



Today in worship we are focusing on that one line of the Apostles' Creed that references the Holy Spirit. Simply stated, the creed invites us to say "I believe in the Holy Spirit." It's no wonder that the Holy Spirit is often described as the "forgotten member of the Trinity." It seems to me that part of the reason for this is that while we believe in the Holy Spirit as the way in which God is with us even today, we aren't always sure about how God does that through the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps, with this being Balloon Fiesta and all, the image of a balloon is helpful in our understanding the work of the Holy Spirit. Balloons drift with the wind. Using altitude to find different wind patterns, balloonists can navigate through the air to some degree, but they are largely dependent upon the way in which the wind wants to blow. Obviously, this is a very different way of traveling through the air than say an airplane. A pilot uses the plane's power system to move in the direction the pilot wants to go. While there is attention given to the wind, and other weather forces, the pilot has control over much of how the plane will move.

The way in which I experience the Holy Spirit is similar to that of the balloonist. When I am willing to let go of the ways I want to control God, and allow God to lead me, I experience the peace of the Holy Spirit in ways that I don't know when I'm trying to drive everything. This sense of spiritual confidence, or consolation, is significant to me in that my reliance upon God, while not always easy, does provide assurance. The wind blows, as does the Spirit; and we are asked to soar along.

With Love,
Scott

October 8, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE

Today, 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.



***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



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8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

If you, family, friends, or the person themselves would like to **honor a veteran and/or an active duty service member of our church** by a mention in the November edition. Please send the following information by **TUESDAY OCTOBER 17** (and other relevant information) to the Communications Team:

Name, years of service, branch of the service, where served, etc.

Please contact the Communications Team at communicationsteam@centraltolife.org or 505-268-1009 (Briggs family)



An Evening of Promise

A Benefit for Family Promise of Albuquerque

**November 3rd, 2017 7:00pm at the Prestige Event Center
 2019 5th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

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

**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"

CREDO

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

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