



LIBERTY LANTERN



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Dear friends and members of Liberty United Methodist Church,

We were advised last week in a letter prepared by Pastor Javier Olivares that Pastor Clare Sullivan had submitted her resignation as minister of our church effective immediately. We were saddened to receive this news and our prayers go out to Pastor Clare during what must be a difficult time in her life.

We are fortunate that Pastor Bob Lind has agreed to accept the assignment of interim minister effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. His depth of experience as a minister combined with his friendly and kind personality are greatly appreciated. He has been warmly received by our congregation.

Attached with this issue of the Liberty Lantern is the letter prepared by Pastor Javier for those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to read it.

Mike Match
Administrative Council Chairman

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

I thought I was leaving after June 30, but as it turns out, I am continuing as your pastor for the next year. As I said in church, one thing I know about God is that when we are willing to follow God’s will, we should expect the unexpected.

Though unexpected, the potential for the next year is exciting. I love this church and the people of this church. I look forward to how God, through the Holy Spirit, will guide all of us in ministry for this year.

I plan to maintain office hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 AM to 1 PM initially. When the choir returns in August, I will add office hours on Wednesday from 2 PM to

5 PM. Please feel free to drop in during those times if there is something you would like to discuss. Also, please let me know if you would like to have me visit your home so we can schedule that at a time that fits your schedule. I want to visit anyone in a hospital or care facility, but you must let me know because I can’t read minds. If you have a scheduled surgery, I would like to know so I can arrange to come and pray with you before the procedure.

I am eager to get started and pray that I can meet your expectations as your pastor. If you feel half as blessed as I feel, it will be a success.

So let us venture into this year of ministry with confidence, joy and expectation for what God has planned for us all.

God bless all of you.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Bob

IT’S TIME FOR “SUMMER S-L-O-W”!

Just a reminder, we are coming into another level of summer with the still increasing temps and a bit of humidity!

While it’s hot and folks are taking some time to travel, there will be **no Bodacious Women, United Women in Faith or United Methodist Men’s meetings in July or August.** All activities will return to the calendar in September! See you in the ‘fall’.



THE LIBERTY CALENDAR...

Sun, 7/7 – Potluck Sunday

No Adult Study

Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

Youth Study – 10:30 AM, Memorial Hall!

Fellowship – Potluck following worship

Ad Council – Short emergency meeting following worship.

Tuesdays –

Office Hours – As soon as Pastor Bob has settled into the office and his new schedule, we will be confirming the planned office hours on the website and here in the Liberty Lantern.

Wednesdays -

No Choir Practice in July

Thursday, 7/11 –

Hand & Foot (Canasta), 6:00 PM

Sun, 7/14 – Communion Sunday

Adult Study – 8:45 AM

Morning Worship – 10:00 AM

No Youth Study

Fellowship – following worship!

LET'S CELEBRATE ...

More than just July 4th! Let's wish a Happy July Birthday to these folks...



July 1 – Barbara K.
July 1 – Linda B.
July 4 – Joe B.
July 10 – Sylvia B.
July 29 – Shirley B.
July 31 – Noah V.

Did we miss your birthday in June? Don't see your special July day? Please see or pass a note to Rachael and we'll get the info updated.

AND MORE THANK YOU'S ALL AROUND ...

Mid-June was a super brunch in honor of all our Liberty fellas and June 30th served up cake and pie in appreciation to Pastor Bob and wife, Marla for shepherding us through June in the absence of Pastor Clare.

Just ask anyone, if there's one thing church-folks know about it's food. **Thank you everyone who's jumped in and provided both refreshments and the clean-up that follows every Sunday.**

A MOMENT OF QUIET REST ...

The Liberty UMC Choir will be 'resting' their voices during the month of July, but Richard would like to share with everyone another profile of a musical talent that's a choir favorite.

Pepper Choplin is an American composer, conductor and humorist. He has written and published nearly 500 anthems and has performed all over the U.S., including performances at Carnegie Hall.

Pepper has also written and published two books: "A Million Notes" and "Might as Well Laugh".

Your choir performs two of his works; "Upon This Rock" and "One Step He Leads" (performance link on the webpage with the Liberty Lantern).

HELPING OUT ...

Thank you to everyone who brought water for the hydration program in Buckeye. The water is being delivered next week for distribution to those at risk just as the summer heat reaches new highs.

During the months of July and August the Untied Women in Faith are asking us to turn our thoughts to another need, adding to the food patty at All Faith Community Services.

Boxes for the collection of food for All Faith will be along the wall in the same location used for the water drive.

THANK YOU ... for the generous gift this past

Sunday. It was intended as a going-away gift but turned into a gift of appreciation. It is being put to good use. We cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate the gesture and how much we appreciate all of you. This next year will be an exciting one.

Bob and Marla Lind