



Last week our archivist, Mr. Rick Nelson, showed me something very interesting, and timely. It seems that on September 29, 1951 our church bells were installed. That means that Friday was the 66th anniversary of that addition to our church.

Originally, the bells were the gift of the Nye family, and we have a number of pictures of a young Kyle Nye posing with the bells and his family. Over the last couple of years, George Meinecke has made sure that the bells sound before our worship services. Lately, Betsy

Deiterman has joined in the mission to ring the bells. The bells remind us of two things. First, they are a call to worship, an invitation to settle our hearts and minds of the presence of the Holy Spirit as we take our place in the holy space of the sanctuary. Second, the bells remind us that the church still stands as a messenger to the world that Christ is alive and with us.

Now, the truth is that not all of our neighbors like the bells. Every once in a while we get an email or a note that asks us to stop ringing them. Well, I understand that they might be heard as an annoyance by someone who wants to sleep in on a Sunday, but that's not enough for us to quit ringing the bells and announcing that we believe that Christ is alive and calls us to worship.

My hope is that each Sunday you will hear the bells, and in so doing, you will be reoriented to the presence of the Holy Spirit and that you will come to worship.

With listening ears,  
Scott

On **October 8th**, during Church 4 Kids at the 11:00am worship service, we will be celebrating Saint Francis Day. Please bring a picture of your pet/s or of a favorite animal to this special time.



If you have any questions, please email Pastor Kelly: [kellyb@centraltolife.org](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org)

**\*TRICK OR TREAT NOT ON THE STREET (TOTNOTS) OCTOBER 29TH 2-4PM**

This year TOTNOTS will be taking place on Sunday, October 29th from 2-4pm at the South end of our parking lot. I invite each of you to decorate your car trunks and hand out treats to children of all ages in this safe and fun environment. Prizes will be given to three trunks with the best treats, best decorations, and best overall. The youth of the church will be providing carnival games and food, and we will be hosting a bounce house, costume parade, and much more. What a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends, family, and neighbors as we celebrate as a community this fall season!

Feel free to contact me with any questions! Rev. Kelly Brooks [kellyb@centraltolife.org](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org)



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**COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

The **October CUMC** Newsletter is now in your email inbox and available on the CUMC website.

**Inside this edition read about:**

- Program changes at CUMC, including the Community of Hope 1:00 service
- Two Retired Pastors at CUMC - Who are they? What are they thinking?
- Would you like something in the newsletter? The deadline for the November edition is Tuesday October 17.

Please contact the Communications Team at [communicationsteam@centraltolife.org](mailto:communicationsteam@centraltolife.org) or call 268-1009 (Briggs family)



**An Evening of Promise**

***A Benefit for Family Promise of Albuquerque***

**November 3rd, 2017 7:00pm at the Prestige Event Center**

Join us for an evening of dinner, dancing and silent auction featuring music by the Kipsies! For tickets and more information, visit [www.FamilyPromiseABQ.org](http://www.FamilyPromiseABQ.org)

**Helping Hands Street Ministry  
 Adult Coat Drive**



**Coats Needed for Individuals on the Street**

It is that time of the year to check your closet and donate coats that can help the homeless stay warm this fall and winter.

Please bring them to the Church office.

*For questions, contact: Cynthia Kaiser @ (505) 249-9117*

**"Be Strong and of Good Courage"**

First UMC-Roswell is hosting a conversation on being a courageous leader in an anxious time. Guest speaker will be Rev. John Thornburg from the Texas Methodist Foundation.

**November 7th at 10:00am-3:00pm** at First UMC-Roswell



**"SPRING 2018 MINISTRY FOCUS"**

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**\*INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH AT 12:30 IN THE LIFE CENTER\***

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

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