



The season of Lent begins this Wednesday night with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of the Christian year in which prayer is the focus as we prepare our hearts and souls for Easter. This year at Central there will be a number of different opportunities for you to experience Lent on a deep level.

First, join us Tuesday night, February 13, for our annual pancake supper. This decadent display of delectables will be a chance for fellowship, fun, and a little bit of indulgence before Lent starts. In addition to the feast for our stomachs, we will also have a feast for the ears as Jazz To Go provides music for the evening.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, is the beginning of Lent. We will have a worship service at 7:00pm in the Life Center that will feature the imposition of ashes, congregational singing accompanied by flute, and special music by the choir. This service is always an invitation for prayer and contemplation on the meaning of life in light of Jesus' death and resurrection.

This season during Lent there are two topical Bible studies being offered as well. Pastor Kelly will be leading a group on Wednesdays at 11:00am at the Starbucks near Washington and Lomas. That study begins Wednesday, February 14. Pastor Scott's Bible study will be on the book The Radical Wesley, and begins on Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm in the CUMC Conference Room.

Finally, each Sunday during Lent we will be providing a Service of Holy Communion at 10:30am in the Chapel. Please join us for this 20 minute service, which reminds us of John Wesley's instruction to receive Holy Communion as often as possible.

Of course, one of the traditions of the church is "giving up something" for Lent. This tradition is to help us focus on Christ by refraining from something in our life. Join us on Ash Wednesday as we talk more about that.

Here's to a wonderful, prayerful, season of Lent, as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

With Prayer,  
Scott

**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](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org)

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## SERMON SERIES

“COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE”



Our annual Fat Tuesday pancake supper will be on **Tuesday, February 13th 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 14th, 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 starting on Wednesday February 14th** at the Starbucks near Lomas and Washington. In addition to Rev. Kelly's study, Rev. Scott Sharp will offer a study on Thursday evenings starting **February 15th at 6:00pm** in the Conference room of the church.



### UNITED METHODIST MEN

Join us for our **February 17, 2018** Central United Men Breakfast meeting that begins with a gourmet breakfast at **8:00am**. Our speaker will be our new Central UMC Director of Music, Dr. Karen Marrolli, who will share her background, education, and plans for our Central music program. All who are interested in Dr. Marrolli's presentation are invited to attend.

*Please call or text Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 to RSVP.*

### THRIFT SHOP SALE

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All Clothing will be Half-Price during regular shop hours from **Thursday, Feb. 15th—Sunday, Feb. 25th**.

- All funds generated by the Thrift Shop Ministry are used for repairs and improvements to the church building and grounds.

Thrift Shop will no longer accept donations after **Sunday March 11th**.

### 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!



## IS CHURCH HAPPENING?

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

-CUMC follows APS Monday-Friday Schedule-

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