



Toward the end of Advent someone asked me how we know when a pilgrimage is over. That was an intriguing question and one that I had thought of during the Advent season. When I think about pilgrimages, there seems to be an expectation that the person who goes on a pilgrimage will be changed. In fact, to me that is the point of a pilgrimage; to be different.

Our journey through Advent and Christmas was a pilgrimage, and we explored that through a number of different references to light. It is my hope that because of our Advent pilgrimage and Christmas celebrations each one of us is different in some way through the grace of God.

As we enter into 2017 we continue on our pilgrimage. In worship this January and February we will be connecting stories from the Old and New Testaments as we continue our journey of faith. Each pair of stories reminds us of God’s steadfast love and God’s continual presence with us. My hope each Sunday, is that when we worship, the message of God’s grace is what is heard and received in everything we do. Furthermore, through this gift of grace that each of us receives differently, it is my prayer, that God will lead us into the future in faith, make us strong in courage, and joyful for the journey.

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church!
Pastor Scott



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministers are well trained lay people who work with the pastoral staff in creating a CARE NETWORK for people who are hurting. Stephen Ministry training is a 50 hour program that educates and prepares a Stephen Minister to be a one-on-one Christ-centered care-giver to someone who is hurting. Each Stephen Minister is then paired with a hurting person—men with men, women with women—who then meet weekly to care, pray, and encourage. Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job change, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and other life challenges.

Training will begin *January 10th @ 6:30pm in Room 302.*

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CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



SERMON SERIES

“PILGRIMAGE”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm

Pastor Led Bible Study

The theme for **January** will be “New” and we will focus on these sub-themes:

January 8th: *New Creation*: What is it like to be made new by the love of Christ?

January 15th: *New Jerusalem*: How does being “made new” lead to a new community?

January 22nd: *New Wines in Old Wineskins*: How does being made new ask us to leave something behind?

January 29th: *New Covenant*: How does Jesus’ life, ministry, death, and resurrection create relationship between God and us?



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS

The United Methodist Women Book Club will meet Wednesday, **January 11**, at **2:00pm** in the Conference Room. The book for discussion is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. *Women of all ages are welcome.*

January 12, 9:30am, General Meeting , Room 311-312

January 18, 11:45am, Friendly Lunch Bunch, Room 311

January 21, 9:30am, Lydian, Room 304

ADULT MINISTRIES Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly at the church office or via email to kellyb@centraltolife.org;

- **Sundays:** Adult Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. There are a variety of classes to choose from.
- **Weekdays:** Several small study groups to choose from: Monday night, Wednesday or Friday mornings. www.centraltolife.org



NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION

JOIN A MUSIC GROUP AT CUMC

CHANCEL CHOIR | Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

- Sings at 11am services every Sunday
- Sings major works twice a year

WOMEN’S ENSEMBLE | Wednesdays 6:15-6:45pm

- Sings one Sunday a month

MEN’S ENSEMBLE | Wednesdays 6:30-6:55pm

- Sings one Sunday a month

MASS APPEAL HANDBELL CHOIR | Thursdays 6-8pm

- Ring once a month

CENTRAL SINFONIA

- An orchestral ensemble for experienced musicians who play for worship services four times a year.

E-mail jerrif@centraltolife.org for information

IS CHURCH HAPPENING?

Tune in to Channel 7 news or check out the website for weather related updates.

-CUMC follows APS Monday-Friday Schedule-

CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Janet Norden, Associate Pastor

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