs. We are responsible for cutting, routing and drilling all of the wood parts and cutting and welding a portion of the steel parts. Brazos is responsible for assembling, packing and shipping. UMCOR Advance #982665

For more information on PET® Mobility Project, contact:

**Green Long**  
**(318) 990-1484**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM  
Breakfast Club Classroom

## Souper Saturday

Saturday  
July 30  
7:30 AM

## the table

Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, July 19  
& Wednesday, July 20

### The Table Food Ministry

**Tuesday, July 19**

9:00 AM Truck Unloading  
10:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, July 20**

11:30 AM The Closet  
12:30 PM Food & School  
Supply Distribution

For more information on The Table, contact:  
Rachel Stoneman at (318) 965-2273

## Sew Crazy Ladies

Join this sewing ministry to work on mission projects (like book bags for UMCOR or Fall Bazaar), update costumes for the Journey, or to work on our own unfinished objects (aka UFO's). At the same time, we will be spending time with others in Christian fellowship. Also, anyone who wants to learn to sew is welcome, as we will be happy to help new crazy sewers!!!

We will meet in the Bible Bayou on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 10 AM until 2 PM. Any and all are invited to join us.

Meeting dates are Friday, July 8 & 22.

Contact: Sandra Upshaw at 326-5966, or Katherine Ashley 464-3798



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

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**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Thursdays  
 6:00 PM**

**Fellowship  
 Classroom**

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:  
 rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

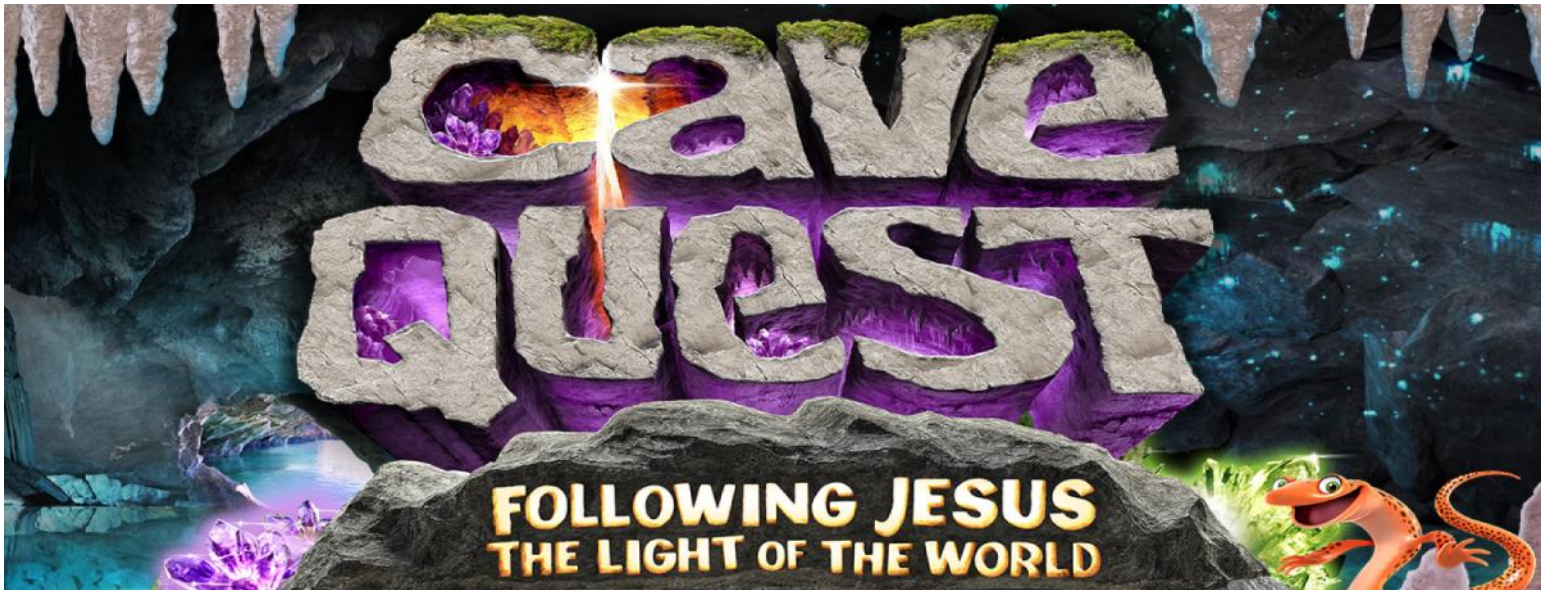
All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.

**Communion Team**

*Help Needed*

Join our team to set-up communion bread and juice on the fourth Sunday of each month.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact:  
 Kelly Denmon (318) 469-2769



Join us at Benton UMC on

**Cave Quest Vacation Bible School**

**Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, 2016**

**9:00 AM—12:00 PM**

For more information, visit: [www.bentonumc.org/VBS](http://www.bentonumc.org/VBS)