



A great story, a great book, or a great movie, unfolds as it is told, read, or viewed. Sure, it would be more efficient just to tell the last few lines, or to just read the last chapter, or just watch the last few minutes, but that would be to miss the point. What a more complete experience it is when we hear the whole story, read the entire book, or watch the full movie.

In many ways, Easter—our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus after his death—is the climax of the story, the last chapter of a great book, or the closing scene of a movie. Obviously, celebration on Easter Sunday is a profound, and joyful, experience; and yet, without the context of Holy Week, it is somewhat incomplete. Palm Sunday, with its shouts of “Hosanna!” reminds us that all of Jerusalem was set on edge during Jesus’ last week on earth. Similarly, the pathos of Holy Thursday allows us to see Jesus in some of his most human moments with his disciples, and in his isolation. Good Friday, and its agony, is an uncomfortable day for worship, but one of the richest experiences of faith that one can have.

This year, as we near Easter (April 16), please join us for our Holy Week worship services:

- April 9: Palm Sunday, featuring the Chancel Choir singing “The Gospel Mass” (8:30 and 11:00)
- April 13: Holy Thursday service featuring Holy Communion (7:00pm)
- April 14: Good Friday service telling the story of Jesus’ death on the cross (7:00pm)
- April 15: Great Getting Up Morning featuring great music in anticipation of the resurrection (7:00pm)
- April 16: Easter Sunday featuring traditional worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
- April 16: Kid and Family Friendly Easter Service at 9:45am in the Life Center: The Case of the Missing Messiah!

Please join us in worship during this incredible season in the church’s life. Participating in the full breadth of the story of Jesus’ last week is a deeply enriching spiritual experience. Please make time to worship God, and to walk through the final scenes of Jesus’ life.

With hope and joy,
Scott

April 2, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE

40
DAYS

SERMON SERIES

“40 DAYS OF GOOD NEWS”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



United Methodist Women **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS**

April 6th @ 9:30am, Conference Room

Executive Committee Meeting

April 7th @ 9:30am

Church Women United

April 13th @ 9:30am, Rooms 311-312

General Meeting

April 15th @ 9:30am, Room 305

Lydian Subgroup

April 19th @ 11:45, Room 312

Friendly Lunch Bunch

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



CONGRATULATIONS ED VIGIL

The New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism has nominated and awarded a New Mexico Champion of Volunteerism Award in the category of Individual to Ed Vigil. Congratulations and thank you for everything you continue to do for everyone here at Central, and in our community.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop will be closed

Good Friday, 4/14 & Sunday, 4/16.

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.



SARANAM ANNUAL DREAMING OF HOME BREAKFAST

Did you know that Central has an amazing and unique program called Saranam designed to end homelessness and poverty in families? Please join us off-site at our Annual Dreaming of Home Breakfast to learn more about Saranam and hear from a single dad about his journey from the projects in LA to home at Saranam. He and his daughter, Denise are thriving and preparing for a life of success and stability. Breakfast is free, but RSVP is necessary.

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 am.

Please RSVP to Tracy Sharp at 299-6154 x 102 before April 9.

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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