



*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
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When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and sea, stand by me. (UMH 512)*

As I write this, Hurricane Irma has already ripped through some of the Caribbean islands, Florida is evacuating, and tensions are high. Of course this storm comes on the heels of Hurricane Harvey that hit the Texas gulf coast. In addition to these storms, this week students at UNM walked out in protest over issues related to immigration. Our world is very turbulent.

What are we to do? Certainly, in terms of Texas, we have already shown our solidarity with those devastated by that hurricane through your generosity to UMCOR. As we find out what happens with Irma I am confident that we will respond there too. And, I am confident that in terms of the issues that face our nation we are positioning ourselves in prayer so that we can take a position on the issues that touch our community, our country, and our world.

Today, as we worship, we will be focusing on the line of the Apostles' creed which emphasizes Jesus' birth. What that story teaches us is that God is not removed from the world God created. Instead, God became one of us—fully human—to live among us, and to demonstrate what faithful living looks like even in the midst of stormy seas. My prayer for us today is that as we gather for worship, we might also gather for prayer, for service, for response-ability, and for compassion.

I believe in God the Father, Almighty; maker of heaven and earth. And, in Jesus Christ; his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary...

With Hope,  
Scott



### Church-Wide Potluck

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

*For questions about this request see Tracy Sharp after worship.*

September 10, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



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

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

**"SPRING 2018 MINISTRY FOCUS"**

Today in worship you will see a video describing our Spring Ministry Focus for 2018. In many ways, this focus follows along with what we are doing currently in our sermon series "Credo" in that we will be focusing on our Wesleyan roots.

In January we will be having an all church retreat at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. This retreat is for all ages and will have corresponding curriculum. In some ways, this retreat is like a confirmation retreat, or maybe a confirmation refresher retreat. In addition to learning a lot about our church heritage there will be time for worship, enjoying camp, and having a great time in fellowship. The dates are January 12-15.

During Lent of 2018 Central will offer a number of small group and Bible study opportunities to dig deeper into the life of John Wesley, The United Methodist Church, and our ministry. Each Sunday worship service will have something to do with Wesley as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Finally, in May, Central is embarking on a 10 day trip to England to experience the historic birthplace of John Wesley, and what would become the Methodist movement. This trip will be an exciting and faith growing adventure.

*For more information and registration materials, please contact Pastor Kelly.*



**THRIFT SHOP 1/2 PRICE SALE**

*Starting September 7th during Regular Shop Hours*

**Sunday 12:00–1:00pm**  
**Thursday 12:00–3:00pm**  
**Friday 9:00am–12:00noon**

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS**



**September 13, 2:00-3:00pm**, Book Club, Conference Room  
*The Perfect Horse* by Elizabeth Letts. All women are welcome to come for discussion of this book. *Come, even if you haven't been able to get the book read.*

**September 20, 11:45am**,  
 Friendly Lunch Bunch, Room 311



**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

Central United Methodist Men will meet on 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 to RSVP or for additional information.*

**WOMEN OF THE WORD**



WOW has begun a new study entitled *The Lost World of Adam and Eve* (Genesis 2-3 and the Human Origin Debate) by John H. Walton; books are available now. WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in Room 311. *Contact Vera, 328-3516, if you would like more info.*

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