

A couple of weeks ago the SPRC and Pastoral Staff received a letter from Mr. Rick Wild announcing his retirement effective December 31, 2017, with his last worship services being Christmas Eve. As you might imagine, everyone who received and read that letter was saddened by the news, and excited for Rick and his family as they move into the possibilities of retirement. You will read below some statements from Rick's letter that both summarize his ministry here at Central and point to the future:

"It has always been easy to remember when I started at Central—I was told on the night of September 10, 2001, that I had gotten the job. Since 1998, I had served as Assistant Wedding Organist, and before that time I had been involved in accompanying choir retreats. The first time I played for Central's Chancel Choir was in 1988.

I will turn 63 on December 15. I began playing the organ for church when I was 13. I think 50 years—half a century—is a good run.

I have served faithfully at Central working with four music directors, three senior pastors, about a dozen associate/assistant pastors, six business/office managers, and probably 30 custodians. I have seen many, many people both come and go. It has been quite a journey, and I thank the good people of Central United Methodist Church for this very special opportunity that I have had."

In His Service,
Rick Wild, AAGO, ChM

Indeed, Rick has served in the service of Christ, providing beautiful music in so many different ways. Rick has also served as a faithful reminder that our lives are called to be in service to Christ both inside the church and out.

Thank you, Rick. Thank you for everything! God bless you and your family!
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 22, 2017

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**"CREDO: I BELIEVE-QUESTIONS IN CONTEXT,
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CLASSIC SERVICE
8:30am & 11:00am

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

Respect the pastor's responsibility to keep many issues and information confidential (i.e., details of member illnesses, certain financial information, etc.)

Recognize that the pastor is also a Christian on a spiritual journey and will not have "all the answers."

Encourage the pastor to socialize with others outside the church "family" with whom he/she can "step outside" the pastoral role for a period of time.

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



Homebound Members/Friends

Four times a year (February, May, August, November) on the first Sunday of the month volunteers deliver and serve communion to our homebound members/friends.

If you are interested in sharing the Lord's Supper with one of these gracious folks, *please contact Pastor Kelly or Anne Downing (717-1020).*



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

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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