

# INSIGHT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AUGUST 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

Choir Practice ..... 5:30 PM  
Alcoholics Anonymous ..... 6:00 PM  
Bodies On A Mission ..... 6:00 PM

### Fridays

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

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Hello Church,

I want us to think about the word kindness. We have all benefited from someone else's kindness. Think of the word kindness like a two way street. We offer kindness and we receive kindness. We remember kind moments throughout our life as being helpful and uplifting.

Here's some food for thought regarding kindness. Who are some of the kindest people you know? What do they do to show kindness to those around them?

Perry Noble, pastor and author, has said "Our small acts of kindness will be the most significant legacy we leave behind." As we raise up the next generation of leaders instilling in them the value of offering acts of kindness can bring much needed healing in a broken world.

Kindness is an important part of the wonderful grace of God. It's a tangible way we can share the good news of Jesus Christ every day. Who's that one person you know who could really benefit from you offering them kindness? Bless them as you will be blessed by sharing an act of kindness with them.

Take Care and God Bless,  
Brad

*...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*

# Monthly & Special Events

## Tuesday, August 2

Church Council Meeting .....6:30 PM

## Thursday, August 4

Educator Appreciation Luncheon .....10:45 AM

## Sunday, August 7

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

## Thursday, August 11

Morning Glories .....9:30 AM

## Friday, August 12

Sew Crazy Ladies .....10:00 AM  
United Methodist Women Sock Hop .....7:00 PM

## Tuesday, August 16

NWLA Food Truck Unloading .....9:00 AM  
NWLA Food Bag Packing .....10:00 AM  
Nightingales .....6:30 PM  
Reaching New People Team Meeting .....6:30 PM

## Wednesday, August 17

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

## Sunday, August 21

United Methodist Men  
Breakfast & Devotion .....7:30 AM  
LifeShare Blood Drive .....8:30 AM

## Tuesday, August 23

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

## Wednesday, August 24

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

## Friday, August 26

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

## Saturday, August 27

Souper Saturday .....7:30 AM

## Donor Leaves

New Leaves placed on the Donor Recognition Tree  
in memory of:

*Crystal Carter*  
by Mark & Rita Crosby

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.



Choir Practice—Thursdays at 5:30 PM

All are welcome to come and make a joyful noise!

Contact:

Jennifer Hable at [jennifer.hable@bentonumc.org](mailto:jennifer.hable@bentonumc.org)



**First Place 4 Health  
Orientation  
Monday, August 15 at 6:00 PM  
Pairs & Spares Classroom**

Do you wish you and your family could have a healthy, sustainable, and balanced lifestyle? In this fall session, learn about First Place 4 Health's scripture-based, proven wellness model and receive tips, tools, and encouragement to empower you to lead yourself and your family to be heart-fit, spirit-fit, mind-fit, and body-fit -- altogether Fit 4 a King.

In addition to nutrition and fitness information, we will complete a 12-week Bible study entitled *The Power of Hope*. This study will help you make and continue moving toward your goals and find the energy and motivation to face daily challenges without losing faith. It's easy to get discouraged whenever you face a setback in reaching a weight-loss or fitness goal. Perhaps at first you experienced success and saw noticeable results, but now you have reached a plateau and can't seem to go any further. God hasn't forgotten about you. When you reach out to Him, He will help you to get back on track and reach your goals. This study will show you how.

Based on proven techniques and more than 35 years of experience, First Place 4 Health invites you to try the most complete Christ-centered healthy living program available. First Place 4 Health will help you create balance in the four core areas of your life --- emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical. The results? Weight loss and total health from the inside out!

Join us for orientation to learn about the program and order your materials. The Fall session meetings begin Monday, August 22, at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact:

Katherine Ashley @ 464-3798 or Nancy Grant @ 455-4350.



# 50's Sock Hop

Sponsored by the Benton United Methodist Women

MUSIC BY  
THE  
KOKOMO  
CRUISERS



ICE CREAM  
FLOATS

Best Dressed  
Contest



Friday, August 12—Bring the entire family!

7:00-10:00 PM

\$10 per person\*—tickets on sale now

*\*Includes a hamburger, chips and a soft drink.*

**Benton United Methodist Women**  
*Pat Mosher, President*

## UMW Calendar

Sock Hop .....August 12 at 7:00 PM

District "Mini Mission u" ..... August 20  
*Shady Grove UMC, Mansfield, LA*

General Meeting .....September 6 at 6:30 PM  
*Election of officers, salad supper in the  
Benton UMC Family Life Center*

**Circle meetings start September 8 (Morning  
Glories) and September 20 (Nightingales).**

Fall Craft Sale .....October 15 at 9:00 AM  
*Benton UMC*

Frozen Casserole Sale ..... November 13



## Fall Craft Sale

Saturday, October 15

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We need vendors – please get the word out to everyone who might be interested. Booths with electricity on a first come basis for \$35, and without electricity are \$25. Set up is

Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be ready by August 10<sup>th</sup>, deadline to reserve is Thursday, October 6, 2016.

For more information, please contact:

Joann Horton (318) 347-8844 or Pat Mosher (318) 572-3447

Anyone interested in joining us in our efforts for creative and supportive fellowship, as well as working to support missions, locally and beyond, is invited to join the Benton United Methodist Women at any time.

For more information on  
Benton United Methodist Women,  
please contact:

**Pat Mosher, President**  
(318) 572-3447  
onthelake8@bellsouth.net



Benton United Methodist Men

# Sporting Clay Shoot

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual



## Los Paloma Sporting Range

900 Seven Pines Road, Benton, LA 71006

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Registration: 7:00 AM

[www.bentonumc.org/clayshoot](http://www.bentonumc.org/clayshoot)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# United Methodist Men Sporting Clay Shoot

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Registration: 7:00 AM

Start: 8:00 AM

## Team Information

### 4 Man Teams

\$100 per shooter / \$400 per team

### \$10 Mulligan

Shooters get an additional station to shoot; they then drop their lowest scoring station.

### Golf Carts

\$65 per cart

### Registration

7:00 AM Registration & 8:00 AM Start Time

Top Shooter Awards

Door Prizes

Lunch Provided

For more information on sponsorship or teams, please contact:

Jeffrey Duke (318) 455-3881

or

Joel Carter (318) 465-9235

## Committee Summaries

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*  
Romans 8:28

For more information about our council, boards, or committees, please contact:

Ron Jones

[ronald.r.jones@att.net](mailto:ronald.r.jones@att.net)



### Lay Leadership Committee Meeting - July 13, 2016

The meeting began with a prayer by Rev Brad Franklin. We decided to take a supporting role in the staff-led Educator Appreciation Luncheon. The only other topic discussed was new committee/board/team members that will be needed for our Charge Conference in October. All team members will begin next month discussing gifts of service with congregation members to fill these vacant positions. The team will start filling the needed positions in September so we can present new committee/team/board line up to church council before charge conference. By the third week in August, VOLUNTEER forms will be available at the Services booth in the family life center for those who want to serve on one of these boards. The positions that will need to be filled are as follows;

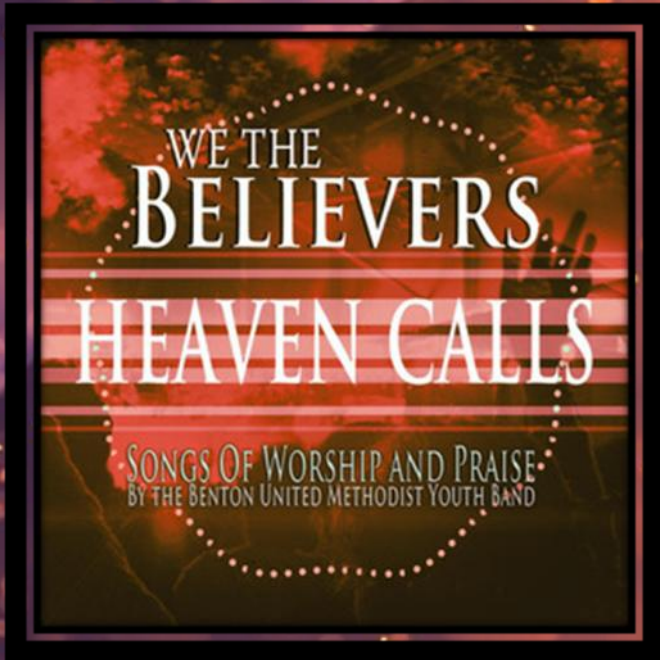
3 new members for Lay Leadership team, 3 new members for the Trustees, 3 new members and a chair for the Staff Parish Relations Committee, 3 new members for Finance Committee and 4 new members for the Daycare Board. Consider and Pray about what YOU might be Gifted to do for Christ through Benton UMC.

For more information on serving in these capacities, please contact:

Ron Jones  
(318) 469-3693



# Benton UMC Youth Band



As you know, Benton United Methodist Church is extremely passionate about our youth ministries program. Last year we set out to do something that is rarely able to be accomplished within the confines of youth worship, to record a CD of original songs. Not only did they succeed in creating some of the most poetic and inspiring worship singles, but the CD is already making waves in our community through Gods amazing means of Grace.

We are proud to announce that our Benton UMC Youth Band, "We the Believers", was chosen as one of the featured bands for the Regional Youth Diocese Conference **Encounter with Jesus** on Saturday August 27th, 2016. Joining forces with Deacon Larry Mills of St. Jude's Catholic Church, Will Hughes is excited to lead our youth band in what promises to be one of their biggest performances ever; with an expected crowd of 500-800 people. Please join us in support of such a fantastic outreach event as we team up with our neighboring churches for an incredible morning of fun, worship, music, and community involvement.

# You Are Invited

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**

**The Catholic Center  
3500 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport, LA**

*Meet young people from across the parish and enjoy worship through music, Mass, and keynote speakers.*

Please show your support by attending and thank you for all the support you have given these kids in their quest to increase the quality of worship in our community through music!

**Also be sure to pick up a copy of "Heaven Calls" by We the Believers on sale today and every Sunday in the Gym. You can also contact Will Hughes, Millie Crites, or Rachel Stoneman for a copy!**

Thank you for your support ~ Will Hughes





## Everyone Can Serve! Young & Young at Heart!

This has been a busy month for mission at Benton UMC! It has been such a blessing to have the help of all these children who add so much joy to our serving ministries during the summer break. We believe that serving children will grow into serving adults and welcome them to serve with us.

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.*  
Proverbs 22:6

The **Summer Service and Scripture Memory** group looks for missions to serve with their children and they had a great time. Jamie Sikes and her group (above and left) grocery shopped for the Benton UMC Emergency Food Pantry, and then organized, packed emergency boxes, and restocked the shelves! The adults worked side-by-side with the children, explain what the pantry was for and why it was so important. That was such a blessing for Ginny Jones and the rest of the Table Food Ministries crew.

Thank you **Summer Service and Scripture Memory** and Jamie Sikes for bringing them here!

We also had Catherine Long's grandchildren, Connor and Clara Yates, who helped with the NWLA Monthly Food Bag Packing and School Supply set-up. Connor said it was an "awesome time" and we hope they will be back! Connor teamed up with Deborah Kintner to pack peanut butter and walnuts. Jaelyn Simmons, Clara Yates and Sabrina Smith teamed up to pack crackers and vitamins. Later that afternoon, Clara and Catherine came back to help Jaelyn tag and pack book bags.

*Thank you all for the amazing service and friendship you offer!*





# Serving Opportunities



**The Closet Clothes Ministry** is in need of children's clothing in ALL sizes. Summer clothing and children's clothing is especially needed. Please consider donating gently used or new clothing. This ministry helps around fifty local families each month. We have had flood victims, fire victims and patrons who just need a helping hand. Your donations are greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

As many of you know, our church and Closet Ministry has joined with the A Cross Faith Ministry. I am happy to report that we are close to moving to our new location. A Cross Faith is a joint ministry combining the efforts of St. Jude Catholic Church, Benton United Methodist Church, and Elizabeth Baptist Church. We now have volunteers from both churches working alongside our loyal BUMC volunteers. We are forming wonderful friendships while working together to help those in need in our community. Come join us. *Sue Shadow*, shadow781@bellsouth.net

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM  
Breakfast Club Classroom

**Souper Saturday**

Saturday  
August 27  
7:30 AM

**the table**  
Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, July 19  
& Wednesday, July 20

**The Table Food Ministry**

<b>Tuesday, August 16</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 17</b>
9:00 AM Truck Unloading	11:30 AM The Closet
10:00 AM Bag Packing	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, August 12 & 26

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





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GROWING UP...  
SENDING OUT...

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**Alcoholics  
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**Thursdays  
6:00 PM**

**Fellowship  
Classroom**

## 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.

## 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



# Wide Open Wednesdays

# WOW!

## Begins September 7 at 5:30 PM