



# LIBERTY LANTERN



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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK ...

We are now well into the most important times of the Christian year, Lent and Easter. To me, Easter is the highlight of the Christian year because it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that gave birth to Christianity. We wouldn't celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas if it weren't for the events of Easter. During Holy Week, we will remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and then celebrate how God glorified Jesus by raising him from the dead after three days.

Lent is the 40-day period of repentance and renewal that precedes Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, which was March 5 this year. The 40 days does not count the Sundays, because the Sundays during Lent are considered "little Easters." Lent is a period of time that allows us to recall the Easter story and absorb its meaning.

Observing Lent prepares us to celebrate Easter more fully through penitential practices, repentance, resolution, and participation. Penitential practices refer to self-denial practices. Some people fast during this time. Others modify the fast by giving up a type of food they especially like. Others give up doing something they like during Lent. Whatever it is, the purpose is to help the person focus and understand the full meaning of Easter.

Repentance is, of course, confessing our sin and turning away from it. It is changing something in how we live our life. Resolution is making a commitment to develop more Christian habits and attitudes. Participation is to take part in the services and events of the Lenten season to renew and strengthen our faith. Whatever you do to observe Lent

this year, I pray you have a glorious Easter season, and that Christ becomes even more real to you through your Easter experience this year.

God's blessings to all of you.

In Christ's love,  
*Pastor Bob*

## WORSHIP NEWS ...

**Plans for Holy Week are being completed.**

With the close of our Lenten Season, preparation for Palm Sunday and Holy Week to Easter Sunday are lovely times to take part in preparing for the honoring and remembrance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. All are welcome!

A list of upcoming events being planned is included on the **reverse** of the April calendar in this issue of the Lantern.

If you would like to be part of planning for future events on the Worship calendar please join the Worship Team at their next meeting, date will be posted on a future calendar.



## HOLY WEEK ...

Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday – April 20<sup>th</sup>

(Photo by **Suzy Hazelwood**, Pexels.com)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ...

The Liberty United Women in Faith will be having their annual Chili Dog Fundraiser on Sunday, April 27th. **Plan on some YUM!**



## PASSING THE TORCH ...

Let's all be sure to give a big 'Thank You!' to Nate V. for taking over the care of the lawn and doing

such a great job with trimming up the cross topiary.

## SUCCESS IN MISSION SUPPORT!

**Soup-A-Thon** ~ More than \$370 dollars was raised to be used in support of mission work for our Liberty United Women in Faith.

**All Faith Community Services** ~ the hygiene supplies drive for our Buckeye community partner crossed the 'finish line' with 752 diapers, 418 adult sanitary items, and 3,736 wipes, along with toothbrushes and haircare supplies.



## Annual Liberty School AG Fundraiser ~

Thank you to everyone who baked to support the Liberty School AG Bake Sale Fundraiser. A total of 33 baked items were contributed.



## OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE ...

Anna E. has returned to her home, still gets very tired but continues to amaze visitors with her indomitable spirit during her recovery.

Please continue to pray for those in the congregation who are facing challenges of health and recovery. Our Liberty UMC prayer list is emailed each week as part of the weekly bulletin. If you are not receiving the advance copy of the Sunday Bulletin, please contact Pastor Bob or Allie P.

If you have a new prayer request or update to an existing request, please contact Claire M.

## MAKE A NOTE ...

**NEXT SPRC COMMITTEE MEETING IS SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS ...



Happy Birthday to each of our April 'babies'!

- Paul J. – Apr. 2**
- Joelyn M – Apr. 13**
- Rita S. – Apr. 13**
- Phyllis C. – Apr. 23**
- Michelle K. – Apr. 26**

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

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## DIRECTORY UPDATE...

The first quarter update of the Liberty UMC Directory is being sent with this issue of the Liberty Lantern. Check your email attachments!

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**Need to Contact the Editor? Email us at Libertyunitedmethodist1@gmail.com**

# April 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                           | Thursday                                                         | Friday                                                               | Saturday                                                                             |
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| <p>Lily "In Memory" &amp; "In Honor" of info due Sunday, April 13th. Sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall</p>                                     |                                                                             | <p>1 Liberty UWIF 10 AM Mem. Hall UMM - No Apr Mtg Youth Zoom 6 PM</p>                                                 | <p>2 <b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br/><b>Choir Practice</b> 6:30 PM Sanctuary</p>  | <p>3 <b>Hand &amp; Foot</b> (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall</p>  |                                                                      | <p>5</p>                                                                             |
| <p>6 <b>POTLUCK SUN.</b><br/><i>No Adult Study</i><br/><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br/>Youth Study 10:15 AM</p>                                    | <p>7</p>                                                                    | <p>8 <b>Bodacious Women</b> 10 AM, Mem. Hall<br/><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b></p>                                            | <p>9 <b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br/><b>Choir Practice</b> 6:30 PM Sanctuary</p>  | <p>10 <b>Hand &amp; Foot</b> (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall</p> | <p>11 <b>Lily list Info</b><br/><b>Due Sun., Apr. 13!</b></p>        | <p>12 <b>Sidewalk Chalk</b><br/><b>Art and Palm</b><br/><b>preparation, 9 AM</b></p> |
| <p>13 <b>PALM SUN./Communion</b><br/>Adult Study 8:45 AM<br/><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br/><i>No Youth Study</i><br/><b>Ad Council 11:45</b></p> | <p>14 <b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br/><b>due to Maundy Thur/Vigil</b></p> | <p>15 <b>Bodacious Women</b><br/><b>Maundy Thurs</b><br/><b>Prep 10 AM, Mem. Hall</b><br/><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b></p>   | <p>16 <b>Choir Practice</b> 6:30 PM Sanctuary<br/>?</p>                             | <p>17 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 6 PM</b></p>                    | <p>18 <b>Good Friday</b><br/><b>Vigil</b><br/><b>9 AM - 9 PM</b></p> | <p>19 <b>WORK DAY</b><br/><b>for Easter Sunday</b><br/><b>Begins 9 AM</b></p>        |
| <p>20 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br/>Hot Cross Buns, 9 AM<br/>No Adult Study<br/><b>Worship 10 AM</b><br/><b>Visitor Sunday School</b></p>        | <p>21 <b>Newsletter submission deadline</b></p>                             | <p>22 <b>Bodacious Women</b> 10 AM, Mem. Hall<br/>No Youth Zoom</p>                                                    | <p>23 <b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br/><b>Choir Practice</b> 6:30 PM Sanctuary</p> | <p>24 <b>Hand &amp; Foot</b> (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall</p> | <p>25</p>                                                            | <p>26 <b>Newsletter</b></p>                                                          |
| <p>27 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>Chili Dog Fundraiser!</b></p>  | <p>28</p>                                                                   | <p>29 <b>Bodacious Women</b> 10 AM, Mem. Hall<br/><b>Youth Zoom 6 PM</b><br/><b>Home Group</b> 6:30 PM, Jarvis Hm.</p> | <p>30 <b>Bulletin info deadline</b><br/><b>Choir Practice</b> 6:30 PM Sanctuary</p> |                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                      |

## **PLANNING TO PROVIDE A LILY FOR THE EASTER SEASON?**

**April 13, 2025** (Sunday) - Names for the list of 'In Memory of' and 'In Honor of' for the Easter Sunday bulletin need to be provided by **Sunday, April 13, 2025**. Please fill in your information on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall. This list will be used to complete the added bulletin insert listing those dear to us whom we have lost or need our prayers.

## **LET YOUR ARTISTIC SIDE SHINE!**

**April 12, 2025** (Saturday), Sidewalk chalk art and work for preparation of palms for Palm Sunday service will begin at 9 AM.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY PLANS...**

**April 15th** -- preparation of tables for Maundy Thursday evening service will be done during Bodacious Women, beginning at 10 AM. Can you lend a hand?

**Maundy Thursday service in Memorial Hall on  
Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM.**

**PRAYER VIGIL – GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>  
9AM until 9 PM**

Sign-up sheets will be in the fellowship hall for our annual prayer vigil. Note the time change. Please sign up for a half hour minimum of prayer in the sanctuary.

**PREPARATION FOR EASTER BEGINS AT 9 AM,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**

\*Tables      \*Cross Prep      \*Candy Bags      \*Sanctuary

**Please check the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.**

**Come be a part of celebrating His Resurrection!**