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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 2017



Weekly Events at Benton UMC

Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
Bible Study (*Hearne Home*) 6:00 PM
Youth Small Groups 6:00 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 Workday 10:30 AM
WOW!(*Wide Open Wednesdays*).. 5:30 PM

Thursdays

Donuts and Scripture 6:45 AM
Spiritual Formation Group ... 11:00 AM
Choir Practice 5:30 PM
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM
Bodies On A Mission 6:00 PM
Spiritual Formation Group 6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

As we begin a New Year its always a good thing to re-examine what we believe and why. As Methodists what makes us unique is our theology of baptism, faith, and grace. These are considered the tent poles of our Christian belief.

Beginning Sunday January 8th will be reading from Matthew 3:13-17 and exploring John Wesley's sermon "The Marks of the New Birth."

On Sunday January 15th we'll be reading John 1:29-42 and looking at Wesley's sermon "The Difference Between Walking by Sight and Walking by Faith."

And On Sunday January 29th we'll be reading from Matthew 5: 38-48 and exploring Wesley's sermon "The More Excellent Way."

So come and receive a better understanding of Our Wesleyan Way. Our own movement founder John Wesley will be our guest preacher!

Come and see, come and receive, come and be filled.

Take Care and God Bless,
Happy New Year to you all!
Your Preacher,
Brad

Our Wesleyan Way

January Sermon Series



Monthly & Special Events

Thursday, January 5	Dinner with Friends Quarterly Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Monday, January 9	First Place 4 Health Orientation Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, January 10	Board of Trustees Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Thursday, January 12	Spiritual Formation Information Meeting	11:00 AM
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Friday, January 13	Sew Crazy Ladies	10:00 AM
Sunday, January 15	United Methodist Men's Breakfast.....	7:30 AM
Monday, January 16	Finance Committee Meeting	5:30 PM
Tuesday, January 17	Church Council.....	6:30 PM
	Nightingales.....	6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 18	NWLA Food Truck Unloading	9:00 AM
	NWLA Food Bag Packing	10:00 AM
Wednesday, January 19	A Cross Faith Advocacy Center.....	11:30 AM
	The Table Food Distribution.....	12:30 PM
Thursday, January 19	Daycare Board Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Sunday, January 22	United Methodist Women Sunday	10:15 AM
Tuesday, January 24	OPALS.....	11:30 AM
Friday, January 27	Sew Crazy Ladies	10:00 AM
Saturday, January 28	3rd Annual Auction—United Methodist Men.....	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 28	Souper Saturday	7:30 AM
Monday, January 30	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting.....	12:00 PM

For more information about these and other events, please contact the church office at (318) 965-2273.

Regularly scheduled events are listed on page 1.

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discover a new way to healthy living

Orientation Meeting
January 9 at 6:00 PM
Pairs & Spares Classroom

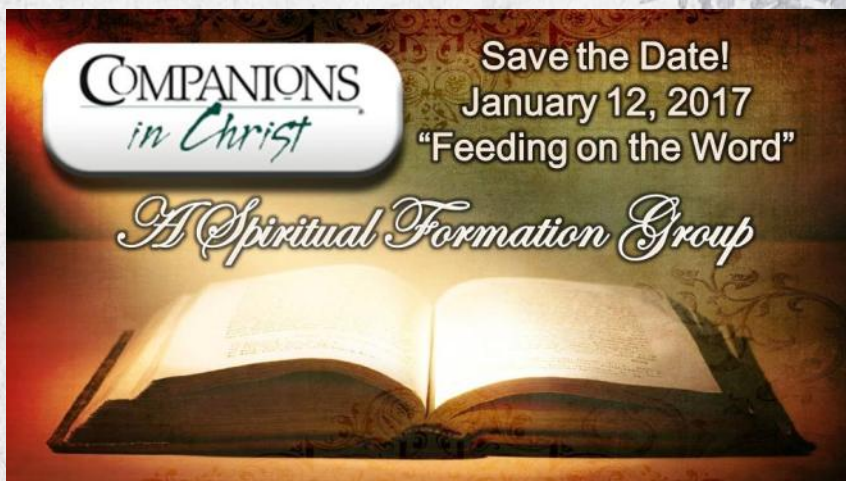
What IS First Place 4 Health?

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! This Christ-centered program 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 study, pray, discuss, and encourage one another.

Join us Monday, January 9, 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 PM in the Pairs and Spares classroom at the top of the stairs in the Family Life Worship Center.

For more information, contact:

Katherine Ashley at 464-3798 or Nancy Stinson at 455-4350



What does it mean to "feed on God's Word"? In this 5-week Companions in Christ small group we will explore the depths of scripture, learn to listen to God through scripture and allow our lives to be shaped by the Word. Morning and evening group times are available on Thursdays, beginning January 12.

Preregistration is required so books can be ordered.

Please call the church office to register.

Questions? Contact:

Catherine Long at (318) 272-0091

or

Dianne Wilkinson at (318) 780-1487

O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

OPALS

Tuesday, January 24 at 11:30 AM
Family Life Worship Center
Cost: \$5.00

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for their monthly lunch & social time. This is designed for the 55+ bunch, but is always open to everyone who is interested in the program or just good fellowship. This month we are excited to have Robert Adley speak to us about a trip he made to Cuba last Fall for the state department. He will share with us his observations and opinions of the situation there, and how Communism and the embargo have influenced their economy and lifestyle. Robert is such an engaging speaker, I encourage all of you to join us.

Make your reservation with
Peggy Rumbaugh by calling her at (318) 349-1465
by Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017.

Dinner With Friends

Dinner with Friends
January 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Family life center

This **Empty Nester** group is always looking for new people to join. At this quarterly meeting, small groups will be assigned. These small groups meet about once a month for a meal or other activity, either in a home or a restaurant, to hang out and get to know each other. If you would like to be part of Dinner with Friends and will not be able to make this dinner, please contact Reba Hearne.

Contact Reba Hearne at
(318) 965-0122 for more information.



Music Ministry
Choir Practice—Thursdays at 5:30 PM
All are welcome to come
and make a joyful noise!

Contact:
Jennifer Hable at
hablesheros5@gmail.com



Benton United Methodist Women
President, Pat Mosher

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Circles meet:

January 12 – Morning Glories, 9:30 AM, Breakfast Club Room
January 17 – Nightingales, 6:30 PM, Breakfast Club Room

United Methodist Women Sunday
Sunday, January 22, 2017

Guest Speaker: Rachel Scott



Rachel Scott is a Diaconal Minister in the Louisiana Conference and is on staff at Noel Memorial UMC as Missions/Outreach Coordinator. She coordinates the community and mission outreach programs such as the food pantry, adult GED program, meals for homeless and homebound, Christmas and Easter events, and leads the Mexico mission trip.

Prior to that, she worked at the YWCA Family Violence Program for 20 years and has been involved in restarting the YWCA in the community as a new organization

after it closed in 2010. She has a degree in Social Work and attended seminary at Perkins School of Theology. She has been a involved in UMW at Noel for over 20 years.

Please see Ann Thomson to help with serving at UMW Sunday.

Cookie Stroll



We are bringing back a favorite fundraiser – the **Cookie Stroll** - on **February 12**. **Please** sign up to bake cookies – we need hundreds – so you can fill the boxes. You purchase an empty, small or large box and fill it up with as many cookies as you can as long as it closes tight. This is fun for adults and especially the children. No “tasting” as you move through the line.

Silent Auction

Also, on **February 12th** we will be giving away our silent auction gift baskets. Make sure you bid to get the one you want – winners will be announced at the end of church that Sunday.



We also have Screamin' Owl **salsa** \$6 and **pepper jelly** \$7 for sale made at the LA Methodist Children's Home in Ruston.

United Methodist Women circles meet September–May. We put special emphasis on women and children through education, studies and offerings. Our programs highlight spiritual growth for our members. We maintain a library of Christian books from our reading program and is open to **ALL** and is located in the Pairs and Spares' Sunday School Class. Please help support our mission – you don't need to join a circle, you are already a member as a Methodist woman.

Contact Pat Mosher for information about the Benton United Methodist Women at any time at (318) 572-3447 or onthelake8@bellsouth.net.



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GROWING UP...
SENDING OUT...

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**3rd Annual Auction
Benton United Methodist Men
Saturday, January 28, 2017**

6:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Join us for the 3rd Annual BUMM Dinner/Auction to benefit several charities and missions. The price is \$10 per person which includes a catered meal by Brent and Jeanne Hine-- which is worth twice this much for the meal alone! The youth will serve as wait staff and will provide babysitting services upstairs.

Please contact the church office at (318) 965-2273 to reserve your spots and or a table (most tables are for 6 but will have some up to 8) and prepay at some point prior as to make the entry that night smoother.

Thank you for your support,
John White

Please contact John White at (318) 470-3449
for more information.

**Register & Pay Online:
www.bentonumc.org/Auction**

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.

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