

# IN *sight*

Monthly newsletter of Benton United Methodist church  
August 2017

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## *Weekly Events* @ Benton UMC

### **Sundays**

Worship .....	8:15 AM
Sunday School .....	9:15 AM
Worship .....	10:30 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 Workday (2nd & 4th)...	10:30 AM

### **Thursdays**

Thursday Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Choir Practice .....	6:00 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6:00 PM
Bodies On A Mission .....	6:00 PM

### **Fridays**

Bodies On a Mission.....	9:00 AM
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## **A Word From Pastor Brad**

Dear Church,

As we move into the month of August, I wanted to give you a preview of what's ahead in worship.

I will begin a series called "Four Unique things of the Bible"

- August 6th—Genealogies In the Bible
- August 13th—The Longest Name In the Bible
- August 20th—The Heart of the Bible
- August 27th— The Last Word In the Bible

And some food for thought as we move through these dog days of summer. Lammas is a festival that happens right at the first of August which celebrates the first fruits of harvest, and the fruits of our labors. Lammas is an early Christian festival, "lammas" means loaf mass and represented the first loaves baked from that years crop. These loaves were taken to church and laid on the altar.

Live with a spirit of thanksgiving and offer your gifts to the glory of God.

Blessings,

Your Preacher

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His loving-kindness (graciousness, mercy, compassion) endures forever.

~Psalm 136:26

# Monthly & Special Events

**Tuesday, August 1**  
Educator Appreciation Luncheon ..... 11:30 AM

**Wednesday, August 2**  
The Closet @ A Cross Faith..... 10:30 AM

**Saturday, August 5**  
United Methodist Women District Meeting ..... 8:30 AM  
Worship Team Meeting @ Panera Bread ..... 9:00 AM

**Sunday, August 6**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion ..... 7:00 AM  
New Member Luncheon and Orientation ..... 11:30 AM

**Friday, August 11**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM  
Sock Hop ..... 7:00 PM

**Sunday, August 13**  
New Member Luncheon and Orientation ..... 11:30 AM

**Tuesday, August 15**  
NWLA Food Truck Unloading ..... 9:00 AM  
NWLA Food Bag Packing ..... 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, August 16**  
The Closet @ A Cross Faith..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Food Distribution ..... 12:30 PM

**Friday, August 18**  
Just A Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread..... 7:15 AM

**Sunday, August 20**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotional ..... 7:00 AM

**Tuesday, August 22**  
OPALS ..... 11:30 AM

**Friday, August 25**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM

**Saturday, August 26**  
Souper Saturday ..... 7:30 AM

**Monday, August 28**  
First Place 4 Health Orientation..... 6:00 PM

*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, August 22 at 11:30 AM  
in the Family Life Center  
Cost: \$5.00**

Benton UMC's Older People with Active Life Styles (OPALS) will meet Ms. Olean Williams, the Outreach Director for Bossier Parish Council on Aging, our guest speaker. She'll be able to tell us all that the Council on Aging has to offer senior adults and give us tips on how best to utilize their services. The OPALS are generally the 55+ age group, but anyone who is interested in the program is welcome, and this one promises to be informative and beneficial – so we hope to see you there!

**For reservations, please contact  
Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465  
by August 20, 2017.**



## Grief Support Group

The Grief Ministry at Benton UMC will begin its next Grief Support group on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the Pairs & Spares Sunday School classroom.

**For more information on the Grief Support Group, please contact Pastor Cheryl at (318) 422-0914.**



## What IS First Place 4 Health?

First Place 4 Health (FP4H) IS about learning lifestyle changes that stress giving God first place in all areas of our lives. It is NOT a diet plan where you count calories and deprive yourself of all things good to eat!

FP4H IS a Christ-centered program that works toward transforming us - heart, soul, mind, and strength - so that we might live out our lives with health and balance in each of these four areas. It IS a group of men and women who encourage one another and pray one for another. It IS spending about twenty minutes daily doing a Bible study and then discussing it with the group each week. It IS, in part, a way of looking at food as fuel for our bodies, not as comfort for our souls...of looking at exercise as getting ourselves able to actively enjoy our lives, not as punishment for having eaten too much!

Join us Monday, August 28, at 6:00 pm, for our orientation meeting. Find out more about your four-sided person, and how to let God transform you to be healthy and balanced in each area of your life. We'd love to have you join us at 6:00 in the Pairs and Spares classroom at the top of the stairs in the Family Life Worship Center.

**For more information, call  
Katherine Ashley at 464-3798 or Nancy Stinson at 455-4350.**



## Donor Recognition Tree New Leaves Placed In Memory of:

*Mary Ruth Waggoner*

by Gary & Alyce Wyche

*Bob Gates*

by Joan Gandy

*Frances Dunnam*

by Gary & Alyce Wyche

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.



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

United Methodist Women  
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### CALENDAR:

#### Shreveport District Leadership Team Meeting

We are **hosting** the Shreveport District Leadership Team Saturday August in the youth room. We need coffee, muffins and light lunch to be served to them. Let Pat know you can help with this from 9:30 - 1:30.

### Sock Hop

Friday, August 11

7:00-10:00 PM

*With the KoKoMo Cruisers*

We "hop" into August with our annual "Sock Hop", on Friday, August 11, 7-10 pm in the FLWC. Music will be from the 50's and 60's, provided by the Kokomo Cruisers. Tickets are **\$12 for adults and \$4 for children** and include a hamburger, chips, and a soft drink. Ice cream sundaes and sodas will be available. This is an evening of fun for the entire family. See the front office or any UMW member for tickets. Elvis may show up!!

*Proceeds from the Sock Hop will be donated to Common Ground.*

### Memorials

*Dale Robinson*

by Louise Grisham

*Freeman Flowers*

by Louise Grisham

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



## Benton United Methodist Women ~Church Cookbook~

### Recipes needed!

Be a part of the cookbook and please submit your recipes by September 1, 2017 to

**Pat Emerson**

at [pathshoes@aol.com](mailto:pathshoes@aol.com) or call (318) 393-5701.



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 September 14 at 9:30 AM and September 19 at 6:30 PM. We need a leader for the night circle!!

### Sign-up to serve!

Please contact:  
**Mary Beth West**  
(318) 965-2273

[Marybeth.west@bentonumc.org](mailto:Marybeth.west@bentonumc.org)



**Educator Appreciation Luncheon**  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017  
11:30-1:30 PM

# Thank you!

Dear church family,  
Thank you for the prayers, cards, and visits during Dick's surgery. God heard every one of you and Dick is doing great.

XOXO,  
~Dick & Pat Mosher

Benton umc,  
Thank you so much for the meat tray, buns, chips and all the acts of kindness after Daddy's death. It is truly a blessing to be a member of such a wonderful church family.

Danny, Stacy & Brooke Smith

Dear Benton United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for your support to Airline High School! I greatly appreciate you purchasing a football program ad from me. Your support is a huge blessing and help to the students at Airline!

Thanks again,  
Ashlyn O'Glee  
AHS Cheer



## THANK YOU!

Dear Benton United Methodist Church,  
Thank you for your generous donation to the BHS Project Graduation Street Shoot. With your support, we were able to raise over \$10,000 that day.

Thanks so much,  
2017 Benton High Seniors



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# Gingerbread House

Bossier/Caddo Children's Advocacy Center

**1700 Buckner Square, Suite 101 • Shreveport, Louisiana 71101**  
**Phone (318) 674-2900 • Fax (318) 674-8141**



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July 6, 2017

Benton United Methodist Church  
4615 Palmetto Road  
Benton, LA 71006-0388

Dear Benton United Methodist Church,

The Board of Directors, staff, children, and families served by the Gingerbread House Bossier / Caddo Children's Advocacy Center, join me in thanking you for your generous charitable donation of \$1,500.00 (Check #4917; received 04/03/17). I apologize for the delay in acknowledging your donation – I just returned from maternity leave.

Through your support we are able to continue offering critically needed services free of charge to child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse in northwest Louisiana. Donations to the Gingerbread House, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, are tax deductible as allowed by law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. Our tax identification number is 72-1390471.

To give you an even better idea of the impact we are able to make in our community as a result of your support, I'd like to share with you our progress in 2016:

- 766 children received forensic interviews, multidisciplinary investigations, and family advocacy services, averaging 64 forensic interviews per month.
- 207 child victims & their non-offending caregivers received counseling services.
- As part of our prevention efforts, over 23,208 children and adults participated in educational outreach sessions.
- Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, all services were offered free of charge to child victims of abuse and their families.

Our work would not be possible without your support. **On behalf of the children and families who will benefit from your generosity and continued support, THANK YOU!**

With kindest regard,

Jessica Milan Miller, M.A., MBA  
Executive Director

*Thank you so much!  
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# *Serving Our Church*

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## Lay Leadership Nominations

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

### **Committee Member Nomination Form and Related Information**

Please review and be in prayer about serving on one of the listed church committees and/or ministry teams of hospitality, service, and mercy to members and non-members. This will be nominations for the class of 2020, a 3 year commitment from January, 2018-December of 2020.

Please note that the nomination forms are due back in the church office by Sunday, August 13, 2017. Also keep in mind that there will be more nominations than slots to fill. Careful consideration will be given to each nomination and if you are not chosen this year feel free to apply again next year.

Thanks so much for glorifying God's name through Benton UMC with your service and dedication.

**Visit [www.bentonumc.org/Laity](http://www.bentonumc.org/Laity)  
to find these forms and descriptions:**

- [Committee Nomination Form](#)
- [Committee Overview](#)
- [Job Descriptions-Inviting In, Growing Up, Sending Out](#)
- [Servant Leader Covenant](#)

**If you are interested in serving as an elected leader at Benton United Methodist Church,  
the positions listed on our website are just one way to serve.**

**If you are interested in serving in other ways, please feel free to contact the church office at (318) 965-2273.**

# Serving Our Church



## The Table Food Ministry

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

**Tuesday, August 15**  
9:00 AM  
Truck Unloading  
10:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, August 16**  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

## The Closet Clothes Ministry

We need your help at our bustling clothes closet at A Cross Faith Advocacy Center in Benton and at Benton UMC.

### Current Hours of Operation:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at A Cross Faith ..... 10:30 AM-12:30 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at A Cross Faith ..... 11:30 AM-4:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Benton UMC.... 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

### New September Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays ..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday ..... 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

## A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

**HOURS:**  
**Wednesday, August 16**  
**11:30 AM-4:00 PM**

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*Transforming the community...*

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:

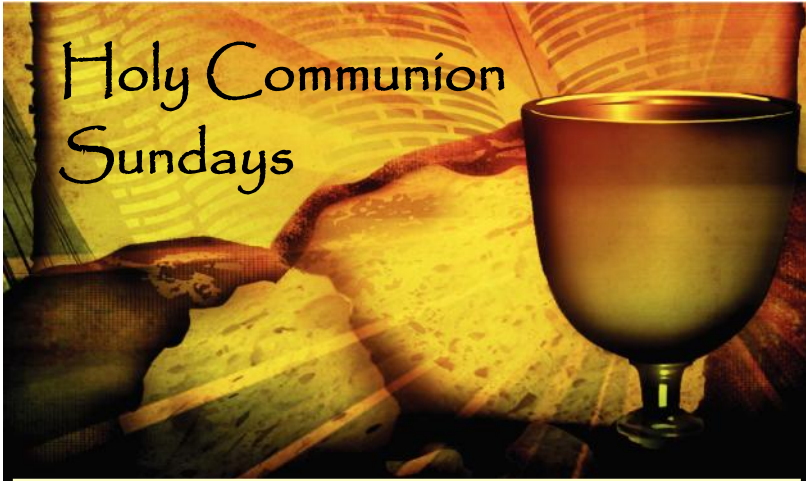
**Katherine Kavanaugh**  
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And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ~Ephesians 4:11-16



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## Holy Communion Sundays

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

## 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.

# 50's Sock Hop

Sponsored by the Benton United Methodist Women

Friday, August 11  
 7:00-10:00 PM  
 Adults \$12  
 Children \$4

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