



LIBERTY LANTERN



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A WORD FROM PASTOR CLARE...

Hello Church,

Well... I do feel a bit of cooling temperatures in the early morning and late evening times. However, it's unfortunate that I don't move during those times! Although, hope is alive, as we are blessed again and again with beautiful mild weather.

May we be in prayer for all those who do not have mild weather, especially for those suffering through tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, etc.

As the summer slowly comes to a close, many of the various teams, committees and groups are gearing up and raring to go. The United Women in Faith have already met and planned their schedule for the year. The Trustees never took a break, and the Memorial Hall is coming together nicely. There is more to do in preparation around our Nov. 5th Veteran's Celebration. To all who worked to clean up, with painting and new window treatments, thank you, thank you!

The Ad Council and Worship Team have already met and have plans in the works. The Planning & Development Team met on Zoom and will soon have some requests for the Ad Council to consider moving forward. The SPRC is meeting on Zoom at the end of the month. We have a new craft group coming together for the first time in a couple weeks.

The Youth Sunday School has been so exciting and volunteers are recognizing how they can use their gifts to be of assistance. I keep hearing about how "cool" the 3-D puzzle of the Jerusalem Temple is and that it is a doozy! The Adult Sunday School has resumed on Sundays at 8:45 in the Memorial Hall. They are always real! to welcome "newbies."

You will be reading more about the class on the

Creed and the next New Members class in the upcoming edition of the Liberty Lantern...

Until then, see you in church,
Pastor Clare



THE LIBERTY CALENDAR...

**Sunday, 9/24 (No class on 10/1) –
Adult Study 8:45 AM in Memorial Hall**

**Monday, 9/25 –
Creed Study, 10:00 AM, Conf. Room**

**Tuesday, 9/26 –
Bodacious Women, 10:00 AM, Memorial Hall**

Home Group, 6:30 PM, contact Paul Jarvis for details

**Wednesday, 9/27 and 10/4 –
Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary**

**Thursday, 9/28 and 10/5 –
Hand & Foot (Canasta), 6:00 PM, Mem. Hall**

**Sunday, 10/1 –
Special Service and Celebration!**

**Monday, 10/2 –
Creed Study, 10:00 AM, Conf. Room**

**Tuesday, 10/3 –
Bodacious Women, 10:00 AM, Memorial Hall
United Women in Faith, 6:30 PM, Mem. Hall
UMM, 6:30 PM, Conference Room**



INTERESTING FACTS:

The Dove and Sunrise window, over the church entrance is the least visible window from inside the sanctuary, it is also the simplest color scheme of all the current windows. How many different types of glass do you see in the elegant Dove & Sunrise design?

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH EDUCATION...

Pastor Clare highlighted upcoming educational opportunities at Liberty UMC in her article. Let me add my thanks to all of the volunteers who have stepped in to support the shift in focus from Children's Sunday School to Youth study.

We will be taking a short break from the Temple model while we wait on some additional 'building materials' and begin to learn about life for a young boy in Galilee.

Did you know we are having Christmas early in Youth Sunday School?

In our study of Searching for the Historical Jesus we have arrived at the birth of Jesus and that means it's Christmas! This Sunday, Sept. 24th, we're having hot cocoa (with marshmallows) and cookies with our DVD lesson. I seem to remember some questions about presents too. We will definitely be talking about Operation Shoebox and the five shoeboxes we are filling as part of our class.

Since we have started talking about Jesus' earthly family, the class will be working on a special family tree project over the next three weeks.

Watch for your opportunity to join in this activity!

Interested in helping In Youth Study or being on the list for Sunday School volunteers as we enter the holiday season? See Rachael Shearer or leave a message with Pastor Clare.

Blessings and "Merry Christmas"!

Rachael

P.S. Team & Committee Leaders... Please consider contributing an article for future newsletters, let the church know what's next for your team!

CLASSIFIEDS



Interested in getting your team or group a 'help wanted' or other 'notice' in the Classifieds?

Contact the Liberty Lantern Editor at LibertyUnitedMethodist1@gmail.com

Can you help with 'found' art supplies?



We need some supplies for Advent season in Sunday School! Please save your cardboard tubes from rolls of paper towels. We also need any used gift tissue paper: white, any pinks, any purple and any greens. The more wrinkled the better! We'll have a box in Memorial Hall.



The Nov. 5th Memorial Hall event is six weeks away!

Committee chairs Jane Fricke and Vern Roberts have their work lists so check with them to see how you can help! We will have a few historical displays and small same day mini events which will need to be 'manned' along with church tours through 4 PM on celebration day, Nov. 5th. Please consider volunteering some time to help with set-up on Nov. 4th or lending a hand on Nov. 5th, several areas will be needing additional support.

Nov. 5th - There is a way you can help!

Need to contact the Liberty Lantern editor?

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