



As we come to the end of the first month of 2018, most of our administrative committees and ministry teams have met. There are new faces working alongside those who have served for a year or two, or more. At the end of 2017, there were some folks who finished their tenure on committees and are now enjoying some well deserved rest. Thank you very much, both to those who have served, and those who are serving, this congregation of faith.

Meanwhile, other ministries of our church continue to serve faithfully. On Sunday mornings our television crew, the ushers, choir, handbells, acolytes, and front office staff, keep showing up and keep providing valuable ministry. Thanks to all who commit themselves to the ministry of worship in some way.

I also think about the ministries that happen during the week. We have all kinds of ministries that support our church facility, as well as the spiritual body of Christ. Thanks to everyone who calls the church home and supports it through love. Some examples of these ministries are our thrift shop, Stephen Ministry, Helping Hands, Bible studies, office volunteers, gardeners, fix-it people, the pew mice, and other volunteers. Many more and all of those who spend time at the church each week either for study, service and prayer.

Finally, I think of our staff. From our facility to our finances, from ministries that focus outward to the care that moves inward, from time planning to time spent in prayer, and from time focused as a team to time spent working hard in the lonely early hours of a day or in the solitude in the hours of a late night. Thanks to the staff at Central.

And for all of us, who call Central our church, our sacred space, our roots of the past and our strength for the future; thanks for making Central a place that is "Central to life" for so many people. Now that we have said thank you in a small way, let us use this grace divine and work together with God's Holy Spirit for the Kingdom of God!

**Would you like to experience the history of the Methodist Church and the Wesley Family in a different way?
Please join Pastor Scott and Pastor Kelly on a journey of a lifetime - The Wesley Heritage Tour**

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. Registration for the Tour can be found here <http://centraltolife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/Events/2018-Wesleyan-Heritage.pdf>

For more information and registration materials, please contact Pastor Kelly at kellyb@centraltolife.org

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CENTRAL TO LIFE



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SERMON SERIES

“COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE”



Our annual Fat Tuesday pancake supper will be on **Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30pm in the Life Center**, we are pleased to announce that Jazz To Go will be providing music during the supper!

Our **Ash Wednesday** worship service will be on Valentine's Day, **February 14, at 7:00pm** in the Life Center. This service will feature some of the Taize songs from our hymnal, the choir, the imposition of ashes, and time for prayer and reflection.

During Lent there will be a couple of study opportunities for you. Rev. Kelly will be offering a study at **11:00am on Wednesday** at the Starbucks near Lomas and Washington. In addition to Rev. Kelly's study, Rev. Scott Sharp will offer a study on **Thursday evenings at 6:00pm** in the Conference room of the church. There will be more information soon about the focus of these two studies and how to get the resources.

SALE

THRIFT SHOP JEWELRY SALE

The Jewelry sale is being held **Sunday, February 4th at 9:00am-1:00pm** in the Gathering Area.

- 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 the year.

FOR LOVE OF WESLEY

UNM Wesley invites all to attend its annual “Love of Wesley” dinner and silent auction. The dinner will be held on **Friday, February 2nd at St. John's UMC from 5:30 to 8:00 PM**. Dinner tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from Wesley Board members or at the door. Donations for the silent auction are accepted and appreciated. Contact Ed Vigil at 505-221-0041 or by email at edvigilabqnm@yahoo.com for additional information, dinner tickets or for donation pickup.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULT MINISTRIES

Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly at the church office or via email to kellyb@centraltolife.org;

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes.
- **Weekdays:** Several small study groups to choose from: Monday night, Wednesday or Friday mornings.
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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION



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).*

IS CHURCH HAPPENING?

Tune in to Channel 7 news or check out the website for weather related updates.

-CUMC follows APS Monday-Friday Schedule-

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kelly Brooks, Executive Pastor
Michele Humes, Office Administrator
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Jesus Valdez, Media Coordinator

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