



You will notice something different in today's worship service if you watch closely. If you have been to worship at Central before you will know that there is generally a procession of important elements at the beginning of the service. As the first hymn is sung, the Bible, the cross, and the light of Christ are brought in by different people. Each one of these pieces represents an important part of faith and the church. The Bible is the Word of God for us

that shapes who we are and serves as the light unto our path. The cross is the symbol of our faith. Specifically the empty cross reminds us both of Christ's death and his resurrection. Finally, the light of Christ that is carried in through flame, emphasizes that Christ welcomes us and is with us. At the end of the service the light of Christ is taken from the altar candles and recessed out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are being called to serve God in the world.

Beginning this Sunday, you will see Pastor Kelly recess with the cross at the end of the service as the light leads us back into the world. There are two important things to note in this change of our service. First, rather than existing as a sign of salvation for those of us in the church, the cross exists as a symbol for the redemption for the entire world. The cross, and its message of hope in the midst of death, is an important part of our witness to faith that we live out as disciples. Because of this the cross should lead us from worship back into the work of discipleship in our lives. Second, Pastor Kelly is a Deacon, and part of the role of the Deacon is to build a bridge of ministry between the church and the community. As the one who bares the cross, we can see Kelly as the one who reminds us all that our ministry outside the church is the true call of our baptism.

Jesus needs each of us to be a witness to his love in the world. As the light and the cross lead us from worship may we also be led into service in God's world.

January 15, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE





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 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?



**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.

CHANCEL CHOIR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

*“Gospel Mass” – by Robert Ray
to be presented in **March 2017**.*

This is a great time to join the choir and sing this piece.
Wednesday evening rehearsals – 7-8:30pm.

E-mail jerrif@centraltolife.org for information



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS

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

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



CUMC Foundation Meeting

Sunday, Feb 5th at 12:15 in room 311

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

IS CHURCH HAPPENING?

Tune in to Channel 7 news or check out the website for weather related updates.
-CUMC follows APS Monday-Friday Schedule-

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