



Several years ago a friend was telling me about teaching his daughter how to drive. He said that he wasn't surprised that she easily caught on to steering and braking and maneuvering the vehicle. What was hard, and this is what surprised him so much, was his daughter's lack of awareness as to where she was in the city. This girl was raised here, but she didn't have much of an awareness of how to get from one part of the city to another. She lacked the navigational skills to find her way around. What my friend realized was that for her whole life she had been a passenger in the car unconcerned with how to get somewhere; she just trusted that her parents knew the way.

This story reminds me of the spiritual life in many ways. For some of us, the spiritual life, or life in the church, was given to us much like a ride in a car for a passenger. Maybe we wanted to go along for the ride, and maybe we didn't; but there we were. At some point, however, we made the decision to move from the passenger seat to the driver's seat.

In the spiritual life, that means taking responsibility to immerse ourselves in that which feeds the soul; prayer, worship, service, sacraments, etc.

Lent is a great time to focus on our spiritual life. The good news is that there is still plenty of Lent left to kickstart your spiritual life before Easter. Participate in our 40 Days of Good News and do something each day that will deepen your love of Jesus Christ, your relationship with your neighbor, and your commitment as a Christian.

Joyfully,

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 19, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



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.

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.

CLASS OF PROMISE

Class of Promise welcomes everyone to join us for our Readings for Lent and Easter. The discussion will be on the reading from the book "Bread and Wine".

Class of Promise is located in Room 304 every Sunday morning at 9:45am

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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

CALLING ALL MEN!

You are invited to join men from churches throughout the Albuquerque District for a forum on developing a men's ministry or ministry for men unique to your congregation. This is a forum-not a retreat and not a conference. We want to share each other's successes and frustrations in men's ministry. Join us! **Saturday, April 29, 2017; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**; Central UMC in Albuquerque. Cost is \$15 and includes a BBQ lunch!

Other details and Registration forms should be available from your church office, or from Chris Caldes at 505-870-5820, wcaldes1@gmail.com.

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.

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