

# GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

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June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the birth of the church. For many people the Holy Spirit is kind of the forgotten member of the Trinity. The book of Acts helps us to understand the work of the Holy Spirit, especially as it relates to the work of the church. Pentecost, is the most dramatic story about the Holy Spirit, but there are also sublime stories that detail the Holy Spirit's ministry and work.

To help us grow in our knowledge, understanding, and practice of the Holy Spirit, I will be starting a new series in worship beginning June 4. Through the summer we will be focusing on the book of Acts, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the early church. To serve as a guide through Acts I will be focusing on Justo Gonzalez's book, Three Months with the Spirit. If you are interested in reading that book as a study guide through the summer, or in joining together with other folks to study the book, please talk to Pastor Kelly. Additionally, I will be leading a Bible study on this book on Wednesday nights beginning June 7 at 6:00pm. Again, talk to Pastor Kelly if you're interested in joining that group.

As always, our Pentecost Sunday worship will be filled with celebrations and praise to the Holy Spirit. One of the traditions of our church is to have the Pipe and Drum Corps with us for that Sunday morning. Additionally, this year, a youth group from Norman, OK will be joining us to ring handbells. I hope that you will take the opportunity to study Acts with us this summer in worship.

With Joy, 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!













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"HE IS RISEN"

**CLASSIC SERVICE** 

**COMMUNITY OF HOPE** 

8:30am & 11:00am

1:00pm



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## 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.



### **CLASS OF PROMISE**

Class of Promise will start the study of the Book of James on **May 21st**. No pre-work is necessary. We would love for you to join us in Classroom 304 on Sunday Mornings at 9:45am.



#### **CUMC FOUNDATION MEETING**

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



#### **THRIFT SHOP**

CLOSED **Sunday, May 28th** for Memorial Day



#### **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN**

Join us on **Saturday, May 20th** meeting of Central United Methodist Men. Our program will be presented by Will Steinsiek, our New Mexico Conference Archivist. Rev. Steinsiek will bring us a tale of our Methodist Heritage, possible Circuit Riders, perhaps John Chivington. Who knows, come and find out!! 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.* 

**CHURCH STAFF** 

Rev. Dr. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor Rev. Kelly Brooks, Executive Pastor Rev. Janet Norden, Associate Pastor Michele Humes, Office Administrator Kathy Gough, Office Assistant OFFICE CLOSED

CLOSED Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day

#### **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

The Communications Team is looking for information for the June newsletter. The published deadline for this information is **Friday May 26**... but earlier would be great!!

- Does your ministry or group need any volunteers or items donated? In the May edition, we advertised volunteer needs and donations for Helping Hands. The section is called "What can you do?"
- Sunday school classes we received descriptions from 3 classes! We could use more...please send to communicationsteam@centraltolife.org.
   Questions? Call Pat Briggs at 268-1009

Is there something that you would like the newsletter committee to report on? Please contact us!

### **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS**

May 17th @ 11:45, Room 311

Friendly Lunch Bunch

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

General Meeting

### **Plant Sale**

The youth will be having their annual flower/plant sale **TODAY** which is **Mother's Day**.

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

Jesus Valdez, Media Coordinator Rick Wild, Organist Ronselle Harrison, Audio Tech Alesha Bird, ASL Interpreter





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