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Liberty Rings

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY WORSHIP

We begin our study "Knowing Jesus in the Gospel of John"

January 5

Pastor John, John 1
Sacrament of Communion

January 12

Pastor Becky, John 3: 1-16
Fellowship Meal, between services

January 19

Pastor Kyle, John 5:1-16

January 29

Pastor John, John 7-9

February 2

Pastor Becky, John 12: 1-10
Sacrament of Communion

February 9

Youth Sunday!
Valentine's Brunch, between services

February 16

Pastor Kyle, John 13-17

February 23

Pastor John, John 18-21
Welcome New Members
Annual Meeting, between services

NOTE: **February 26** is
Ash Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service,
Barn Sanctuary
Pastor Becky,
"The Core of Things"

Dear Friends:

This winter we are walking through the *Gospel of John*. Our hope is that walking through John together will give us the opportunity to know Jesus better—to look over his shoulder and listen in on his ministry.

We all have folks we want to meet first-hand. I remember once John and I were invited backstage at a Broadway theater to meet one of my childhood idols, Valerie Harper, "Rhoda" from the Mary Tyler Moore show. This play was Harper's attempt to showcase another side of her, to reveal more of herself—literally!!—which caused John and I to miss most of the third act, staring at our feet. But as our friend

brought us backstage, and Valerie welcomed us at her dressing room, all I could do was stare like an idiot and think, *It's Rhoda Morgenstern!* Fortunately, she was as warm and gracious as she could be. I, sadly, was unable to form a complete sentence, but I think she was used to that.

If we want the backstage access to Jesus and his ministry, then the *Gospel of John* is the perfect place to begin. We will have a study guide, sermons on John, classes, an optional DVD, and more!

Please join us on the journey.

With New Year Blessings,
Becky





OUR ANNUAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, **February 23**, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Save the date!



RENEW UPDATE

PROJECTS

- The Fearing Hall renovation has begun its final phase. Sheet-rocking, painting, flooring, tech & furniture ordering will be happening over the next several weeks.

SUPPORT

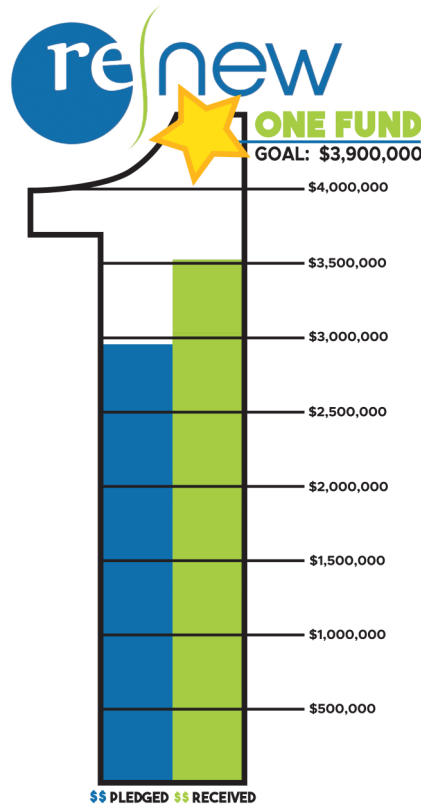
Through November 30:

Dollars pledged = \$2,879,367

Dollars received = \$3,578,260*

(*Note: Not everyone who gives to RENEW made a pledge)

THANK YOU for your generous response to RENEW!



To all of the people who made Advent and Christmas happen at Liberty!

Special Thanks to our wonderful:

Staff, Greeters, Elders,
Deacons, Musicians, Singers,
Worship committee members,
Advent Craft makers,
Cookie Caper-ers,
Adopt-a-Family-ers,
Devotional writers,
Deck the Hall-ers,
Food servers,
St. John's Supporters,
Stephen Ministers,
Church School Teachers,
Telephone Answerers,
Pageant leaders,
Christmas Eve readers,
Child care providers,
AND

Parking Lot chaos directors!

You name it, we had a Liberty saint taking care of it! Thank you all for your sacrificial help this season!

~Pastors Becky and John~

God is Changing Lives at Liberty ...

After a Children's Moment, a little boy ran back to his seat and, with the most excited voice, said "Daddy, Jesus' love is so wonderful that I can't get over it, under it, or around it. Isn't that amazing?"

Submission deadline for the next issue is **February 12**.

Email DeAnne Miller:
deanne@libertybarnchurch.com

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS IN JANUARY

Think of the difference between a hotel and a home. At a hotel, the housekeeper will come and make the bed, clean the bathroom, and anything you need is available whenever you need it. But things are different at home. A home takes time, energy, maintenance, as well as attention. Homes require commitment.

Church membership is like moving from a hotel to a home. It's a public commitment to a particular people of faith. It's a declaration that

Liberty is more than just your church hotel, but that it's your church home.

If you are ready to make Liberty your church home, then don't miss our upcoming New Member class. Our next class session will begin on Sunday, **January 19**, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Carriage House, and will meet each week until February 9. During our time together, our goal is to help you understand and advance in your own faith journey and to help you find your place in the Liberty family.



New Members will meet together for a potluck dinner with the Elders and Deacons on Thursday, **February 20**.

Childcare is provided, and

advanced registration is strongly recommended. If you have questions of if you'd like to register, please contact the Church Office.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry Team welcomes the New Year. The start of a New Year brings hopes and dreams for the months ahead. Each new year presents opportunities and challenges in our lives. Sometimes challenges are easily handled and sometimes they can be difficult to work through on your own.

Stephen Ministers continue to work with members of our congregation who find them-

selves facing difficult times in their lives. Having a caring friend to listen and share God's love with can make all the difference in how you welcome the New Year. Our Stephen Ministry team stands ready to help if you are facing a difficult time. If you would like a Stephen Minister or need more information, contact: Linda Burnworth, Rayna Kaasa, Jim Mohr, Jerry Willet, or Pastor Becky.



HOSPITALS & HOMES

Please let us know if you are entering the Hospital or a Nursing Home, or would like a pastoral visit. We would love to support you, especially in times of illness.

**Remember:
We can't go if we don't know!**





**Contact the
Church Office at:
740-548-6075**

*Closed on New Year's Day,
Wednesday, January 1.*





FELLOWSHIP MEALS

January 12

Please join us between services
for French Toast Casserole,
Sausage & Fruit!

February 10

Our youth will be serving a
delicious Valentine's Brunch
between services.

If you'd like to join our large and very fun
Fellowship team, contact Elders Angie
Campbell Kristopher Steele, or Melinda
Wood or email Pastor Becky,
becky@libertybarnchurch.com.



LIBERTY'S SNOW POLICY

IN CASE OF SNOW...

- If Olentangy schools are closed, the Church Office is closed, and all church activities are cancelled for the day and evening.
- If Olentangy schools have a delayed opening, the Church Office is closed from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and all morning church activities are cancelled.
- At a level-2 snow emergency in Delaware County, worship services and church school are cancelled.
- The Liberty Early Education Center has its own snow policies, so please contact them directly: 740-548-2095.
- Please be careful in winter on our parking lot railroad ties – they do get slippery!



2020 CHAPEL CELEBRATION

This March 22nd, Liberty will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the historic Chapel.

To mark the occasion, we will be celebrating throughout the Lenten season, with interviews with those who worshipped in the chapel, a gallery of historic photographs

in the 12-Step room on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, historical write-ups, a festive meal on March 22nd and a commemorative coin.

Plan on being a part of this celebration of God's great faithfulness to Liberty for over 200 years.

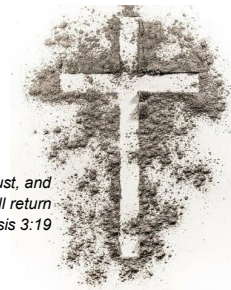


ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

In the 5th century, the church designated the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent "Ash Wednesday"—ashes being a biblical symbol of repentance before the Lord.

The primary purpose of Lent is as a time when we reflect on our faith journeys and live more consciously in remembrance of Jesus' great sacrifice on the cross.

Ashes will be shared at this service, and Lenten coins will be given to carry with you throughout this holy season. Held in the Barn, 7:00 p.m., Becky Hart, preaching.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT LIBERTY

Join us Wednesdays in Lent at 6:15 p.m. in the Barn Lower Level for a delicious soup supper, followed by an informal service of worship in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. The Second Stringers lead us in singing old favorites like *The Old Rugged Cross*, a pastor leads us in prayer, and a

member of Liberty shares a little of their own faith journey with us.

This year, there will also be an art gallery and video set up in the 12-Step Room to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Chapel.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

At this special candlelight service, we remember the last evening of Jesus' life, and the last supper shared by Jesus and his disciples. Join us for a

special communion and time of readings and silent reflection. Held in the Barn Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., with Pastor John preaching.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please keep us updated with your current email address and contact information by emailing or calling the Church Office: info@libertybarnchurch.com or 740-548-6075.



ALL-CHURCH STUDY BEGINNING IN JANUARY

“Knowing Jesus in the Gospel of John”

This year’s All-Church Study will begin on **January 5**, and will be an eight-week study of the *Gospel of John*. Each week we will be preaching from John’s Gospel, and we will publish a reading plan along with daily reflections to guide you.

Additionally, many of our Bible Study groups (see boxes below) will be following along. Join us as together we get to know Jesus in the *Gospel of John*!

For more information, contact [Pastor Kyle](#) or a member of Liberty’s Adult Discipleship Committee.



WEEKDAY GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., 12-Step Room

In this relaxed setting, we read and discuss Scripture, as well as use many different resources, to discover how God is working in our lives and how we are his messengers. As we encourage each other in life’s struggles and joys, we find we are also building lasting friendships. Childcare is provided upon request.

Contact Linda Kemp or Debbie Baker:

kemp7949@insight.rr.com;

debake361@yahoo.com

Tuesday Evening Pastors’ Bible Study 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Carriage House 203

Led by Pastor Kyle, or Pastor John, this group meets weekly throughout the year and covers a variety of topics.

Contact Pastor Kyle:

kyle@libertybarnchurch.com

Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Carriage House 205

This lively group of women studies Scripture and applies it to their lives. Welcoming and open to all, they are also involved in on-going service projects in Franklinton at St. John’s and Youth for Christ.

Contact Penny Hampshire or Bev Graves:

pennyhamp@columbus.rr.com;

bevgraves4@gmail.com

SUNDAY GROUPS

Top of the Hill Gang Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Carriage House 205

Are you 55 years old (or so) and looking for a Bible Study or a social group? We meet for a time of fellowship and a discussion of God’s Word. Each Sunday after worship, we also meet for brunch, as well as participate in a variety of monthly social events.

Contact Len Zuga:

lzuga@me.com

Carriage House 203 Seekers Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Carriage House 203

An intentionally smaller group that meets between the two services so that all can attend. Group members select topics, which vary throughout the year, so you’re sure to find a discussion that’s engaging and answers your questions.

Contact Tom Ash:

thomas7861@att.net

ETC II Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Carriage House 204

No matter the topic, this group digs deep into the Word. Add in some regular fellowship events, and you have the ingredients for a vibrant group.

Contact Jeff Young:

jeffyoung7700@gmail.com

Young Families (Families in Faith) Sundays, 10:00 a.m. BLL North Classroom 103

Come and join us as we make new friends, support one another, grow in our faith, and study God’s Word together. Childcare is provided in the Barn Lower Level.

Contact Jay Gough:

jaygough@live.com

Save the Date!
WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY!

Saturday, April 25
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Liberty

FEATURING:
Special Speaker: Jennifer Shaw
Fun Crafts, Small Groups &
Amazing Fellowship!

Want to help? Contact [Rayna Kaasa](#)
 or [Becky Hart](#)

Our special guest, Jennifer Shaw, is a Telly Award winning speaker, author, singer, songwriter, and five-time Top 40 Billboard artist. Her testimony includes tragedy and triumph—being both an adoptive parent and the parent of a special need's child, as well as losing her father to Lou Gehrig's disease. With the release of her fourth album, *Someday*, her songs offer hope in any circumstance and reflect her recent experiences on the mission field in Asia, Africa, Central America, and the UK.

HOLIDAY MISSIONS RECAP

Once again, the love of God was on full display through our holiday missions. Each year, Liberty partners with Delaware County Jobs and Family Services, the Strengthening Families Center, and Equitas Health to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. This year, 300 families received a delicious Thanksgiving Box dinner, thanks to your generosity. Each box contained dried and canned food for making all of the traditional Thanksgiving favorites, and Liberty missions dollars provided a \$20 gift card for the turkey or ham. Families also received a Thanksgiving card to remind recipients that they are in our prayers and have not been forgotten.

Many of the families who receive a Thanksgiving Box also participate in our annual Adopt-a-Family ministry. This year, Liberty provided Christ-

mas gifts to 122 adults and 190 children, in partnership with Delaware County Jobs & Family Services, Strengthening Families, and Equitas Health. Members of the Liberty community joined together to adopt families and do some extra Christmas shopping. Seeing the shopping lists was humbling—many people asked for work clothes and boots. Others asked for bicycles to get to school or work. Through your generosity, you were able bring the joy of Christmas to these local families in need.

A huge THANK YOU to Rosie Thompson, who coordinates these ministries for Liberty, and to the ETC II Sunday morning Bible Study, for doing all the heavy lifting. We appreciate the way your commitment and organization enable all of us to serve Jesus together during this holiday season!

NEXT WALLS BUILD—SAVE THE DATE!

Spring
Walls Build
 will be on
Saturday, May 2.



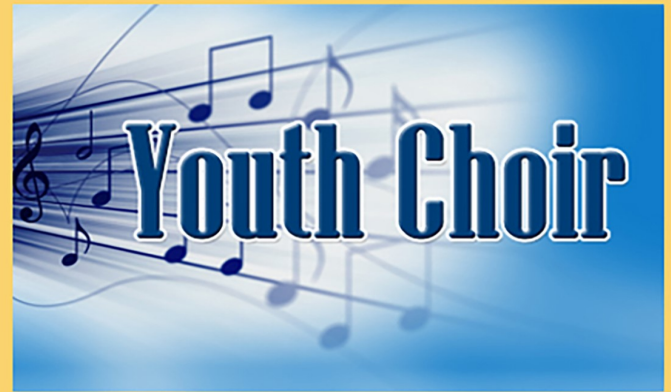
YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Ministry here at Liberty just finished up all our fun Advent and Christmas activities! We went to the Columbus Zoo for the Wild-lights, we held Advent prayer stations focusing on finding scripture in Christmas music, and we had our annual Christmas gift exchange.

The Christmas season can be a busy time, so it is wonderful

that the youth got to do so many fun activities together during this past season.

We look forward to the months to come and all of the great activities we have planned for this winter. We hope all our youth will be able to join us!



YOUTH CHOIR

*Rehearsals are Sundays,
January 12 - February 2*

10:00am - 10:30am

Chapel

*The Choir will sing in the Youth
worship services on February 9*
6th - 12th Grade are welcome to join!

Upcoming H.S. Youth Events

JANUARY

- 5 High School Youth Group – Hidden in the Hymns
- 6 Digging Deeper Bible Study – Beyond Sunday School
- 11 Common Ground Free Store
- 12 High School Youth Group – God in the Movies
- 13 Digging Deeper Bible Study – Beyond Sunday School
- 19 High School Youth Group – Couch Conversation
- 24-26 Winter Retreat
- 27 Digging Deeper Bible Study – Beyond Sunday School

FEBRUARY

- 2 Youth Group – Super Bowl Party
- 3 Digging Deeper – Beyond Sunday School
- 7 Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- 9 Youth Sunday**
- 9 Youth Group – Game Night
- 10 Digging Deeper – Beyond Sunday School
- 16 Youth Group – Mission Opportunity
- 23 Youth Group – God in the Movies
- 24 Digging Deeper – Beyond Sunday School

Upcoming M.S. Youth Events

JANUARY

- 5 Confirmation Class
- 7 Bible Study – Doodling Disciples John 14
- 11 Common Ground Free Store
- 12 Confirmation Class
- 14 Bible Study – Doodling Disciples John 15
- 21 Bible Study – Doodling Disciples John 16
- 26 Confirmation Class
- 28 Bible Study – Doodling Disciples John 17
- 31 Winter Retreat

FEBRUARY

- 1-2 Winter Retreat
- 2 Confirmation Class
- 9 Youth Sunday**
- 11 Bible Study – God in the Movies
- 18 Bible Study – God in the Movies
- 23 Confirmation Class
- 25 Bible Study – God in the Movies
- 28 Faith Expression Project Workshop



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STARTS A NEW YEAR DISCOVERING THE EARLY MINISTRY OF JESUS!

C.I.A.—Christians in Action (Fifth Grade)

The C.I.A. kids will learn about the early life of Jesus as part of their faith journey. Lessons will focus on Jesus' baptism and temptation. They will be introduced to the disciples and the important role each had in spreading the Good News. The class will create a journal to help them uncover their role as today's disciples of Christ.

Faith Journey Workshop — (Rotation for Kindergarten through Fourth Grades)

Our workshop students will rotate through classes as they learn about faith and love. January's lessons examine the strong and assured faith of John the Baptist, as well as the

disciples' against the lack of faith seen in the religious leaders. February's lessons are steeped in the love Jesus gives to others. Kids will make a "colors of faith" fruit snack, create a garden pot to plant a tree, play "Disciples Heads Up" game, and participate in fun YouTube videos from Jelly-Telly.

Bible Builders Preschool (Preschool 3-4 and PreK 4-5)

Our preschool children will be learning about Jesus being baptized, his friend John, and his first miracles. Each Sunday the classes hear from the *Spark Story Bible*, create a topical craft, and participate in friendly free play.



Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Ministry is always in need of Sunday school helpers, and committee volunteers for various events.

[Visit the Registration page on our website to volunteer for Sunday school!](#)

For information, contact [Dawn Parr](#).

SAVE THE DATE for Liberty's Vacation Bible School

July 27 – 31
(9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Registration will open at
the end of March.

More details to come!

SECOND SUNDAYS



Families, join us on the second Sunday of each month (from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) at Liberty. Second Sundays is a way for families to connect and grow in their faith. We enjoy family activities, potluck dinners, and discussion topics about parenting, kids, and more!

Childcare is provided! Look-
ing forward to seeing you
there!

PRESCHOOL PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

It is time to think about the 2020-2021 school year, with priority registration for Liberty members beginning on Tuesday, **January 7, 2020**. This time has been reserved especially for church members and current families of Liberty EEC. You can register during school hours Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m., or on Fridays, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. To hold your spot, please bring your completed registration form and registration payment into the preschool office.

Registration forms can be found on the school website: www.libertyearlyeducationcenter.com. If you have any

questions, please call the office at 740-548-2095.

The winter months bring us many fun activities. When the weather allows, you will see the kiddos sledding in the church yard!

One of favorite activities during the winter months is Dad's Night. Children will bring their dad, grandpa, uncle, or special friend back to school in the evening. This year our theme for the event is "Space". There will be several STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities for the children to try. We always end the evening with a big snowball fight!



February is a favorite time to remind our loved ones how special they are to us. You will see the children making valentines to share with friends and family. Our hearts our full because of the wonderful students and families we have at Liberty EEC!

Welcome,
2020!

