



# LIBERTY LANTERN



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**IMPORTANT  
NEWS ...  
WE HAVE A  
NEW PHONE  
NUMBER!**

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW PHONE  
NUMBER FOR LIBERTY UMC...**

**602-525-2265**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

A man tells of a time in the U.S. Navy when his ship was out at sea, and they urgently needed a replacement part that was not in their inventory. Another ship was sent with the replacement part, but when it arrived the seas were too rough to launch a boat to retrieve the part. A pulley system was set up to deliver the part to the ship that needed it.

The man was watching this process and noticed how the rope pulled from loose to tight as the two ships fought the waves. He was concerned that the rope might snap, and the part would be lost, but the part was transferred successfully, and the repairs were made. In examining the rope, he learned it was triple braided. The three intertwined strands gave the rope its strength and kept it from breaking.

Having Jesus as a third strand in all our relationships can have a similar effect. Jesus can strengthen our relationships and keep them from breaking. That is the beauty of a Christian marriage. Christ is included as the third strand in the marriage relationship. Christ is always with us each and every day, but when we acknowledge His presence, the

relationship is strengthened with love and grace.

It can also apply to all relationships, not just marriages. Whenever we choose to include Christ into our relationships, they can be better. Both parties need to agree on this, of course, but then they do, things go better.

God bless all of you. In Christ's love,

*Pastor Bob*

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**Thank You!**

Linda Holt and the Liberty United Women in Faith would like to thank everyone who stayed for the shoebox packing party on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The final total for completed boxes was 30 and more boxes continue to come in!**

If you have packed boxes or items to donate for packing in boxes, the drop off point is the table near the restrooms in Memorial Hall. We will continue to update the count as new completed boxes arrive.

Additional boxes are available in the Sunday School room, along with lots of goodies to begin your packing. All are welcome to 'shop' these items in the Sunday School room! The room will be open each Sunday, stop by and see if there's something wonderful you would like to add to your Operation Christmas Child boxes!





## THE LIBERTY CALENDAR...

### **Sunday, 8/11 – Communion Sun.**

Adult Study – 8:45 Am

**Morning Worship – 10:00 AM**

**No Youth Study**

Ad Council Meeting, 11:45 AM

### **Wednesday, 8/14 -**

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

### **Thursday, 8/15 – Hand & Foot (Canasta),**

6 PM, Memorial Hall

### **Sunday, 8/18 –**

Adult Study – 8:45 AM

**Morning Worship – 10:00 AM**

Youth Study – 10:20 AM

### **Wednesday, 8/21 -**

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

### **Thursday, 8/1 – Hand & Foot (Canasta),**

6 PM, Memorial Hall

### **Sunday, 8/25 –**

Adult Study – 8:45 AM

**Morning Worship – 10:00 AM**

Youth Study – 10:20 AM

Stained Glass Event during fellowship!

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## **Sunday, August 25th Stained Glass Pattern Cutting Event!**

**Come join the fun during this first step in the creation of the wonderful stained glass windows planned for the next phase of this unique feature of Liberty UMC**



We all have routines ... perhaps it a certain day for doing laundry, or a specific time to plan meals.

What about paying bills? Are you a when they arrive in the mail person, or perhaps every other Tuesday before you head to the grocery?

Just like your house there are regular expenses related to Gods house as well, things like electricity, gas, insurance, phone and internet or lawn maintenance. Just like many of you, the church has seen increases in some of these 'basic' expenses and we'll continue to let everyone know ways you may be able to help control some of these costs, such as turning off lights and adjusting the temperature setting when using spaces in the buildings.

There are also unique expenses related to being part of the United Methodist Church.

During the fall of each year your Ad Council works through the church budget, line by line, expense by expense to determine how best to allocate the financial gifts received from each member, friend and guest of Liberty UMC.

As we draw closer to the time for planning the annual commitment drive, we will take time to highlight a few of the expenses and why these costs are just as much a part of Liberty as 'keeping the lights on'.

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