



Welcome to worship at Central United Methodist Church. Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and Lent is the 40 day season of preparation for Easter. One of the main emphases of this season is facing our temptations. This theme comes from the story of Jesus' own temptation in the desert. We are tempted by many things, and overcoming our temptations is a difficult, and complicated endeavor. For many of our temptations, we need help from others. 12 Step programs are oriented around a mutual endeavor to combat and overcome various temptations. Part of that journey has to do with both acknowledging

that we need help from a power higher than ourselves, and admitting the nature of our own wrongs.

Today in our worship service you will notice that we have included a number of elements that help us understand our Lenten journey better in light of our need for God and our own admission of sin. At the beginning of our service there is a prayer of confession that allows us to voice, as a community, our need for God and our failure to love as fully as God might call us to. During the hymns that we will sing at the beginning of the service, each of us is going to be invited to process to the baptismal font and celebrate how much God loves us.

We will be doing similar liturgical experiences throughout Lent, and it is our hope that these components add to the depth of our understanding of this season, and ultimately, the way in which we love God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Thank you again for worshiping with us at Central.

With Expectation,
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

February 18, 2018

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



SERMON SERIES

“WHAT’S GRACE GOT TO DO WITH IT?”

LENT STUDY GROUPS

- Rev. Kelly Brooks is offering a study on **Wednesday’s** at **11:00am** at the Starbucks, Lomas & Washington.
- Rev. Scott Sharp is offering a study on **Thursday’s** at **6:00pm** in the Conference room of the church.

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. www.centraltolife.org

THRIFT SHOP SALE



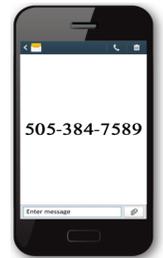
All Clothing will be Half-Price during regular shop hours from **Now—Sunday, Feb. 25th**.

- 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 CUMC with a quick text message, or at the Kiosk!

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!



Our new Giving Kiosk will allow you to make a contribution using your credit card. There is no signing up—all you need to do is select the Ministry you would like to give to, type in the amount and swipe your card. Central’s Giving Kiosk is located at the Front Office Counter, and our office volunteer will be happy to assist you.

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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