



# LIBERTY LANTERN



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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK ...

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want... We are all familiar with the 23rd Psalm. It wouldn't hurt to read it often. It can be a source of comfort, assurance, and promise. Verse 4 is one I especially like: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

The word "through" is key there. Whenever times are tough it is not something into which we are going never to emerge on the other side. It is an experience which we go through. We will come out on the other side of whatever it is, and with God's help, we will be stronger for it.

Every experience we have in life can be a learning experience upon which we should reflect. What did you learn about yourself from the experience? What are you learning about the world? How is your life and the way you live your life going to change once the trial is over? How has this impacted your personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? How are you going to respond to it all? Those are good questions to think about and to formulate your response as it applies to your situation.

The 23rd Psalm can be comforting. It lets us know that God is with us, that He walks with us, cares for us, and watches over us. If we keep those thoughts in our hearts, as the Psalm says, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Keep the faith and know that God is with you.

God's blessings to all of you.

In Christ's love,  
*Pastor Bob*

## CALLING ALL BAKERS ...

Time flies and the holidays feel like a distant memory with our recent 'heat wave' but it's time to pull out those baking sheets, muffin tins, and loaf pans once again for our annual baking in support of the Liberty school AG fundraising event.

Details will be announced soon, and we'll send an email reminder to everyone with any updates!

We have always had a strong show of support for this event in years past and we want to take a moment here to express our thanks for all of our great bakers, past and present. You all make this effort possible and our support for the school is recognized and appreciated.

## SOUP-A-THON IS HERE!



After a couple of delays, **tomorrow, Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the Liberty United Women in Faith fundraiser, **SOUP-A-THON!** We'll see you after Worship in Memorial Hall.

Come on, you know everyone loves a good, warm bowl of soup! Who could resist...

## THANK YOU FROM ALL FAITH ...

Liberty United Women in Faith want to thank everyone for the donations of sanitary items in support of All Faith Community Services. All the donations will be picked up by an All Faith representative on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the monthly LUWF meeting.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS ...

Happy Birthday to our March celebrants:



• (Photo by lil artsy, Pexels.com)

- Lynn M. – Mar. 3**
- Pete F. – Mar. 14**
- Pam G. – Mar. 25**
- Dan M. – Mar. 31**

If we missed your birthday, please let us know so we can add you to the birthday calendar!

## WORD OF THE MONTH ...

**Abide...** (Uh-BIDE), verb

To withstand, patiently wait for, or tolerate, also refers to the ability to withstand and/or persevere.

The Greek word translated as “abide” is ***meno***, which can also be translated as stay or remain.

In the Bible, “abide” means to remain, continue, or live in and the phrase “abide in Christ” refers to the close relationship between Jesus Christ and a believer.

It might also mean “knowing”, as used in 1 John 2:5-6. “But if anyone keeps His word, the love of God has truly perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him: Whoever claims to ***abide*** in Him must walk as Jesus walked.” (emphasis added)

## EDUCATION AT LIBERTY...

On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Adult Study** started a new series, *Jesus and the Gospels*. The group meets in Memorial Hall each Sunday at 8:45 AM, except for Potluck Sun. (first Sunday monthly). Everyone is invited to join the study at any time.

**Youth Study** will begin meeting in person at 8:45 AM every Sunday and/or taking part in each lesson during a Zoom meeting on

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, beginning March 4th. Youth 10 and older, and adults interested in participating in the Confirmation lessons is invited to participate either in-person or during the Zoom meeting. Please contact Pastor Bob or Rachael S. for more information.

**Sunday School** is changing direction! With the youth moving up to confirmation curriculum Sunday School will be shifting focus to children 10 and under.

We want to welcome our recent additions to Sunday School, Cole and Aspen! Are there young children in your life? Grandchildren, neighbors? Invite them to join us Sundays at 10 AM, participate in our Young People Moment and then scoot over to Sunday School about 10:20 AM.

**We need grown-ups too!** Could you volunteer just one Sunday every 3 or 4 months for Sunday School? We need two, unrelated adults each Sunday. You’ll be the second set of eyes and helping hands while we learn along with our children about God and His Son, Jesus Christ, telling stories and working on craft and art projects.

Sign up on the volunteer board in Memorial Hall or see Rachael S. if you have any questions before volunteering!

## METHODIST NUTSHELL...

Did you know that John Wesley believed salvation is achieved through faith and grace, not by good works? But he also firmly believed Christians should love God, do good things, and do no harm. Does that seem to be a contradiction?



While “good works” cannot earn salvation the act of serving others is considered a natural outcome of our faith experience and a way to show the love of Christ to others who may not know him as their personal savior.

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# March 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                  | Friday | Saturday               |
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| <b>2</b><br><b>POTLUCK SUN.</b><br><i>Not Adult Study</i><br><i>Youth Study 8:45 AM</i><br><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br>Sunday School 10:15 AM        | <b>3</b><br><b>Bulletin Info</b><br><b>Deadline Due to Ash Wed.</b> | <b>4</b><br><b>Liberty UVIF</b><br>10 AM Mem. Hall<br><b>UMM 10:00 AM</b><br>Conf. Rm.<br><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b> | <b>5</b><br><b>ASH</b><br><b>WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b><br>6:30 PM                               | <b>6</b><br><b>Hand &amp; Foot</b><br>(Canasta) 6:00 PM<br>Memorial Hall  |        |                        |
| <b>9</b><br><b>COMMUNION</b><br>Adult Study 8:45 AM<br>Youth Study 8:45 AM<br><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br>Sunday School 10:15 AM                     | 10                                                                  | <b>11</b><br><b>Bodacious Women 10 AM,</b><br>Mem. Hall<br><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b>                                | <b>12</b><br><b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Sanctuary | <b>13</b><br><b>Hand &amp; Foot</b><br>(Canasta) 6:00 PM<br>Memorial Hall | 14     | 15                     |
| <b>16</b><br>Adult Study 8:45 AM<br>Youth Study 8:45 AM<br><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br>Sunday School 10:15 AM                                        | 17                                                                  | <b>18</b><br><b>Bodacious Women 10 AM,</b><br>Mem. Hall<br><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b><br><b>Newletter</b>            | <b>19</b><br><b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Sanctuary | <b>20</b><br><b>Hand &amp; Foot</b><br>(Canasta) 6:00 PM<br>Memorial Hall | 21     | 22<br>Newletter Iss. 5 |
| <b>23</b><br><i>From Sunday 8:45 AM</i><br>Youth Study 8:45 AM<br><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br>Sunday School 10:15 AM<br><b>Worship Team 11:45 AM</b> | 24                                                                  | <b>25</b><br><b>Bodacious Women 10 AM,</b><br>Mem. Hall<br><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b><br><b>Home Group</b>           | <b>26</b><br><b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Sanctuary | <b>27</b><br><b>Hand &amp; Foot</b><br>(Canasta) 6:00 PM<br>Memorial Hall | 28     | 29                     |
| <b>30</b><br>Adult Study 8:45 AM<br>Youth Study 8:45 AM<br><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br>Sunday School 10:15 AM<br><b>AMSPRC 11:45 AM</b>              | 31                                                                  |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                             |                                                                           |        |                        |

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