

INSIGHT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2016

Weekly Events

Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
Youth Band Practice 12:30 PM

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
WOW! (Begins September 7) 5:30 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

Dear Church,

One of the great Christian thinkers of the twentieth century once asked -Do you desire to express gratitude for every gift you've been given, as your mother taught you to do? Even when sunrise to sunset you're given ten thousand-plus wondrous gifts for eyes, ears, nose and taste? In your heart the mother's voice echoes, "For each gift, always say thank you." Your mother, your greatest teacher, lovingly channeled divine instructions on how, in your life, to find happiness.

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. There it is! The impossible made easy.

I was once driving down Interstate 10 and saw a man holding a sign on the shoulder near one of the exits between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The word written on that cardboard placard was the one simple word-Smile. What a refresher that was! A smile can go a long way in this world. It's both inviting and non-threatening. I bet Jesus smiled—a lot. So smile—that outward sign of joy--on good days or bad, in health or sickness.

Let a smile fill you up with joy and happiness, share a smile with someone, and just watch what happens.

Keep smiling-
God Bless,
Brad

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Psalm 42:1-2

Monthly & Special Events

Saturday, September 3
ERT (Early Response Training)
First UMC Alexandria 8:00 AM

Sunday, September 4
United Methodist Men
Breakfast & Devotion..... 7:30 AM

Monday, September 5
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6
Worship Team Meeting..... 5:30 PM
United Methodist Women
General Meeting 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 8
Morning Glories 9:30 AM

Friday, September 9
FCA Breakfast 6:30 AM
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 10
Seeds For the Harvest
Community Garden Planting Day..... 8:00 AM
Youth LA Tech Football Game 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 13
Lay Leadership Team Meeting..... 6:30 PM

Sunday, September 18
United Methodist Men
Breakfast & Devotion..... 7:30 AM

Tuesday, September 20
NWLA Food Truck Unloading..... 9:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing 10:00 AM
Nightingales 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 21
The Closet Clothes Distribution 11:30 AM
Medical & Nutritional Evaluations 11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution 12:30 PM
LSUS Ag Center Sampling & Nutrition 1:00 PM

Friday, September 23
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 24
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM
Facing Off Leukemia
Ball Hockey Tournament..... 10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 27
O.P.A.L.S. (*Older People with Active Life Styles*) 11:30 AM

Wednesday, September 28
Prayer Shawl Ministry..... 1:30 PM

Thursday, September 29
Feeding the Baseball Team..... 3:00 PM

Music Ministry

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

Benton United Methodist Women
Pat Mosher, President



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 14th.

Registration forms will be ready by August 10th, deadline to reserve is Thursday, October 6, 2016.

For more information, please contact:
Joann Horton (318) 347-8844 or Pat Mosher (318) 572-3447

Get Your Greeting Cards Through Doris Whilite

We have cards in memory, birthday, thank you, baby, special days and now we have Christmas. They are \$5 and go for missions.

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.

UMW Calendar

General Meeting September 6 at 6:30 PM
Election of officers, salad supper in the Benton UMC Family Life Center
*Bring someone new, both circles will decorate, and we will begin working on our **Samaritan Purse Shoe Box Project.***

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

Frozen Casserole Sale November 13

For more information, please contact:
Pat Mosher, President
(318) 572-3447onthelake8@bellsouth.net

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

Tuesday, September 27 at 11:30 AM
Family Life Worship Center
Cost: \$5.00

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet as usual for fun, food and fellowship. In celebration of Labor Day, we are asking everyone who comes to wear or bring something that will signify their main vocation during their working years. We will share stories, trials and joys of the days we contributed to society and earned a living. Good, honest labor is a blessing from God, and we are grateful for the jobs we've had – so come and share your blessing.

Please make a reservation by calling
Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465 by September 25.



Student Ministries

Happenings...

For more information on Student Ministries, contact:
Mary Jo Duddy at maryjo.duddy@bossierschools.org

September 2

5th Quarter at BUMC

Food and Fun event after the Benton Tigers football game

September 6

First Priority

7:00 AM - BMS - Mrs. Myers' room

September 7

WOW! BUMC

Dinner 5:30 PM and intergenerational activities from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM

September 9

5th Quarter

at Airline Baptist Church

September 10

Louisiana Tech Football!

Leave BUMC at 2:00 PM for tailgating and fun prior to the 6:00 PM game

September 11

Dinner with Families

3:00 - 5:00 PM - Altitude

September 14

WOW!!

Dinner 5:30 PM and intergenerational activities from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM

September 16

FCA Breakfast

6:30 AM - Bus takes BMS students to school

September 17

Youth Ignite

Bi-District Youth Event at Trinity UMC in Ruston - Leave BUMC at 8:30 AM and return 5:30 PM - \$20

September 21

WOW! BUMC

Dinner 5:30 PM and intergenerational activities from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM

September 23

5th Quarter

Airline Baptist Church

September 28

National See You at the Pole

will be recognized/celebrated at both BMS and BHS - BUMC will provide donuts and juice at BMS

WOW! At BUMC

Dinner 5:30 PM and intergenerational activities from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM

Looking Ahead:

October 14-15
BHS Homecoming weekend

October 28

Feed the Team

October 30, 5:00-7:00PM

Trunk or Treat

*"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!
For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children" ~Mark 10:14*

Greetings from the nursery. Summer has flown by and we are already back in the school mode! I wanted to make you aware of some changes in the nursery staff. Our faithful nursery workers, Megan Ruiz and Jamie Hay, have gone on to pursue other adventures. Megan recently graduated from college and is pursuing her nursing degree. Jamie and her husband, Trevor, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Savannah Carolyn, in late July and are loving every minute of new parenthood! The nursery will miss them but we are so happy to welcome Amber Howard, Erin Crites and Courtney Jennings to our nursery team. Please stop by and welcome them!

Our nursery welcomes children ages 6 weeks through 3 years of age on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Sunday school begins at 9:00 with the talented Holly Doyal teaching the Early Christian Awareness (ECA) program. What is the ECA program, you say? ECA is a hands on approach in teaching children ages 6 months through 36 months about God's creation and love for them in a relaxed and secure Christian environment. ECA is a curriculum based teaching program developed by Sandy Shepherd that uses visual, auditory, and sensory teaching methods. ECA also helps children to know that they are special and an important part of the church. Church nursery starts at 10:15 with a snack, craft, story and plenty of playtime.

We also have nursery on Wednesday evenings for children ages 5 and under. Dinner is at 5:30 and program begins at 6:00.

We would love for you to join us at our open house in the nursery on Sunday, Sept 18th during the Sunday school hour. Holly will have some of the items on display she uses to teach ECA and will teach a brief ECA lesson for you to watch. We can answer questions regarding ECA, the nursery or any other questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Blessings,
Ashley Stinson
Childcare Coordinator

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

Lay Leadership Team Meeting—August 17, 2016



The Lay Leadership Meeting was opened with a prayer by co-chair Ron Jones.

The first item was to discuss the team's assignment to seek a head and helpers for the 4th WOW meal. Keith Lacour was recommended as the leader and the team will assist him as he requires. The team will also poll the Sunday School classes to see who wants to assist and then work out a schedule where they can sub at least once monthly to give all meal providers a break.

The second item was to redo the Self-Nomination form for the upcoming selection of the 2019 class that will join the various boards, committees and teams in 2017. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to do away with this form. Instead, the need for new members each year would be introduced from the pulpit, from posters telling about the various committees' duties and articles in the newsletter. These would all indicate those who are on the Lay Leadership Team, so that if someone was interested they would know who to contact.

The third item was to look at the Lay Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees' needs for new 2017 members. Lay Leadership will need four (4) new members to replace David Denmon, Debbie Filler, Francis Edwards and Reba Hearne. Trustees will require three (3) new members. Names were suggested for all these positions and will be selected at the next meeting on August 30, 2016.

The next item covered was to review the Discipline reference numbers required for each committee. It was determined that the current numbers on the Lay Leadership Team and the Trustees are effective for a church of our size and situation (growing).

The final item was to discuss the organizational names and makeup of our various missions and ministries (Inviting In, Congregational Care, Outreach, Greeters and Ushers). Discussed, but this was tabled until September when each member returns with suggestions.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM with a prayer by Rev. Brad Franklin.

Board, Committee and Team Leadership of Benton UMC

Your church is led by laity members who are selected each year for three-year terms to fill the vacancies of those who are rotating off. The selections are made by the Lay Leadership Team, approved by the Church Council, and finalized by the Shreveport

District at the annual Charge Conference, which will be held November 13, 2016 at Broadmoor UMC from 2-5:30 PM.

Positions will be filled this year on all committees, boards and teams as follows:

The Lay Leadership Team will need four new members. Lay Leadership is responsible for selecting members on all committees and aiding the staff and other committees in any way needed. They set the leadership example.

Trustees will need three new members. Trustees are responsible for all the church physical property including the parsonage.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will require three new members and one will be selected by the Lay Leadership Team as the chair. This committee is responsible for assisting the pastor and staff in carrying out their leadership responsibilities and recommending new hires to the church council.

The Finance Committee will need three new members. Finance is responsible for forming and monitoring the approved annual budget. All items requiring funds outside the budget must get Finance Committee approval. All finance items are then put before the Church Council for final approval.

Daycare Board will be needing four new members and a chair. Daycare Board is responsible for all operational procedures of this vital mission of the church under the Church Council authority.

Your Lay Leadership Team is looking for church members to fill these positions. We need your help. If you are interested or feel drawn to any of these committees, please let one of the team members or the pastor know. They will answer your questions and pass your name to the team for consideration. Who knows your GIFTS and INTERESTS better than you? Your Lay Leadership Team members are Rev. Brad Franklin, Ron Jones, David Denmon, Debbie Filler, Francis Edwards, Mona Bartage, Gordon

Bartage, Joann Horton, Andy Holley, Katherine Ashley and Reba Hearne. We will be using the last two weeks in August, all of September and October 2016 to fill all these positions, present to the Church Council in early November, and be ready to present our selections to the Shreveport District before the November 13th Charge Conference.

Remember, this is your church and it will be as good as you make it. Show the Love of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

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

8/18/16

Dear Benton UMC members,
On behalf of the families
of the late O.L. (Sonny) Bone,
We want to express our deepest
appreciation for the prayers,
support, and numerous acts
of kindness shown to us during
these last four months and in
the time of our loss of our
husband, father, and grandfather.
We surely felt your prayers
and love during this time.

And currently, God is
good and His love shows
and is felt through
the people in this church
congregation.

Love in Christ
Jack Bone
and the Bone children,
Jamie, Brad, and Peaches
as well as their spouses and
children.



Benton Methodist Church
Thank you so much for the
Back to School luncheon and
gifts you provided for your
teachers. Your dedication to
Bossier teachers is a blessing.
You are a Godly encouragement!
I appreciate all you do each
year.
God bless
Jeffery Bunsard

Dear First United Methodist family &
Staff -

Thank you so much for your
wonderful teacher/staff luncheon
you hosted for our school. We so
appreciate your hospitality at the
beginning of the school year & through-
out the school year. Thank you for
the backpacks for our needy students
also. Your love & kindness is overwhelming.
Thank you! Love, Lisa Suden



Fund Raiser Concert Benefitting



September 10, 2016

University Church of Christ – 2045 E 70th Street, Shreveport

Concert – 6:15 pm Doors Open – 5:15 pm

Featuring

VOCAL UNION

Acappella Gospel Music Group from Nashville, TN

Admission: Free

Offerings acceptable by cash, checks, and credit cards
night of performance

Also donations can be made online

www.bossierkidsinc.org



www.vocalunion.com

Serving Opportunities



Flood Buckets Packing September 28 6:00 PM

See our website for donation lists:

www.bentonumc.org/Flood

WOW!!!

September 28, 2016 - 5:30 PM

Items Needed:

5 gallon buckets • Scrub brushes
Non-cellulose sponges • Dishwashing gloves
50 & 100 ft. clotheslines

Flood Bucket Assembly

Please bring all requested items by
September 11.

For list, visit:

www.bentonumc.org/Flood
or rachel.stoneman@bentnumc.org



Souper Saturday Saturday September 24 7:30 AM



the table Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, September 20
& Wednesday, September 21

The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

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

Friday, September 9 & 23
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month from 10 AM until 2 PM. Any and all are invited to join us.

Meeting dates are Friday, September 9 & 23

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



WOW!!!

New and exciting inter-generational
Wide Open Wednesdays—
come and see.

5:30 PM—Dinner

6:00 PM—It's WIDE OPEN!

Wide Open Wednesdays



Begins September 7 at 5:30 PM

NEW BIBLE STUDY

All Ages

Sunday, September 11, 2016

6:00 PM

For information,
please contact the church office:
(318) 965-2273

New Bible Study—All Ages
Sunday, September 11, 2016
6:00 PM

At the Home of Buddy & Reba Hearne
3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA

This Bible study for all ages will start with an introduction to the Bible and how to use it and will progress to studying the Book of Matthew.

If interested, contact the church office at (318) 965-2273.