



GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

CTL News, May 7, 2017



Today marks a number of transitions in our congregation.

First, we recognize our high school seniors who are preparing to graduate in the next few weeks! Each of these students has run the race and is nearing the finish line of this stage of life. The excitement and joy they feel as they prepare to don cap and gown is the passage from one of life's chapters to another. Some will continue their studies while some will enter the

workforce. No matter where life leads these Seniors next, our prayers go with them.

We also mark another transition today. Jerri Foster has served as the Director of Music Ministries at Central since 2003. Jerri has brought the gift of song and music to our sanctuary worship services, and has shown compassion and love to many, many people. Jerri's energy and zest for life are contagious. Simply stated, Jerri has built a wonderful music program at Central.

This strong foundation is now being passed on. This is a time of transition, as the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Jerri have come to a retirement agreement. We know that you will want to celebrate Jerri's ministry and more information will be coming soon in that regard.

In the meantime, another transition presents itself. Jonathan Davidson, who has been singing and interning with us for the last couple of years, will serve as our interim Director of Music Ministry through the summer. Jonathan has been working alongside Jerri and is honored to fill this position, and is grateful to be entrusted with this legacy. Please welcome Jonathan today with handshake and hug.

Finally, while we are in worship today, 33 children from Lowell Elementary school will be competing in their first ever running race. The annual Run for the Zoo takes place today, and these children are participating! They each have a Lowell shirt and running shoes that were funded through some generous donors, and they will all be wearing a proud smile on their face as they run the 5K event. Thank you for continuing to support Central's relationship with Lowell, and next week we will have pictures from the race.

Easter is a time of transitions. From death to life. From grief to joy. From despair to hope. It is my prayer that we will all find God's presence to be with through the Holy Spirit in every transition through which we walk.

With Easter Hope,
Scott

May 7, 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.*

OFFICE CLOSED



- CLOSED Tuesday, May 9th
- CLOSED Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS



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

CUMC FOUNDATION MEETING



May 21st Sunday @ 12:15pm, Conference Room

THRIFT SHOP



CLOSED Sunday, May 28th for Memorial Day

Plant Sale



The youth will be having their annual flower/plant sale on **May 14th** which is **Mother's Day**.

Plan on getting your mom a pot of flowers or some garden items for this special day.



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The May 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.*

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