



Today is a very important day in the life of Central. Over the last several months a group of dedicated people have offered themselves up to be trained as Stephen Ministers. Today we have the honor of consecrating these people for Stephen Ministry at our church.

You might ask, “What is a Stephen Minister?” The short answer is that a Stephen Minister is a person who gives care to another. By using the “Caregiver’s Compass,” which indicates that a Stephen Minister is compassionate, full of faith, skilled, and trustworthy, Stephen Ministers are willing and able to walk alongside persons who are in need of care.

As Stephen Ministers provide care to a care-receiver, they also continue their training, they are supervised by a leader, and they are consistently practicing their own spiritual development and spiritual growth.

I hope that even this short description of Stephen Ministry gives you a glimpse of the power of this ministry. Stephen Ministers commit themselves to caring for others, and that care is done through, and on behalf of, Jesus Christ. It is my belief that Stephen Ministry can be a truly significant ministry for Central in the way we care for one another.

At this point in our Stephen Ministry journey, we are able to start finding folks who need the care of a Stephen Minister. If you know someone who needs care please contact Pastor Scott, Pastor Kelly, or Judy Williams. We are able to assess if the needs of a person are appropriate for a Stephen Minister.

Speaking of Judy Williams, I cannot express my gratitude enough for her. Judy brought the desire for Stephen Ministry to Central, she has been an evangelist for this ministry, she has trained the group and served as the facilitator, and she has prayed—I know she has prayed—for this group, this ministry, and this day of celebration. Thank you Judy!

Easter teaches us that Jesus Christ is alive! Today we remember that sometimes the only Christ that some people ever meet is the one that we offer them in care.

Welcome to worship,
Scott

April 30, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



SERMON SERIES

“HE IS RISEN”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



**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.*



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.org or 268-1009.



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.*



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS

May 4th @ 9:30am, Conference Room

Executive Committee Meeting

May 5th @ 10:00am

Church Women United

May 5th @ 9:00am, Life Center

Spring Lunch Setup

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

"Quilted Together in Love"

Luncheon and Silent Auction

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

May 10th @ 2:00pm, Conference Room

Book Club

May 17th @ 11:45, Room 311

Friendly Lunch Bunch

May 20th @ 9:30am, Rooms 311-312

General Meeting

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

Rev. Dr. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor

Rev. Kelly Brooks, Executive Pastor

Rev. Janet Norden, Associate Pastor

Jerri Foster, Director of Music Ministries

Michele Humes, Office Administrator

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