

**This Monday, November 13th at 6:00pm**, members of the community of Central United Methodist Church are invited to gather together to be part of our Annual Church Conference. Please join us for this special time in our community of faith as we celebrate and fellowship together. *Please bring desserts to share.*



**Help us to prepare for the advent season this year!**

Please bring your Nativity set to the Welcome Desk before worship service TODAY (8:30am or 11:00am service). You can pick your set up following the worship. The printed Nativity Advent Calendars will be ready on the first Sunday of Advent, **December 3rd** and will include a daily scripture reading and a photo of a CUMC member's Nativity set. *Please contact Pastor Kelly with any questions: [KellyB@centraltolife.org](mailto:KellyB@centraltolife.org)*

**Advent Happenings**

The CUMC Giving Tree will be ready on Sunday, November 19th. This year, CUMC will be collecting gift cards for Family Promise and Saranam. The CUMC Giving Tree will be located in the Welcome Center and we will be collecting gift cards at the front desk until **Sunday, December 10th**. *Please see Pastor Kelly for more information.*

**An Advent Study, "Down to Earth", with Pastor Kelly** will be every Wednesday starting on

**Wednesday, November 29th – December 20th, 11:00am-12:00pm**, at the Starbucks on Lomas and Washington. *Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.*



**Christmas Eve Services:**

8:30am and 11:00am Sunday Advent Services  
8:00pm Lessons and Carols  
11:00pm Candlelight and Communion

**New Year's Eve Service:**

8:30-10:00am – Breakfast Potluck, Life Center  
10:00am – Worship Service



**CUMC Offices Will Be Closed: November 22-24th 2017, December 25-29th 2017, January 1st**



**2017 Potlucks at Central United Methodist Church**

*All potlucks will be served and shared in the Life Center*

**Church Thanksgiving Potluck and Stewardship Celebration (Finance Committee Sponsored)**



**November 19th, 2017 at 12:30pm** The main course will be provided: (Turkey, mashed potatoes and Gravy.) The potluck contributions for this celebration will be assigned as Last name starting:  
**A – J: Salads; J – S: Vegetables; T - Z: Desserts**

**Church Wide Potluck & Family Advent Wreath Making (Youth Sponsored)**



**December 3rd, 2017 at 12:30pm** Please bring a potluck item to share and gardening gloves. All Advent wreath supplies will be provided, *(One Wreath Per Family)*  
RSVP by Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd to the church office, 243-7834.

**New Years Eve Potluck Breakfast Fellowship**

**December 31st, 2017 at 8:30am—10:00am**  
Combined service @ 10:00am in the Sanctuary *(No Sunday School)*

## "SPRING 2018 MINISTRY FOCUS" CREDO

### Registration Due No Later than December 3rd

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.

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) or pickup at the welcome center.

SALE

### THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS & COLLECTABLE SALE

The CUMC Thrift Shop Ministry is having their annual Collectible sale in the Gathering Area on **Sunday, the 12th of November**. The Christmas sale is being held downstairs in Room 101 and will continue until December 17th during regular thrift shop hours.

- Remind yourself that the funds generated by the Thrift Shop Ministry is put to good use for repairs and improvements to the church building and grounds.

*The Thrift Shop welcomes your donations of no longer needed items and clothing any time of year.*

### 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, we are collecting until November 26th, 2017.

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

### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED



Please view our STAR display which was created after World War II to Honor the members of our Church who served our country in that great conflict. Each Gold Star represents one of the members of Central who gave their life for our country.

### WOW ADVENT STUDY



WOW will begin an Advent study in November entitled: Underdogs and Outsiders – A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent by Tom Fuerst. WOW meets **Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30**. Contact Vera Olson, 328-3516, for info.

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH

#### DECEMBER 1ST @ 7:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Just in time for the holiday, the NMPHil is proud to bring back Handel's story of the birth of Christ. Experience a transcendent tour de force—Handel's beloved masterwork the way it was meant to be! A gift from our family to yours.

Reserve your tickets today by calling (505) 323-4343 or by visiting [nmphil.org](http://nmphil.org).

### Coffee Ministry

**December 11th-15th** is Final's Week for the students, professors, and teachers with the University of New Mexico. Help us wish them a good week by volunteering with our Coffee Ministry. We will be handing out cups of coffee and offering a word of prayer and encouragement every day from **8am-10am** in the parking lot.

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