



An important part of “Vibrant Tradition” at Central United Methodist Church, is our interpretation and application of the tradition of the Christian faith for our contemporary lives. The Apostles’ Creed is one of the bedrock pieces of this tradition. Many of us know this creed by heart, and have known it most of our lives. Others may have learned it as adults, and some have never heard the Apostles’ Creed.

Whether we know the Creed or not, do we really understand it? Do we appreciate how it came into being, and what it meant when it was created? Have we an idea how the Creed shapes us? Are there parts of the Creed that confound us, confuse us, or cause conflict within us? What criticism might we bring to the Creed? What role can the Creed play in our lives today?

Beginning August 6, we will be starting a sermon series on the Apostle’s Creed. Entitled “The Apostles’ Creed: I Believe—Questions in Context, Faith in Action”, this series will study the Creed through the New Testament letter of Paul to the Romans. In addition to the Creed being the focus of Sunday morning worship, a Wednesday night Bible study on Romans will be offered as well.

I am really excited about diving into two of the most important theological statements of our tradition: the Apostles’ Creed and the book of Romans. Each one of these documents has had tremendous impact on the church, and it is my hope that through our study of each, our faith can be more relevant, informed, faithful, and committed to discipleship.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and may God gather us together again in August.

With Devotion,
Scott

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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!



July 9, 2017

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“7 CHURCHES, 7 LETTERS, 7 WEEKS”

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN

Join us on Saturday, **July 15, 2017** for our Central UMM breakfast meeting. Breakfast will be served at **8:00 AM** followed by a presentation by Art Sharpe. Art has been extensively involved in construction projects on the Navajo reservation and will describe some of the projects that have been completed as well as some projects that are underway or are being planned. All are welcome!! *Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 to RSVP or for more information.*

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS



The United Methodist Women's Book Club will next meet on **July 12 at 2:00pm** in the Conference Room at Central. The book for discussion this meeting is My Salinger Year by Joanna Rakoff. Women of all ages are welcome to come and join in discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



Are you curious about your church? What's happening? Who is who? Be sure to read the weekly CTL News and bulletin insert for announcements and the Monthly Newsletter for more detailed information on more topics. Make sure the church office has your email address so that you can receive your very own copy! There will be limited hard copies available at the Welcome Desk and in the Narthex.

In the July newsletter edition, read about:

- Who really is Scott Sharp? What does he do in his private life?
- CUMC Thrift Shop- history and how your shopping has helped the church through the years?
- What does the Staff Parish Relations Committee do? What are their responsibilities?

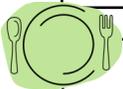


ATTENTION MEMBERS!

No matter what kind of car you drive, you will need a new parking permit. Members can pick up a permit application at the front desk and new permits will be available for pick-up starting **August 6th**.

CHURCH WIDE POT LUCK

Mark your calendars for church wide pot luck **Sunday, July 23rd at Noon** in the Life Center. The hamburgers and hot dogs are being provided. Bring a side or dessert to share and plan on staying to play some games. This event is being hosted by your CUMC Youth group and Governance Team.



Church 4 Kids

Church 4 Kids is on a break for the summer and will return on **August 13th**. Backpack Blessing! Please bring your backpacks when we return in August for a Backpack Blessing in the Courtyard. *Please see Pastor Kelly for more information.*

CHILDREN AND ADULT MINISTRIES

Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly at the church office or via email to 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

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