



LIBERTY LANTERN



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FROM THE PASTORS DESK ...

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

(Matthew 25:40 NRSVACE)

I'm sure it's not news to you, but we have a wonderful church and a wonderful church family. It is a place where everybody can come and feel welcome, loved, and accepted. The people of our church practice God's agape love as a way of life. We are learning to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and continue to grow in our own faith and discipleship.

We do a great job caring for one another, but in order to be known in our community as a church that cares, we need to reach out beyond our walls to serve people in our community as well as those who attend our church. We help our neighbors at Liberty school, and we support the services of All-Faith. We are open to new ideas on how we can serve our community as well, especially in connection with our neighborhood schools, so if you have an idea, please let the pastor know. Reaching out to others is one way we can attract new people to attend our church.

We have a wonderful church, and we have something good to offer people. We talk about the love of Christ, we show the love of Christ, and we can lead others to accept Christ's love in their lives. So don't be shy. Spread the good news. Invite others to join you in church, and don't give up; persevere. On average it takes about a dozen invitations before a person decides to accept the invitation. Don't let an answer of no to the first invitation deter you. Try, try again. When they finally accept your invitation,

chances are they will thank you for not giving up, and we will all thank God that another soul has come to Him.

God's blessings to all of you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bob

CHILI / HOTDOG SUNDAY...

You know summer is almost here when it's time for Chili and Hotdogs with the Liberty United Women in Faith!

Thank you to all the ladies who signed up to supply the goodies: Michele J., Shirley B., Linda H., Barbara K., LaRae K., Laureen P., Nona C., Nancy S., Bonnie R., Deanna B., Linda Z., Yoshiko F., Paula J., Annette B., Chris H., Alice L., Phyllis C., Marcia S., Heidi B., and Marla L.

Mike and many others are impatiently awaiting Sunday in Memorial Hall. They are looking forward to yummy chili hotdogs.

See you there!

Claire M. – President, LUWF

SPRC MEETING, APR. 27 ...

SPRC Committee will have a short meeting on Sunday, April 27th, Nona will announce the time during Worship.

MAY COMMUNION WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 4TH!

FIELD TRIP, COME ONE, COME ALL!

Tues., April 1st, our Liberty United Women in Faith were delighted to have guest speakers, Christine Larson, Library/Museum Admin.

and Maria Johnson, Assistant Library/Museum Admin.

During their visit Chris and Maria showed photos of several museum artifacts and shared stories of some of the history of the Buckeye Valley area, as well as the museum itself. Rachael S. gave the ladies a tour of our sanctuary with plans to investigate details about the church that may be part of the museum records.

Chris and Maria suggested our LUWF, and all members of the church, come to see the museum so we signed up for a special (and free) all-church tour on Tuesday, May 13th at 10 AM.

The Buckeye Valley Museum is located at 116 W. MC85, #116, Buckeye, AZ 85326 (just past the Circle K, adjacent to the Buckeye Aquatics Center & Skate Park).

It is sure to be interesting and fun. Please join us if you can!

Maybe some of us will enjoy lunch or snacks downtown after the tour?



Linda H. – Missions Co-Chair

(www.buckeyeaz.gov/residents/buckeye-valley-museum)

HOLY WEEK ...



Thank you to everyone who helped make all the events of Holy Week and Easter so special. Check out the website for photos of events.

A special 'shout-out' to Michele J. for the special decorations on Good Friday and other wonderful touches!

(Photo by Suzy Hazelwood, Pexels.com)

COMING SOON ...

Our mission team will soon begin collecting water for the summer water program in Buckeye. Water for the water drive can be

stacked in Memorial Hall, along the wall near the thermostat.

Watch the Liberty Lantern for additional details!

MAY BIRTHDAYS ...

April showers bring May flowers and some fun birthdays!

- Polly V. – May 4**
- Kay J. – May 4**
- Allie P. – May 10**
- Rachael S. – May 12**
- Mayra K. – May 15**
- Jane F. – May 20**
- Chris H. – May 22**
- Nick V. – May 25**

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

Did you miss the recent release of the birthday 'directory'? This special list was sent on March 24th, along with the Liberty Lantern and the most recent revision of the Liberty Church Directory. If you haven't saved the email, be sure to let Rachael S. know and she will get an extra copy to you.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST...

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th and we will be enjoying breakfast before Worship courtesy of the United Methodist Men.

YOUTH ZOOM FOR "CONFIRM"

After a week off following Easter the Youth will resume their Zoom class on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM. 'See' you soon...

HOME GROUP FOR APRIL...

Tuesday, **April 29th Home Group is 6:30 PM** at the home of Paul and Paula J. Please check with Paul for additional information!

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May 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | Mission Reminders: Hot weather is coming | *Water Collection begins soon! *Ongoing - plastic bags and stamps | Hand & Foot (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall | | |
| 4 POTLUCK SUN. <i>No Adult Study</i> Worship 10 AM Sun. School 10:15 AM | 5 | 6 Liberty UWIF 10 AM Mem. Hall UMM -10 AM Youth Zoom 6 PM | 7 Bulletin info deadline Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary | 8 Hand & Foot (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall | 9 | 10 |
| 11 MOTHER'S DAY Breakfast 9 AM, No Study Groups Worship 10 AM Sun. School 10:15 | 12 | 13 Buckeye Museum Field Trip, 10 AM, all welcome to join the tour! Youth Zoom 6 PM | 14 Bulletin info deadline Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary | 15 Hand & Foot (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Adult & Youth Study Classes at 8:45 AM Worship 10 AM Sun. School 10:15 AD COUNCIL, 11:45 | Newsletter submission deadline | Bodacious Women 10 AM, Mem. Hall Youth Zoom 6 PM | Bulletin info deadline Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary | Hand & Foot (Canasta) 6:00 PM Memorial Hall | | Newsletter |
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