



When I was a boy I went with my mother to the grocery store. At some point during the trip I asked if I could have a packet of Sweet Tarts. The answer came back in the negative. I was disappointed, but I was also angry. I knew I wanted those candies, and I knew that I could steal them. I remember standing near the box that was close to the check-out line. I looked around. I looked around again. I looked around again, and again, and again. Inside me, there was a terrible struggle going on. Would I, or would I not, do something that I knew was wrong? Finally, I watched my mom turn her head to look in her purse and in an instant my hand shot into the carton, snatched some Sweet Tarts and moved them into my pocket. I was going to steal them.

Temptation. Temptation is part of life. Whether it is a small boy in the grocery store, or an adult deciding how to fill out their tax form. Temptation comes in many forms, and is different for each one of us. What we can definitely count on is that we are all tempted; to be someone other than ourselves, to fill the God-shaped hole of our lives with something else, to believe something that isn't true, or to give something more credit than it deserves.

Jesus faced temptation. He faced temptations of body and soul. The good news is that Jesus countered temptation with faith in God and integrity of heart. As we worship today, we will hear the story of Jesus' temptation, and it is my hope that as we see Jesus as our example, we can overcome the temptations of our lives.

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today at Central United Methodist Church in this season of Lent.

With Hope,
Scott

PS: I felt so guilty about the Sweet Tarts that I never ate them.

March 12, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE





SERMON SERIES
"40 DAYS OF GOOD NEWS"

CLASSIC SERVICE 8:30am & 11:00am
COMMUNITY OF HOPE 1:00pm



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN

Join us on **Saturday, March 25th**, for our monthly meeting of Central United Methodist Men. Note that we are meeting on the 4th Saturday instead of our normal 3rd Saturday. Our program will be presented by Dodie Hawkins. Dodie will discuss climate change and environmental conservation. Maurice Ikle, CUMC trustee chair, will also briefly inform us about plans to make Central a more energy conserving facility. We will gather for breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by the program at 8:30 AM.

Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 for more info or to RSVP.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Central United Methodist Women will host its annual Spring Luncheon, "Quilted Together in Love", on **May 6, 2017**. The program this year includes displays of creative quilts and experienced quilters sharing their expertise and experience. The cost is \$20. Each year, CUMW prepares a delicious luncheon, engages inspiring speakers, and holds a silent auction. The silent auction committee seeks donations from all. We need donations of services: such as spa passes, exercise passes, dinners, and entertainment coupons. Objects of art, jewelry, wall hangings, decorative items, collectables, crafts, paintings, and other hand made items are deeply appreciated. Special "Themed Baskets" will be sold and made by CUMW and other volunteers. Proceeds go to the many UMW outreach projects.

For further information, call / text Joyce Robertson, 505-259-3232 or Patricia Parkinson, 505-463-0063.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be purchased for \$8.00 in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Forms are available at the church office, or at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

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



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 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 for camp information and visit with Pastor Kelly to register and for scholarship information.

**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.

CHURCH STAFF

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