



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

**Benton United Methodist Church**  
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**Fireworks & Ice Cream**  
Sunday, July 1  
5:30 – 8:00 PM

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy Baskin - Robbins ice cream starting at 5:30 PM and fireworks beginning at dark. For your comfort, remember to bring your lawn chairs!

**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**  
Monthly Newsletter of  
Benton United Methodist Church  
July 2018

At the home of  
DeeAnne & Barry Plunkett  
195 Merry Lane, Benton, LA  
R.S.V.P. to:  
linda.silas@bentonumc.org

**Dinner with Families**

Save the date...  
Sunday, July 15 at 5:00 PM

**Weekly Events**

<b>Sundays</b>	
Worship .....	8:15 AM
Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship .....	10:30 AM
Boy Scouts .....	2:00 PM
Bible Study @ Hearne Home .....	6:00 PM
<b>Mondays</b>	
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
First Place 4 Health.....	5:00 PM
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
Intercessory Prayer Team.....	9:00 AM
Men's Basketball.....	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
The Closet Workday @ BUMC .....	11:30 AM
The Closet Distribution @ Chapel .....	11:30 AM
<b>Thursdays</b>	
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6:00 PM
<b>Fridays</b>	
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM

**A Word From Pastor Brad**

Dear Church,  
As we worship in July we'll take a look at the church's membership vows and how by faithfully participating in the ministries of the church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness these actions give God the glory through Christ our Lord. On the fifth Sunday of this month will have a Christmas in July service turning once again to the story of Christ's birth and the good news that it brings to us.

See you then!  
Your Preacher,  
Brad



<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them *pray*. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of *praise*. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the *elders* of the church to *pray* over them and *anoint* them with oil in the name of the *Lord*.  
<sup>15</sup> And the *prayer* offered in *faith* will make the sick person well; the *Lord* will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be *forgiven*.  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore *confess* your sins to each other and *pray* for each other so that you may be *healed*.  
The *prayer* of a *righteous* person is *powerful* and *effective*.  
James 5:13-16



# Monthly & Special Events

**Sunday, July 1**  
 United Methodist Men Breakfast ..... 7:00 AM  
 Fireworks & Ice Cream ..... 5:30 PM

**Wednesday, July 4**  
*Church Office & Daycare Closed  
 in Observance of Independence Day*  
 Choir Practice ..... 7:00 PM

**Friday, July 6**  
 Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM

**Monday, July 9**  
 VBS (Theme: Super Heroes) ..... 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, July 10**  
 VBS (Theme: Beach Wear) ..... 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, July 11**  
 VBS (Theme: Pajama Party) ..... 9:00 AM  
 Safety Team Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

**Thursday, July 12**  
 VBS (Theme: Team Spirit) ..... 9:00 AM

**Friday, July 13**  
 VBS (Theme: Pirate Day) ..... 9:00 AM

**Sunday, July 15**  
 United Methodist Men Breakfast ..... 7:00 AM  
 Dinner with Families ..... 5:00 PM

**Monday, July 16**  
 Security System Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, July 17**  
 NWLA Truck Unloading ..... 9:00 AM  
 NWLA Food Bag Packing ..... 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, July 18**  
 Bible Study led by Darrell Williams ..... 10:30 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, July 20**  
 Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera ..... 7:15 AM

**Sunday, July 22**  
 Steak Sandwich Fundraiser by the UMM .. 11:30 AM

**Tuesday, July 24**  
 O.P.A.L.S. .... 11:30 AM

**Friday, July 27**  
 Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM

**Saturday, July 28**  
 Souper Saturday ..... 7:30 AM  
 Hands & Feet: Serving with Our Children .... 8:00 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.*

# O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

**Tuesday, July 24 at 11:30 AM**  
 in the Family Life Center  
 Cost: \$5.00

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet to hear about G.R.A.C.E. camp - God's Really Amazing Camping Experience! This week-long camp is for children with incarcerated parents or loved ones, and it's free for them. Come learn about it and how we can be a part of this grace-filled ministry.

We support Common Ground in the Cedar Grove area of Shreveport by donating pantry items, and this month you are to bring canned meat items. 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**

**BIBLE STUDY**  
*Genesis*

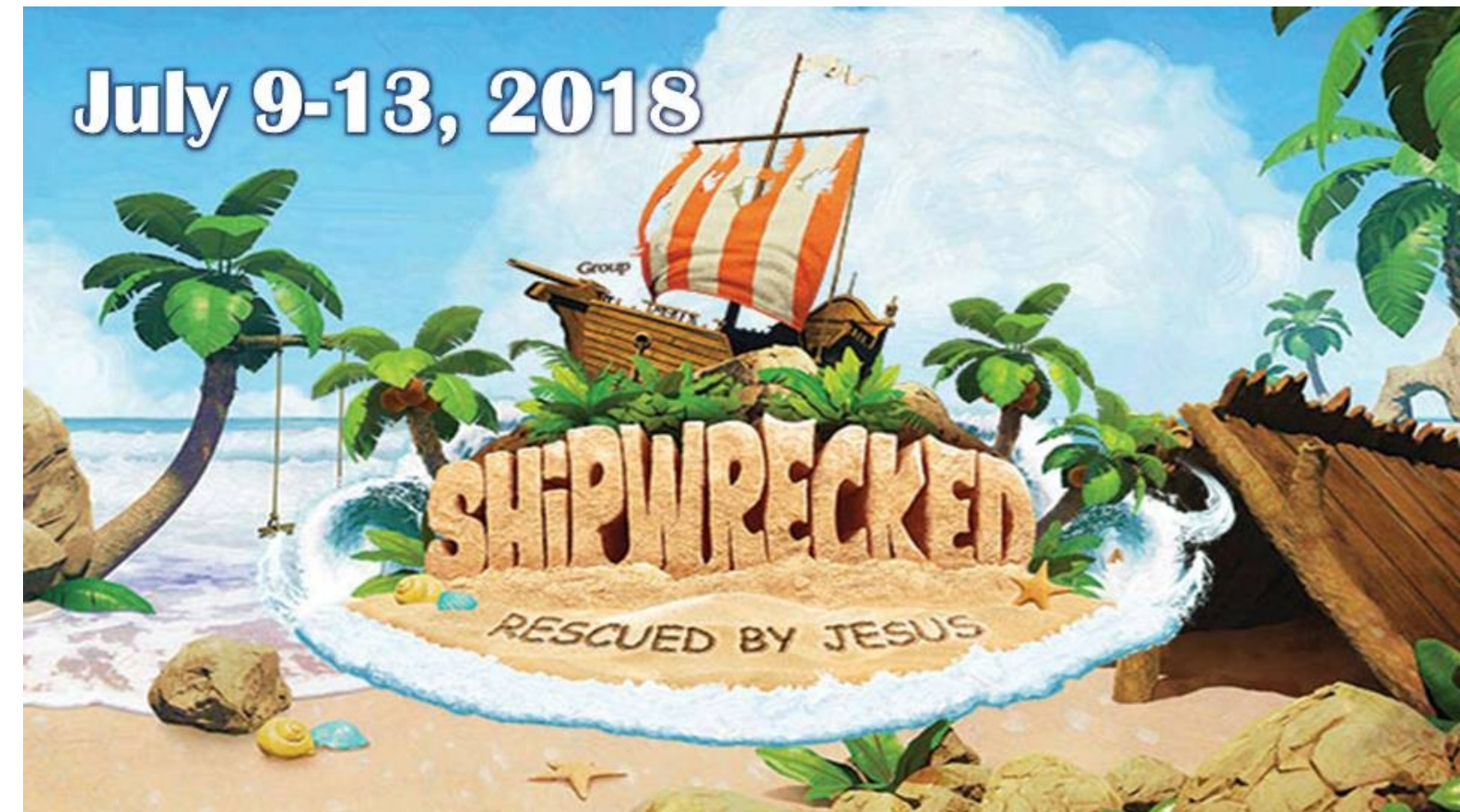
**Sundays at 6:00 PM**  
 at the Home of  
**Buddy & Reba Hearne**  
 3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA  
 (318) 965-0122

*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 meets again on July 20, 2018 with the intriguing book **The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**. 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.**



## Benton UMC VBS Dress Up Days

MONDAY		VBS IS SUPER FUN!	
TUESDAY		BEACH WEAR	
WEDNESDAY		Pajama Party!	
THURSDAY		Team Spirit	
FRIDAY		ARRG you ready for PIRATE DAY	

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

# ShipWrecked

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

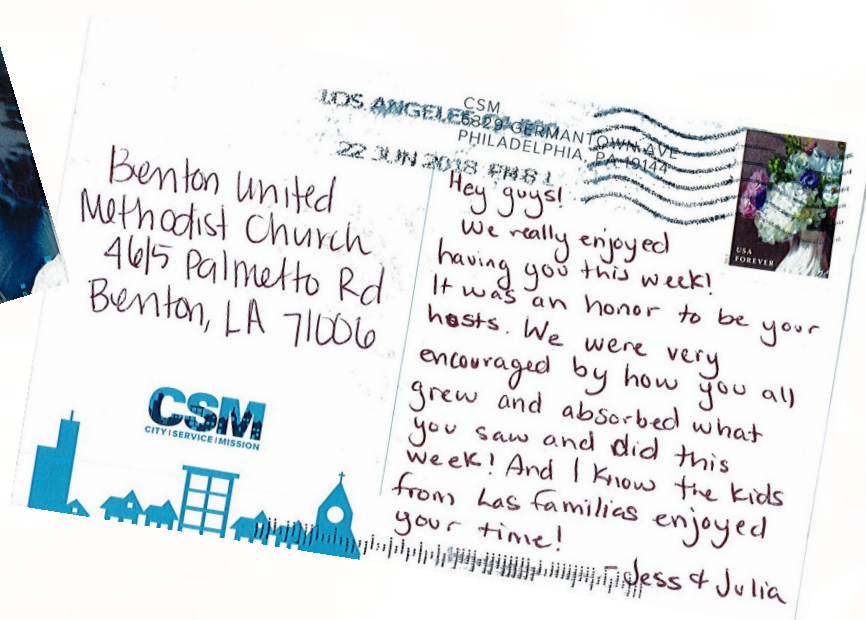
*Ages 3 years  
 (potty trained, please)  
 through entering 6th grade.*

**For more information,  
 please contact:  
 Mary Jo Duddy**

[maryjo.duddy@bossierschools.org](mailto:maryjo.duddy@bossierschools.org)



# Thank you, Benton UMC!



*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



Because of you,  
there's someone who  
is thanking God today,  
Someone who appreciates  
your warm and caring way,  
Someone who's remembering  
the special things you do  
And wishing you His blessings  
every day  
the whole year through.

Mr. Ron,  
You all have been  
such a blessing throughout  
the transition.  
Thank you so much for  
the Joseph Ministry it has brought  
so much peace to the hearts of those  
that it serves.  
Joanni

## Steak Sandwich Fundraiser by the UMM

**Sunday, July 22, 2018**  
**Immediately following late service**

The Benton United Methodist Men have graciously volunteered to host a lunch fundraiser for our new security system. Support the fundraiser and let the BUMM do the work for a delicious lunch!

**Friday, July 6 & 27**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

# 50's Sock Hop

Sponsored by the Benton United Methodist Women

**Friday, August 24**  
**7:00-10:00 PM**  
**\$12 per person**

**MUSIC BY THE KOKOMO CRUISERS**

**ICE CREAM FLOATS**

**Best Dressed Contest**

**Benton United Methodist Church**  
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For more information, please contact: Joann Horton (318) 347-8844



United Methodist Women  
FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women  
President, Pat Mosher  
[onthelake8@bellsouth.net](mailto:onthelake8@bellsouth.net)  
(318) 572-3447

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

### Mark your calendars:

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

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

**BUMW Sock Hop**  
**NEW DATE:**  
August 24 from 7:00 -10:00 PM

**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.



# Serving Our Community

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## Hands & Feet Serving with Our Children Saturday, July 28 at 8:00 AM

*A new serving ministry for families with children. Any ages welcome! We also invite the young at heart to help mentor these new servants.*

We are preparing to serve our educators and we need everyone's help! First, at Hands & Feet: Serving with Our Children, we will organize and pack backpacks for the educator appreciation luncheon. Come serve with your children!

<sup>12</sup> Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Second, we need volunteers to set-up on **Sunday, August 5** immediately following service for our Educator Appreciation Luncheon. Lunch is on the church! Please help us prepare by letting us know if you can serve by emailing Linda Silas at [linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org).

Third, we will need greeters, servers, minglers, and kitchen help. If you can volunteer on **Monday, August 6**, please email Linda Silas at [linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org).

Questions? Please contact Linda at 318.965.2273



## The Table Food Ministry

**Tuesday, July 17**  
9:00 AM Truck Unloading  
10:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, July 18**  
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)



**A Cross Faith Advocacy Center**

**HOURS:**  
Wednesday, July 18  
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church  
*Transforming the community...*



## 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