



**The Wesley study Bible has this to say about the book of Revelation:**

“The Revelation was not written without tears; neither without tears will it be understood’ (John Wesley, Notes on the New Testament, Rev 5:4). These “words of prophecy” (1: 3) draw upon all our senses to see, hear, touch, smell, and even taste, the word of God for today. Perhaps this is one reason why the book has been so hard to resist for poets, painters, musicians, and

other artists, who are often among its best interpreters. Revelation is an account of John’s visionary experience with the resurrected Jesus, an experience facilitated from start to finish by the Holy Spirit. Revelation’s hearers are urged to share in John’s experience of the Spirit, not only in understanding what is written but also in their Spirit-led worship of the risen One. The result is a more faithful witness to God in the hostile world described in Revelation.”

For the next seven weeks our focus in worship is going to be on the book of Revelation. Specifically, we will be studying the letters to the seven churches. In each of these letters, John speaks for Jesus about the situation in each local congregation. These letters are a mixture of appreciation and frustration, applause and critique, faith and failure. If you would like to read ahead, please read the first three chapters of Revelation.

It is my hope that we can experience this small slice of Revelation on three levels. First, each one of these letters helps us appreciate the historical situation in which Revelation was written; a time of open persecution against Christians. Second, in understanding what these early churches faced, we can ask ourselves, as a congregation, what does it mean for us to be faithful in our setting, in this time. Third, these letters can be read as a personal letter. In other words, how is my Christian life like that of the church of Ephesus or Smyrna?

I hope that you will join us for worship during the summer months as the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John speaks to us today at Central United Methodist Church. Welcome to worship!

With Love,  
Scott

June 18, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



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### SERMON SERIES

“7 CHURCHES, 7 LETTERS, 7 WEEKS”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

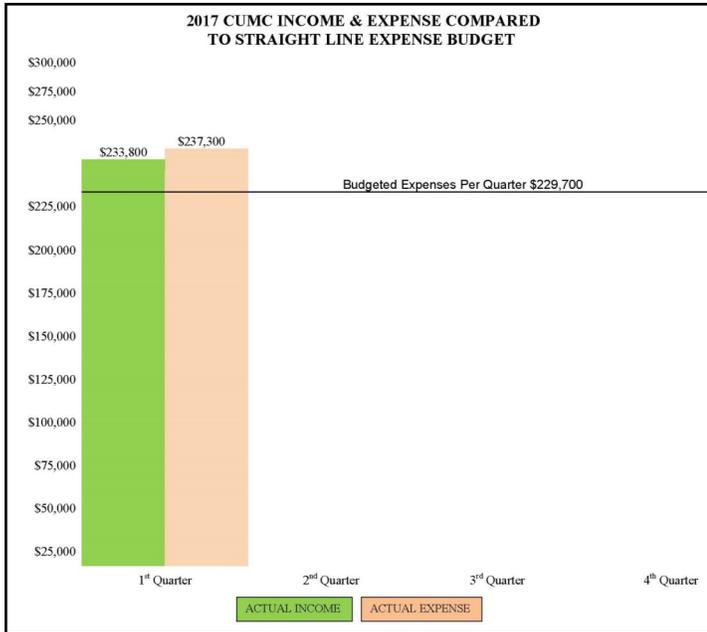
COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



### OFFERING OF LETTERS

Next Sunday, our Church will participate in the 2017 Offering of Letters: Doing Our Part to End Hunger. This event, by Bread for the World, gives us the opportunity to write to our members of Congress to urge them to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to end hunger. You can write your letters immediately following both services or you can write and email at home. All contact information and supplies will be provided, as well as a sample letter. Please plan to participate in this important event.



**COFFEE MINISTRY** is scheduled to return in August.



This is a time we meet in the CUMC parking lot and greet students and guests with a no-cost cup of coffee and a friendly smile. Please contact Pastor Kelly if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry.

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR OPPORTUNITY



- Project Share CUMC Coordinator

CUMC is in need of an individual to coordinate groups and volunteers for the Project Share Program. Volunteers pick-up, prepare, and serve meals for families with the St. Martin’s Hospitality Center. Please contact Cathy Swain if you are interested in becoming Central’s Coordinator for this program: [swainrep@gmail.com](mailto:swainrep@gmail.com).



### UNITED METHODIST MEN

Join us on **Saturday, June 24, 2017** for our Central UMM Breakfast Meeting. Breakfast will be served at **8:00am** followed by a presentation by Casper Verstappe. Casper was raised in Holland during World War II. He will describe a story of survival, sacrifice, perseverance and fortitude.  
Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 to RSVP or for more information.

### UPCOMING MUSIC AT CENTRAL



**June 25th**

- Roy Waugh

**July 2nd**

- Fourth of July Celebration: Choir & Sinfonia

### THRIFT SHOP



**CLOSED Sunday, June 18th** for Father’s Day

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