



In the Gospel of Luke, 17: 20-21, we read this, “Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.” I have always loved this passage of scripture. Jesus’ instructions to the Pharisees reminds us that, like all the parables, we must be attentive to the way in which the Holy Spirit is

working already in our world. The Kingdom of God is already here, and yet there is also more to come!

As we begin our annual Lenten journey to Jerusalem, where the events of Holy Week will unfold before us, and where we will experience the pathos of Jesus, I want to encourage you to focus on how the Kingdom of God is in our midst. This year’s Lenten theme for worship, navigate, serve, and engage at Central is “40 Days of Good News.” In your Order of Service, you will find a guide to the 40 days. It is our hope that you will use this guide to help you engage in the Lenten journey. Furthermore, it is my deep longing that as we pay attention to the Good News during Lent we might arrive at Easter with hearts full of the grace of God, in expectation for an even richer experience of the resurrection.

The Kingdom of God is among you! Let us watch, listen, grasp, and participate in God’s great love for the Creation.

With hope and joy,  
Scott

**You can now make a contribution to Central United Methodist Church with a quick text message!**

Simply send a text to **505-384-7589** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. *Example:* \$25. Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!



March 5, 2017

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### SERMON SERIES

“PILGRIMAGE”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



### THRIFT SHOP 1/2 PRICE SALE

March 5—March 12, *Regular Shop Hours*

Sunday 12:00–1:00pm

Thursday 12:00–3:00pm

Friday 9:00am–12:00noon

### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be purchased for \$8.00 in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please see the front office for a form.

Orders for flowers will be taken until Wednesday, April 12, 2017



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

When: **June 17th, 9:00am-3:00pm**

Theme: Hero Central

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please attend the Volunteer Meeting on **April 2nd, 12:30pm** in the Conference Room.

*Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information*

### FAMILY PROMISE OF ALBUQUERQUE



Annual Sweet Jazz Concert, with Sid Fendley and Friends  
**Sunday, March 26, 7:00pm**, Sandia Presbyterian Church  
*Tickets: \$20.00 each or \$35.00 for two people.*

Visit [Familypromiseabq.org](http://Familypromiseabq.org) or see Pastor Kelly for more information

### SACRAMENTO CHURCH CAMP



Registration is open for all ages (**deadline: April 16th!**)

Transportation for King's Kids Camp (grades 2-4 | June 9-11) and Ritmo Camp (grades 7-12 | June 14-23) will be provided. Scholarships available (**deadline to apply: April 2**).

Visit [sacramentocamp.org](http://sacramentocamp.org) for camp information and visit with Pastor Kelly to registration and for scholarship information.



### SCOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

Both Girl Scout and Boy Scout members will be recognized and celebrated during our Sunday worship services.

*Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information*



### CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

“Quilted Together” Luncheon & Silent Auction

**May 6, 2017 @ 11:00am** in the Life Center

Proceeds benefit United Methodist Women Projects

*For ticket information contact the church office at (505) 243-7834.*

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



The season of Lent is nearly upon us. Please make plans to join Pastor Scott's Lenten Bible study on Wednesday nights during Lent. This study will combine study of the book of James, musical selections from a Requiem, and Holy Communion. The study will take place on **Wednesday nights, beginning March 8, at 5:15pm.**

*If you have questions please ask Pastor Scott.*

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