



Last week I was sitting in a meeting here at the church, and as we worked through the agenda it became clear that each of the people sitting around the table brought a great deal of skill, talent, and commitment to the group. What was even more interesting is how each of these people, as they described what they were good at, also admitted to not being good at something else. It was an amazing thing to be part of: people coming

together to do important work because of their love for Jesus and the church. Also fascinating is the fact that, because I chair the nominations team, I knew exactly why we had asked all of these individuals to serve in this capacity. As I listened, remembered, and reflected, I gave thanks for the way in which the Holy Spirit works in our church and in our lives.

Today we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. One of the amazing promises of the resurrection is that as Jesus greeted his disciples he empowered them to be his witnesses in the world. Those men and women would combine their talents and gifts to help build the early ministry of the church. Were they all fully prepared for that? Of course not. Were they all skilled in the same way? No. Instead, it was the work of the Holy Spirit that drew their gifts out from them and melded them together in such a way that the good news of Jesus Christ would be proclaimed for thousands of years.

What a gift it is to stand in that great line of witnesses! What a gift we have been given through Central United Methodist Church! What a gift we have to pass on to the next generation of the faithful!

Central to Life!
Scott

April 23, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE





SERMON SERIES

"HE IS RISEN"

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN

All of the men who attend Central UMC are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's Forum that will be held at Central UMC on **Saturday, April 29th**. Registration forms are available at the front desk at Central or from Ed Vigil. In addition, the Central United Men will pay for the registration fee for the first ten men who contact *Ed Vigil* at (505) 221-0041. For additional information about the Forum, contact either Ed or Marion Jordan.

CENTRAL UMC BOOTH

Please visit Central UMCs Booth during the YMCAs **Healthy Kids Day**

When: **Saturday, April 29th 10:00am-1:00pm**

Where: Horn Family YMCA, 4901 Indian School Rd, NE

We will have information about our upcoming Vacation Bible School, Children and Youth Programming, and Worship Services.

Bring the family and enjoy a fun day at the YMCA!

For more information, please visit with Pastor Kelly.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

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

Theme: Hero Central

Please visit the front desk or contact Pastor Kelly for registration information.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS



"Quilted Together in Love"

Saturday, May 6; 11:00 in the Life Center

Luncheon and Silent Auction

tickets are \$20 and will be sold in the gathering area between services on **April 23 and April 30**.



HELPING HANDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Central UMC Helping Hands Ministry (HHM) needs volunteers to work Wednesday and/or Friday morning.

If you are interested in giving a helping hand to folks in need with a smile and a prayer please come watch us in action.

Call Cindy at 505-249-9117 to set up a visit to HHM to see if you would like to join our team.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



The April monthly newsletter is now available through the church's email group list. There will be a few printed copies at the Welcome Desk in the gathering area. Connect Cards are at the Desk and in the pews to easily provide the office with current contact information including your email address so that you may receive the newsletter. **PLEASE NOTE:** Leaders of Sunday school classes, please provide a short description of your class to include in the newsletter's list which will appear on a regular basis. Correct, if I have the wrong contact person listed. Also, provide a phone number if other than the church office. Thanks! Pat Briggs at communicationsteam@centraltolife.com or 268-1009

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly at the church office or via email at kellyb@centraltolife.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 -10:45AM, 4YR OLDS - 5TH GRADE.

Learning through games, crafts, music, and storytelling.

SOUL KIDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Sundays 9:45-10:00am downstairs Children's Sunday School Classroom.

CHURCH STAFF

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