

# IN *sight*

Monthly newsletter of Benton United Methodist church  
September 2017

## Weekly Events @ Benton UMC

### Sundays

Worship .....	8:15 AM
Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship .....	10:30 AM

### Mondays

Slushies & Scripture HS Girls.....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
First Place 4 Health.....	6:00 PM

### Tuesdays

Slushies & Scripture 6th & 7th Grade.....	6:45 AM
Intercessory Prayer Team.....	9:00 AM
Bodies On A Mission.....	6:00 PM
Grief Support .....	6:30 PM
Men's Basketball.....	7:00 PM

### Wednesdays

Touchdown Club Breakfast.....	6:30 AM
Slushies & Scripture HS Boys .....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM
The Closet Workday .....	11:30 AM
The Closet Distribution.....	11:30 AM
WOW .....	5:30 PM

### Thursdays

Slushies & Scripture 8th Grade.....	6:45 AM
Thursday Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
Choir Practice .....	6:00 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6:00 PM
Bodies On A Mission.....	6:00 PM

### Fridays

Slushies & Scripture 9th Grade Girls.....	6:45 AM
Bodies On a Mission .....	9:00 AM

## A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

In the month of September we will begin a new sermon series called The Creeds. We will be exploring the meaning and importance of the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the common creeds used in the United church of Canada and in the Korean Methodist church.

Also, our confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, September 10th and will offer their own creed they have written at the 10:30 AM worship service. It will be a wonderful spirit filled month to worship the Lord! Please come and join us.

I also wanted to give you a heads up and let you know that our Wednesday WOW will begin on Wednesday September 6th.

Each Wednesday's event will correspond to that month's theme. We will publish the theme, menu, and activity ahead of time for your convenience.

For September our Theme will be Building Community. Our first activity for Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> will be mid-week worship in the FLC. Come one, come all!

God Bless,  
Your Preacher,  
Brad

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

~Psalms 136:26

# Monthly & Special Events

<b>Friday, September 1</b>	
FCA Breakfast.....	6:30 AM
Just A Bunch Of Lit Wits .....	7:15 AM
5th Quarter-Youth .....	9:30 PM
<b>Saturday, September 2</b>	
Worship Team Meeting @ Strawns .....	9:00 AM
<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion.....	7:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, September 5</b>	
UMW General Meeting.....	6:30 PM
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	
Sew Crazy Ladies .....	10:00 AM
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	
Tom Rutledge Memorial 5k Run/Walk .....	7:00 AM
Fruitful Conversations Part II @ Lakeview UMC...	8:30 AM
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	
Confirmation Sunday .....	10:30 AM
Youth Lunch & Bingo @ Brookdale.....	12:00 PM
<b>Monday, September 11</b>	
Church Council Meeting .....	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>	
Getting Help Through The System @ St Jude Catholic Church.....	6:30 PM
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	
Just A Bunch Of Lit Wits Meeting @ Panera.....	7:15 AM
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	
Strike Out Homelessness 5k Youth .....	7:30 AM
Mudbugs & Ice Skating Youth .....	6:15 PM
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotional.....	7:00 AM
Life Share Blood Drive .....	8:00 AM
District Charge Conference .....	3:00 PM
Youth @ Providence House .....	5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b>	
NWLA Food Bank Truck Unloading .....	9:00 AM
NWLA Bag Packing .....	3:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b>	
Table Food Ministries Distribution Day .....	12:30 PM
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	
Sew Crazy Ladies .....	10:00 AM
Youth Snack Pack Prep .....	4:00 PM
<b>Saturday, September 23</b>	
Youth Feeding Downtown Friends .....	8:30 AM
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	
Escape Room Youth @ Natchitoches .....	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, September 25</b>	
Mission Team Meeting With Special Guest.....	10:00 AM
District Ministry Team Meeting @ Broadmoor UMC.....	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	
OPALS .....	11:30 AM
<b>Friday, September 29</b>	
FCA Breakfast.....	6:30 AM
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	
Food Pantry 5K Youth .....	6:45 AM
Souper Saturday.....	7:30 AM

# O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

## OPALS

**Tuesday, September 26 at 11:30 AM**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for their monthly gathering of fun, food and fellowship! Pastor Cheryl will do a book review of the memoir of Neil White from New Orleans, entitled In the Sanctuary of Outcasts. It is the story of a young man who lost everything he thought was important and found redemption in the company of society's most dreaded outcasts. It should be interesting and everybody is invited to join us.

**For reservations, please contact**  
**Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465**  
**by September 24, 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, September 11 at 6:00 PM, for our first 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 PM 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.**



**Pictorial Directory Coming for Benton UMC**

We are happy to announce that we are organizing a new Pictorial Directory for our church. It has been 5 years since our last one, and we have added so many new family members to our congregation that it has become a virtual necessity. There is no better way to meet our neighbors, learn names, and get information than by having a church directory. *Lifetouch Directories* will be partnering with us to take the photos and put together the directory. There will be a variety of ways to schedule our individual photo session – signing up at church or online, or waiting for a phone call that will ask you personally to make an appointment to have your picture made for our directory.

The essential key to our success is everyone’s participation, so we will make every effort to have 100% of our church family pictured. We’re depending on you to do your part and plan now to be part of it. Our photography session dates are 5 days, Thursday through Monday, October 19-23, 2017, in the Family Life/Worship Center; times will be announced later.

If you would be willing to help with this project, Pastor Cheryl is putting together a team of volunteers and would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Just call or text (318) 422-0914 – together, we can make this happen.

Dear Church:

On July 31st one of the air conditioning units in the Education/Daycare wing crashed and was found to be in a condition which could not be repaired. Therefore a new air conditioner was installed on August 3. The hurried replacement was due to the fact that 2 classrooms in the daycare were being affected. The cost of the new unit is \$5,000.00. We now need to pay and are asking you to please help us by giving a special donation earmarked "Air Conditioner". We need to get this done as soon as possible. Thanks, in advance for your help; it is greatly appreciated.

Buddy Hearne  
Chair of Finance



**CALENDAR:**

**September 5 at 6:30 pm**  
**General Meeting Family Life Center**  
**Salad Supper So Bring a Salad to Share**  
**Bring a friend to join!**

We will have 2018 elections – please consider serving on our board.

Circles meet September 14 at 9:30 and September 19 at 6:30 PM in the Breakfast Club room.

We need a leader for the night circle!! Night circle is to bring bathroom cleaning supplies for Providence House.

Start shopping for small items for the **Samaritan’s Purse** Shoeboxes. They will be sent out in November to the world showing Christ’s love to His children!!!

**October 13-14**

**UMW Annual Meeting at First UMC, Bossier City.** This is our state annual meeting and Shreveport District is hosting. Our Benton UMW will be asked to help. Please plan to attend and help. Meetings will be Friday evening, and Saturday morning. Dinner at Hilton Garden Inn Saturday evening.

**SockHopFollowUp**

We thank everyone who made our Sock Hop the best ever!! Our profit of **\$1081.00** went to **Common Ground**. It is a community center in Cedar Grove making a difference through caring relations and genuine acts of service. Our UMW supports our local youth!!!!



**Wish List for the Community Market**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peanut Butter</li> <li>Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits</li> <li>Rice or Pasta (1 or 2lb. Bags)</li> <li>Canned Meat</li> <li>(Chicken breast, tuna, salmon)</li> <li>Juice (32oz. or smaller)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baking goods</li> <li>(small flour, sugar, seasonings)</li> <li>Spaghetti Sauce</li> <li>Personal hygiene</li> <li>(Deodorant, Diapers size 3,4,5)</li> </ul>
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**6806 Southern Avenue, Shreveport**  
**(318) 606-5024**

# Thank you!



Dear Benton United Methodist -

Thank you so much for the wonderful Teacher Luncheon you provided for our staff. You are always so caring & help so much throughout our community. We appreciate your thoughtfulness for our faculty & students. Thank you for the backpacks & school supply fees for our needy students also.

Thank you! ☺  
Lisa Ruth Rogacy  
Counselor



**BCOA**

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To: Benton United Methodist Church  
4615 Palmetto Rd.  
Benton, LA. 71006

We at BCOA would like to extend heartfelt thanks for your donation of 18 fans to the Benton site.

Your commitment will help keep seniors' lives more enjoyable, and for our community to have a better sense of togetherness. We realize that we are successful in part, due to members of the community like you. For your efforts, we are truly grateful.

Please be advised that all donations are tax deductible. You may use this letter as a receipt of your donation. We look forward to a continuing partnership with you and again, thank you.

Sincerely,

*Tamara M. Frane, MA, CDP*  
Executive Director



**Saturday, September 9 at 8:00AM**

**[www.bentonumc.org/Tom5k](http://www.bentonumc.org/Tom5k)**

**Registration:** 5K registration is \$20 August 26, 2017 through September 8, 2017. Late 5K registration is \$25 on race day. Register online at [www.bentonumc.org/Tom5K](http://www.bentonumc.org/Tom5K) or at Benton United Methodist Church at 4615 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA. You can also deliver your application and payment to John Rutledge at 1216 Big Pine Key Lane, Benton, LA (deposit it in the mailbox at the side door) or call John at (318) 464-7676.

**Phantom Runner:** Can't make it to the race? Show your support by signing up as a Phantom Runner during early or regular registration. You will get a t-shirt and race packet without breaking a sweat! Pick up before or after the race! (See below)

**T-shirts & Race Packet Pick-Up:** Packet pick up will be held at Benton United Methodist Church on Friday, September 8 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. You may also pick up your packet on Race Day at the race site from 7:15 PM -7:45 PM. or during church office hours after race day (Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM).

**Race Course:** NEW LOCATION! The course will start Benton United Methodist Church, 4615 Palmetto Road, Benton, and take you through the scenic Woodlake South subdivision.

**Awards:** Overall Male & Female winners and Male and Female winners in each age group will receive awards.

**Age Group Awards:** 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+

**Post Party:** Be sure to stay after the race for refreshments and awards!

**Special Note:** Strollers, wagons, baby joggers, and any hand pushed or pulled vehicle will be allowed on the course at a walk pace capacity only. Absolutely NO in-line skates, roller skates or runners with baby strollers will be allowed on run course.

# *Serving Our Community*



## **HURRICANE HARVEY HOW YOU CAN HELP THROUGH BENTON UMC:**

1. Donate Funds! UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot is asking for funds to be donated immediately to meet current and future needs for this disaster. If you feel led to donate to the Harvey Relief Fund visit [www.bentonumc.org/HurricaneHarvey](http://www.bentonumc.org/HurricaneHarvey).
2. Join us on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. Pastor Brad will lead our mid-week inspirational message on the essentials of building community. After that, we will begin the process of helping Hurricane Harvey survivors rebuild their community by packing hygiene kits. Benton UMC will have supplies, but you can bring additional supplies so that we can pack more. [Click here for kit contents](#). (Note: UMCOR is very specific on the items needed, please pay careful attention.) You can donate directly to the Harvey Relief Fund by [clicking here](#).
3. Pray about joining the next FRT (Flood Relief Team) for mucking out and cleaning up after the storm and dangers have passed. Registering does not mean you have to go when called - there will be many opportunities during recovery. For more information or to get on the call list, contact: [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org) to sign-up.

# Serving Our Church

## the table

Food Ministries @ Benton UMC

Tuesday, September 19  
& Wednesday, September 20

## The Table Food Ministry

For more information on The Table, contact:  
Joel Carter at [jlcumc@yahoo.com](mailto:jlcumc@yahoo.com)  
or Kim Hauser [kimdenise1996@gmail.com](mailto:kimdenise1996@gmail.com).

Tuesday, September 19  
9:00 AM Truck Unloading  
3:30PM Bag Packing

Wednesday, September 20  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

## 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.

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:  
Wednesdays:  
September 6, 13, & 27  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM

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For more information on The Closet Clothes Ministry, please contact:

Sue Shadow  
(318) 965-2496  
[shadow781@bellsouth.net](mailto:shadow781@bellsouth.net)

## Souper Saturday

Saturday  
September 30  
7:30 AM

## 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)

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



INVITING IN...  
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## 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.

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

*Thank you for partnering with Benton UMC!*



*Manpower & Benton UMC appreciate our educators!*