



Over the first half of this year we have talked quite a bit about our new Stephen Ministry. You probably know that Stephen Ministry is about providing Christian care for people in need. You probably also know that Stephen Ministers are highly trained individuals whose purpose is simply to be with a care receiver in a way that presents the spirit of Christ. You probably also know that we have a number of Stephen Ministers who are ready to walk alongside care receivers.

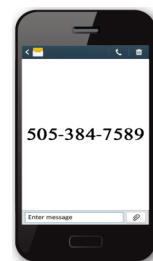
Do you know who care receivers are? Care receivers can be just about anyone. Care receivers are people who are facing problems, big or small. Care receivers are people who need someone to listen. Care receivers are people who have long-term issues, and care receivers are people with short-term issues. Care receivers are people of faith, and care receivers are people of doubt. Care receivers are active in churches, and care receivers are people who aren't active in church at all. Care receivers are members of Central, and care receivers are members of other churches, or no church at all. In other words, care receivers are simply people who want someone to be with them to offer care in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you, or someone you know, might be a good fit for a Stephen Minister please contact Pastor Scott, or Pastor Kelly. Also, Judy Williams is our Stephen Ministry leader and can answer questions as well. Central is truly blessed to have Stephen Ministry and our Stephen Ministers are ready to care.

With care,  
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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**SERMON SERIES**  
"CREDO: I BELIEVE-QUESTIONS IN CONTEXT,  
FAITH IN ACTION"

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



**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN**

Central United Methodist Men will not have a breakfast meeting in August. We will meet again on Saturday, **September 16th** to hear Dr. Lenton Malry. Dr. Malry was the first black APS principal, the first black New Mexico state legislator and the first black county commissioner. Come hear his story of coming from a segregated Louisiana childhood to a distinguished career in public service in New Mexico.  
*Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 for additional information.*



**BRING WESLEY-UNM A MEAL!**

UNM Wesley Young Adults is a college age ministry. Meals are needed every Tuesday evening during the school semester, to feed approximately 20-25 students. We are seeking groups/individuals to sign up for a meal! Please take a look and send us a message if you have any questions to Victoria Baker:rvlmbaker@gmail.com. This group of college age young adults seek to spread the Word of God with passion every week and strive to be more and more like Jesus by reaching out to bring others to that same place of passion. Won't you join in the ministry by sharing your ministry of a meal? These meals are dinner only, no breakfasts or other times.



**EXPLORATION** is a three-day event for young adults age 18-26 to listen, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry and to



explore their gifts for service as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church. If you have sensed God might be calling you to ordained ministry, wondered what ministry in The United Methodist Church is all about, would like help sifting through issues involved in an ordained vocation, or want to learn more about The United Methodist seminaries and theological schools, this gathering is for you.

Exploration creates sacred space for young adults to be in meaningful fellowship, passionate worship, theological reflection, and practical workshops as they discern whether God's call on their life is to ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and what faithful steps they can take in response.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kelly

**Church-Wide Potluck**



"Please plan on attending a called Charge Conference and church-wide potluck on **September 10th at 12:30pm** in the Life Center. We will discuss and vote on two financial requests from Saranam and enjoy food and fellowship time together.

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