



In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), we find Jesus saying these words to his would-be followers: “...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear...” Jesus then goes on to give examples of how God provides in ways that we do not understand. When it comes to clothing, Jesus says, “And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all of his glory was not clothed like one of these.”

I mention these words of Jesus because every time that I come into the church through the east entrance I stop to notice the flowers. Right now they are yellow and red. They are reaching up into the air three feet, four feet, five feet! They are a celebration of life, they are hands applauding the summer, they are a standing ovation to both their Creator, and their care-takers. Indeed, these flowers thrive because they are cared for. They are fed and watered, they are weeded and fertilized. They are nurtured and they are left alone to do their work. These flowers, and these flower beds, are a demonstration of the creative diversity of God’s imagination and the handiwork of those whose work is often unappreciated or overlooked.

In these days, where it seems like every news article is an invitation to worry, let us consider the flowers. Let us consider that faithful people have decided that the gift that they have to give to the world is the care of flowers, and that their work can be an offering of joy. Thank you, gardeners! Thank you! For the rest of us, who have thumbs that aren’t quite as green, let’s find a way to give a gift of joy to the world. Let us offer a smile. Let us offer a prayer. Let us offer a helping hand. Let us offer a moment of silence in a clamorous world. Let us offer to fix something when others simply want to break things. Let us be a sign of not worry in a world full of worry.

With Joy,  
Scott

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**"7 CHURCHES, 7 LETTERS, 7 WEEKS"**

**CLASSIC SERVICE**

**8:30am & 11:00am**

**COMMUNITY OF HOPE**

**1:00pm**



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

- **CLOSED on July 3rd & July 4th.**

**Church 4 Kids?**



Church 4 Kids is on a break for the summer and will return on **August 13th**. Backpack Blessing!

**CHILDREN AND ADULT MINISTRIES**

Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly at the church office or via email to [kellyb@centraltolife.org](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org);

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes.
- **Weekdays:** Several small study groups to choose from: Monday night, Wednesday or Friday mornings. [www.centraltolife.org](http://www.centraltolife.org)

**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, [kellyb@centraltolife.org](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org).*

**NO Children's Sunday School on JULY 2nd**

There will NOT be Children's Sunday School on **July 2nd** - Child Care/Nursery will be available during the Sunday School hour.

**UPCOMING MUSIC AT CENTRAL** 

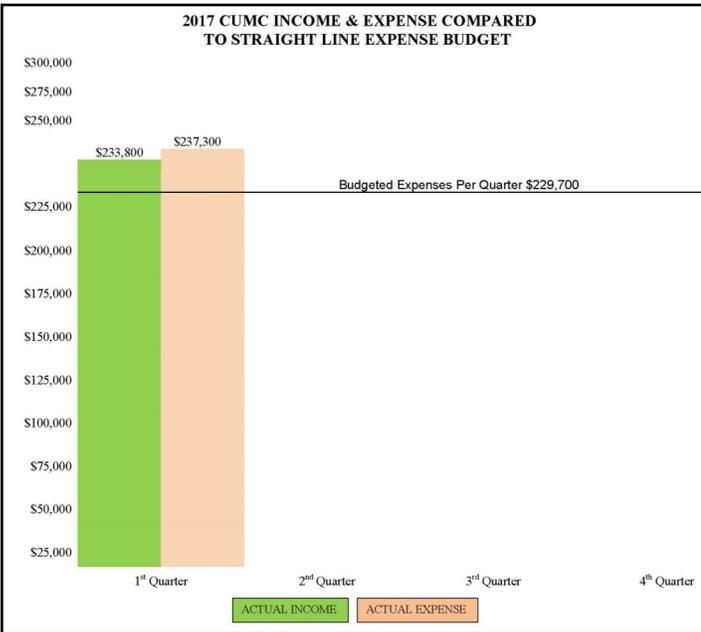
**July 2nd**

- Fourth of July Celebration: Choir & Sinfonia

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**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.



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