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# Liberty Rings

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Dear Friends:

If there were ever a time we needed to turn to God's Word, this is it. The story of Scripture is one story after another of God rescuing his people. In its pages, we find comfort in the midst of sadness and struggle, encouragement to bravely face challenges, healing in times of woundedness and pain. More than that, Scripture offers us a glimpse of how life could be. The stories of Scripture hold up pictures of heroes who live their lives in intimate connection with the God who made them and cares for them. People like Abraham, Moses, Gideon, and David. The Gospels point us to people, often unnamed, who reach out to Jesus to receive what they need so that their faith might be sustained and strengthened. And the stories of the early church, the stories of Stephen, Peter, Barnabas, and Paul remind us that those who have gone before us have faced struggles, too.

A few weeks ago, we launched Liberty's first online only Bible Study, where together we are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. What is so clear in this letter is Paul's uncontainable joy. What makes it all the more remarkable is that

Paul writes this letter from prison with a capital charge hanging over his head. As we have been reading together through Philippians, my constant question has been, "What enables Paul's unshakable joy?" Imagine for a moment if our days in quarantine could be like Paul's days in prison: filled not just with homeschool work, conference calls, and wondering exactly what day it is, but with deep, unshakable joy!

It's not too late to join our [online study of Philippians](#) and to find out the source of Paul's joy. Sessions consist of a brief video about a passage and a reflection guide that offers more in-depth questions to guide our exploration of the passage. There is a place to post comments and questions. You can even find past sessions so that you can follow along at your own pace and on your schedule. Join us as we turn to the comfort of God's Word together, learn from Paul's example, and find the source of unshakable joy.

Grace and peace,  
Kyle

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Whether our worship is online ([www.libertybarnchurch.com](http://www.libertybarnchurch.com)) or in person— please join us! Our services are on our website from 10 a.m. on Sundays. Now more than ever, it is important that we stay connected to one another in all faith, hope and love.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you need a friend to listen and care? We all experience challenges in life — times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty, such as:

- Anxiety in this time of coronavirus
- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization and recovery

- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- A chronic or a terminal illness
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility

Contact Linda Burnworth, Rayna Kaasa, Jim Mohr, Jerry Willet or Becky Hart to ask for your own Stephen Minister.



Dear Friends:

As Dr. Amy Acton has been reminding us at the Governor's news conferences, "The situation is changing hour by hour." It certainly is! One of those changes is the Harts' retirement. In light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in conversation with Ryan Johnson (President of the Corporation) and the Session, we are planning to delay our retirement as co-pastors of Liberty. Our desire is to stay on and provide continuity until a greater sense of normalcy returns to our country, our daily routines, and Liberty's life. We very much want to walk beside you through these difficult days, even if it is virtually!

Because governmental guidance & orders are continually revised, our plan is not to set a definite "last day". Rather, we will decide month-by-month, giving the Session and you several weeks' notice once things stabilize. As things stand now, we assume this means we'll be staying into the summer.

Once we set a retirement date, we will resume the transition process with our Bridge Pastor, the Rev. Don Hilkerbaumer, seeking a Transitional Pastor, and forward.

We cannot imagine leaving Liberty during this pandemic. May this proposal bring added stability during these uncertain times. We, with all the staff, desire to serve Liberty with great faith and faithfulness during this time.

Blessings,

PB&J

P.S. Please update your phone number and email address with us—plus any other contact information that may have changed. This will help our staff and deacons to be in touch! Send updated contact information to [info@libertybarnchurch.com](mailto:info@libertybarnchurch.com). You may also send prayer requests to this address.

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
EASTER ANGELS!**



Our great appreciation to everyone who served Liberty over Lent and Holy Week:  
 Our great staff,  
 Our wonderful singers and musicians,  
 The Second Stringers,  
 Our Lenten Speakers,  
 The Fellowship Team & Volunteers,  
 Becky McQuigg, Amy King, and the Decorating Crew,  
 and all our Deacons & Elders!

**THANK YOU ALL!**  
*You make such a difference!*

**YARD SALE: JUNE 27**



It is with some sadness that we announce that Liberty will not hold its annual yard sale this year. Thank you to all of you who have saved items for us. Please look for updates about how and to whom you can donate your items to help the community. For more information about how to support Liberty at this time, please visit: <https://libertybarnchurch.com/give/>.

**COMING THIS AUGUST**



- August 16:**  
Heritage Sunday
- August 23:**  
Rally Day
- August 30:**  
Blessing of the Animals



**COMPOSING A LEGACY FOR LIBERTY**

Is Liberty included in your will? Over the past years, Liberty has been blessed by members who have left a bequest —large and small—to the church. Whether to support the growth of the Endowment Fund, to support a particular ministry or for the church’s general purposes, you may be surprised how even a small asset can be transformed into a gift that will help support Liberty’s work in perpetuity. Including Liberty in your will is another way of exercising faithful Christian stewardship, and it is a blessing to the church beyond measure. Contact [Pastor John](#) for more information.

All July/August newsletter articles are due to DeAnne Miller by **June 10**.

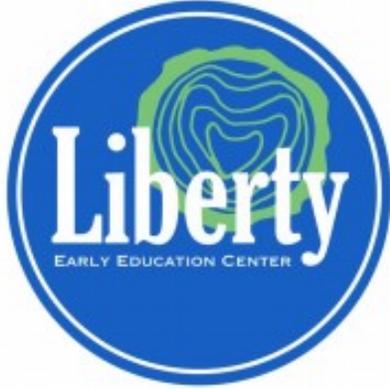
Please email your submissions to:  
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# MISSION SPOTLIGHT: 2020 SPRING HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION TRIP



## LIBERTY EARLY EDUCATION CENTER (LEEC)



Liberty Early Education Center has been closed do to the COVID-19 outbreak. Our teachers have been teaching our students remotely. It has been wonderful to see the students through postings on our classroom apps and zoom classrooms. All of the staff at Liberty Early Education Center pray for each of you to remain healthy!

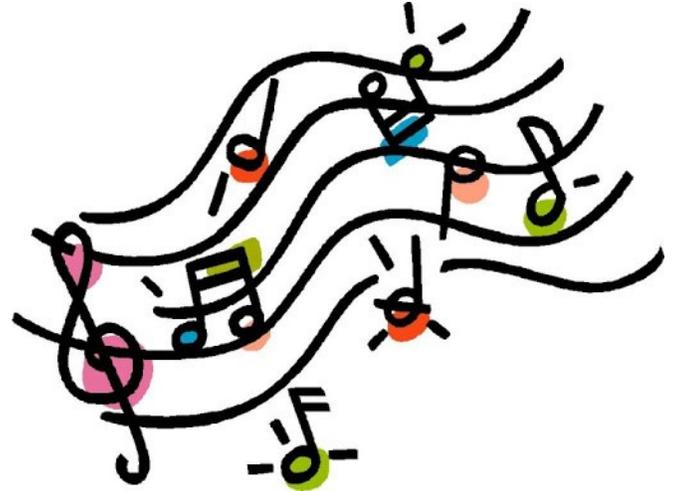
There are limited spaces available in our three year old program. Please email the school at [earlyeducation@libertybarnchurch.com](mailto:earlyeducation@libertybarnchurch.com) if you are interested in more information.

## LIBERTY KIDS

Visit the [Children's Corner](#) page on liberty's website for the latest activities on everything Sunday school! Weekly crafts, cooking ideas and experiments to teach us more about our relationship with Jesus! Join the Sunday school conversation at our [Facebook page!](#)

For information about the children's ministry at Liberty, please contact:

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## Thank You

to the musicians,  
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 and sound techs  
 who have  
 helped out  
 during this time!



A special thanks to  
 Steve Banks,  
 Music and  
 Media Director



## FUN CHAPEL FACTS

From Barb Taylor and Lisa Little

- The front doors of the Chapel are the original doors installed when the church was built. In 1902, the Bell Tower was constructed, and the doors moved to the entrance where they are now.
- When the Chapel was being restored by Bill Porterfield and Andy Little, the two windows on each end were discovered. They had been covered early on.
- After the Barn Sanctuary was built, the Chapel was renovated to return it to its original form. While taking down the “front” wall to renovate the Chapel, a huge active beehive was discovered behind the wall on the second window by the current piano. The hive started out in the southeast corner of the window and flared down below the middle of the window and covered almost half the window. A beekeeper was called in to clean it up, and it was a whole day operation.
- While taking up old carpet, there was another discovery — a chunk of wooden floor was missing by the “new” partition, under the fourth pew/bench.
- Additionally, if you get down on your hands and knees you can see marks from the feet of the old wood burning stove that had been used to heat the church. If that stove had been left there much longer, in all likelihood, it would have burned through the floor into the “dirt room” below and caused the Chapel to be destroyed.
- In the summers when we didn’t have air conditioning, we just raised the windows on each side of the addition and ran the blowers on the furnace. During a summer wedding, we moved in a large stage fan, which someone had donated and was used on occasion in the Shelter House. It was placed in the corner at the end of the aisle and set on low, As the bride made the turn to start down the aisle, the fan promptly grabbed hold of her veil and sucked it into the fan! While someone was frantically trying to get it out of the fan, her head is being pulled back, the fan is making a chugging noise. The sound technician at the time, Mark Brown, unplugged the fan. He saved the day – but not the veil!



LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL:

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POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

All-Church  
Women's Retreat

Heartland Conference Center - Marengo, OH



Postponed until  
October 2021

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Let everything that  
**breathes**  
praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:6, NRSV