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THANK YOU, LIBERTY QUARTET!

What a joy it was to welcome the Liberty Quartet on Saturday, March 21st. The music was uplifting, the Quartet included fun humor and a lovely, endearing personal moment when sharing the engagement news and photo for tenor Peyton Olive.



We want to thank everyone who joined us, we had a total of 86 attendees! It was great to see the Quartet singing out to so many people in the sanctuary, a true blessing.

We wish Royce, Paul, Will, Doran and Peyton all the best with their coming tour dates with the big 30th Anniversary celebration coming up September 18-20, 2026, in Meridian, ID.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

We are now 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.

Lent is the 40-day period of repentance and renewal that precedes Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, which was February 18 this year. The 40-day period does not count the Sundays, because the Sundays during Lent are considered "little Easters." Lent is a time that allows us to recall the Easter story and absorb its meaning.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, 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.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bob



SCHOOL AG NIGHT ...

If you volunteered baked goodies for the Liberty School AG event, please **drop off your baked goods by 9:00 AM on Friday, March 27th.**

Volunteers for the carnival should be at the school at 4:45 PM. We look forward to hearing all about the event for our next issue of the Liberty Lantern!



OUR EMERGENCY FUND ...



Along with being a century old building, we all know what a challenge the Arizona weather can be from time to time. Our trustees do their best to prepare for most contingencies and stay ahead of little things before they become issues but it's usually impossible to prepare for every catastrophic circumstance.

As Mike M. noted during Sunday's announcements, our church insurance deductible has increased. In order to help increase our emergency fund to match our new deductible please consider dropping any loose change in the jars placed in the sanctuary and Memorial Hall.

If you'd like to donate directly to the emergency fund, please check with Barb K. so she can direct your gift.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS



Saturday, March 28th – We'll be helping our youngest to take part in our annual tradition, sidewalk chalk art. Want to join in the fun? See you at 9 AM!

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th – 10 AM

Palm Sunday Service & fellowship following.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2nd

This annual service will begin at 6:00 PM.

Please come and join us for this solemn service commemorating Christ's Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL – APRIL 3rd

9 AM to 9 PM – check the sign-up sheet for your vigil time, there are still 3 slot available for the vigil.

April 4th - WORKDAY

8:30 AM – for cross carry practice

9:00 AM – for all other work

Holy Saturday - We will be preparing for our traditional Easter Sunday service beginning with the cross carry practice at 8:30 am and all other preparations beginning at 9 AM.

APRIL 5th – EASTER SUNDAY!

9:00 AM – Hot Cross Buns

10:00 AM – Worship



We will have preschool children's Sunday School, age 6 & under!

See You There!