



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



The time for celebrating the birth of Christ is drawing near, even as we anticipate his return in glory and triumph. Today, we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent as we hear the story of the Annunciation and God's message of peace to Mary.

Please join us for worship next Sunday as we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Our morning services will continue our Advent theme of "Fear not..." as we hear the story of the shepherds found in Luke 1. Our 8:30am service will be very similar to our normal Sunday services in terms of structure. Next Sunday's 11:00am service will be a little different as we feature our children. During the sermon time at that service, the children will join Pastor Kelly at Church for Kids and they will have the opportunity to wear a costume and play a part in what we call our "Impromptu Christmas Pageant." After the sermon, the children will join us in the sanctuary and will lead us in their play; and rest assured that we adults will have a part to play too! Both the 8:30 and 11:00am services will help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

Next Sunday evening at 8:00pm, we will present our annual Lessons and Carols service. This worship service features our wonderful choirs, scripture lessons, special musical numbers, and candlelight. At 11:00pm next Sunday, you are invited to join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Service. This peaceful and moving service will feature Holy Communion, beautiful music, and candlelight, which helps us welcome Christmas day. Please join us next Sunday in the morning and evening as we prepare for our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 31, as we will have a potluck breakfast and one worship service. Breakfast is at 8:30am, with worship to follow at 10:00am. This service will be in the Life Center and will feature elements of the Wesleyan Covenant Service, and traditional Wesleyan hymns. John Wesley, the Father of Methodism, instructed Methodists to recommit their lives to Christ around the New Year, and we will follow in that tradition on December 31.

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today!

With Expectation,
Scott

CENTRAL TO LIFE
December 17, 2017





SERMON TOPIC
"DO NOT FEAR, MARY"

CLASSIC SERVICE
8:30am & 11:00am



CUMC Offices Will Be Closed: December 25-29th 2017, January 1st 2018



1/2 PRICE CHRISTMAS SALE



The Christmas sale is now half-price and being held downstairs in Room 101. The sale will continue until **December 22nd** during regular thrift shop hours.

Sunday 12-1:00pm, Thursday 12-3:00pm, Friday 9-Noon

- All funds generated by the Thrift Shop Ministry are used 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.

Thrift shop will be closed **December 24th—January 1st** and will reopen on **Thursday, January 4th.**



Church 4 Kids is a special time during the 11:00am worship service where kids of all ages are invited to join Pastor Kelly in the Chapel for scripture, a lesson, and a craft. Today in C4K, we will be learning about the season of Advent and focusing on the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth found in Luke 1: 39-66.

An Advent Study, "Down to Earth", with Pastor Kelly until December 20th, 11:00am-12:00pm, at the Starbucks on Lomas and Washington. *Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.*



2017 Potlucks at Central United Methodist Church

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

You can now make a contribution to Central United Methodist Church with a quick text message!

Simply send a text to **505-384-7589** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. *Example: \$25.* Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!



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