



When my wife was in college she worked part-time as a youth director at a United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, and she tells this story. At one point the church hired a new staff member who had the responsibility of preparing the Sunday morning bulletin. This new staff member was new to The United Methodist Church and was totally unfamiliar with the Apostles' Creed, as she came from a church tradition that did not employ the creeds. One Sunday the Apostles' Creed was scheduled to be prayed during the worship service. Most of the worshippers didn't see the typo, but those who were reading the creed, rather than reciting it from memory saw this in the third stanza of the creed:

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Methodist church,
the communion of saints,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

If you look at the Apostles' Creed in our hymnal on page 881, you will see that there is an asterisk where the creed says the "catholic" church. The footnote reminds us that the small "c" catholic church means "universal." I guess that the person preparing that bulletin so many years ago didn't catch that detail, and so that congregation got to affirm their faith in the "holy Methodist church" at least once.

Today, as we continue our journey through the Apostles' Creed, we affirm our faith in the "holy catholic church" which means that we are but part of the expression of the body of Christ. We are part of a great mystery. At the same time, we are located in a specific place, with a specific mission, and a specific incarnation of the church in this place, at this time. I'm so grateful to serve here alongside you as we practice being part of the universal church, together.

With Gratitude,
Scott



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

We are collecting candy, financial donations, and desserts for the cake walk.

Please see either Kathy G. or Pastor Kelly for information.

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

October 15, 2017

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 8:30am & 11:00am

“OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH” HOW CAN I SUPPORT OUR PASTORS?

Observe Pastor Appreciation Month in October each year, expressing appreciation to the pastor(s).

Recognize that Sunday is a work day for the pastors. Encourage him/her to observe a Sabbath day, other than Sunday.

Invite the pastor and his/her spouse/family to civic and community functions where he/she can meet others in the community.

To Learn more about the 50 Ways to Support Your Pastor’s Well-Being visit www.wespath.org/assets/1/7/4775.pdf

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
 Help us fill 2-tables for this event! See Pastor Kelly for tickets



“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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