



THE VINE

I Am the Vine; You Are the Branches.”

“If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit: apart from me he can do nothing.”
John 15:5

A Newsletter for the Benton, Waller, & Town Hill United Methodist Churches

Welcome to the July / August 2022 newsletter produced by the Tuesday afternoon Women’s Bible Study group. We will endeavor to print on a regular basis a variety of articles and pictures that pertain to Our Church Family.

News From Gabriel Vogt

We read a wonderful book called When Stars Are Scattered about a refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya, Africa and a boy named Omar Muhamad who grew up there. After he came to America, he started a charity called Refugee Strong to build the first library there to help the children who go to school there get the books they need, as well as give them medicine, food, and more. My family and our friends held a very successful lemonade stand to help raise money for the first library in Dadaab and raised \$183.04 for the library there. After the lemonade stand, we kept getting donations and ended up with donating \$277.51 to help the refugee camp build the first library in Dadaab.

To continue to raise money we plan to hold a talent show as soon as possible. If you want to do an act, please email me at GabrielMVogt@gmail.com. We are also taking part in a summer read-a-thon to help raise money for the library. We appreciate your support as we continue to help the people in Dadaab.

Vacation Bible School – On The Case

June 20 - 23, Benton United Methodist Church hosted Vacation Bible School for the Council of Churches. Vacation Bible School is open to any kids in 1st through 6th grade. During the week we had about 20 kids daily for our 4p to 6p session time.

This year’s VBS theme was “On The Case” from Grow. Grow offers free curriculum for several church groups/activities. Kathryn uses the Grow curriculum for Youth Group, so she and Pastor Tyler picked this fun theme with them.

“On The Case” was a huge success with kids and staff. The kids loved being detectives to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith. Each day the kids delved into a “Big Idea” with age-appropriate learning, crafts, and activities. The “Big Ideas” were Spending Time with God is how we Grow, and Using our Gifts is how we Serve.

Spending time with others is how we Care. Sharing our story is how we Love.

The main verse, or memory verse, for the week was: “In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.” Ephesians 3:4 The kids worked with this verse all four days. The oldest group of kids (5th & 6th grade) were able to sign language the verse by the last day as all the younger kids said it. The younger kids used their invisible ink pens to work on the memory verse. They all loved the invisible ink pen, notebook, magnifying glass and mustache they received on opening day as their detective supplies.

Other highlights from the week were of course snack time fun, craft time, & closing and opening singing and dancing. The prayer journals were a big hit as the kids created their own custom cover and back then bound them together. The main song for VBS was fun and upbeat. The kids (and adults) had fun watching the video and learning the dance moves. The kids were all very sad to dance for the last time for their parents on the last day- they all had an AMAZING time! Thank you to everyone who made VBS happen so easy, efficient, cost effective and FUN!!!



Josh and Sandy Fritz at Women's Bible Study

On Tuesday, July 12, the Women's Bible Study was privileged to welcome Josh and Sandy Fritz, missionaries to India, to share with our group. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and have become interested in the many accounts of Jesus healing the sick and delivering people from demons. As Josh shared with us, he directed us to many more places in Scripture where these events took place and where Jesus also empowered the disciples to heal and deliver. Sandy caught us up on their lives in India and they both testified on the

calling God has on their lives to serve there and carry out a healing and deliverance ministry. They work alongside an Indian Missionary who plants churches in northern India. At present they are living and helping with Bible School at Patterson Grove but will return to India in the fall.

Benton-Waller-Town Hill Charge Woman's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study that publishes this newsletter is active and gaining members. We meet Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the Benton Methodist Church. At present, approximately ten women attend with questions and comments encouraged from everyone. We are fortunate to have several churches represented.

The only requisite is a desire to determine what God wants us to accomplish in our lives through exploring the Bible. We are planning to study the entire Bible – one Book at a time. Mark is the present study using a lesson book with questions and the Bible. Some members volunteer to lead the study and others prefer to add to the study through their knowledge and research of the Bible.

We encourage any woman that would like a pleasant hour with friends and neighbors, join us next Tuesday.

Benton UMC 2021- 2022 High School Graduates

Rhianna Hess will be attending Bloomsburg University majoring in Nursing.
Cameron Wanner will be attending Lycoming College majoring in Biology.
Coleman Hayman graduated last June and is going into his second year at Bloomsburg University as a Nursing major.

Youth Group News

The Youth Ministry is enjoying the summer months with Youth Group Meetings around the firepit at Town Hill and trips to Skirmish Paint Ball and Knobels.



Blake Strunk, Chase Strunk, Joshua Fritz, Caleb Clink, Domenic Antonello, Katie Kalie, Alivia Wright



Alivia Wright, Katy Kaile, Joshua Fritz, Chase Strunk, Caleb Clink, Kathryn Rauhauser, Blake Strunk

BENTON-WALLER-TOWN HILL CHARGE

Youth Ministry Back-to-School Cookout

AUGUST 24TH 6-7:30PM AT LAKE JEAN

All students entering grades 7-12 are invited to join us for an evening of food and fun at Lake Jean. Wear your swimsuit if you want to swim, and bring a towel/change of clothes. We will provide hamburgers and fixings for dinner and invite the students to bring a side dish or drink to share.

Event subject to change in the case of inclement weather. To make sure you get the latest updates, please sign up for our youth ministry texting program by texting "@wellumcpa" to 81010.