

Islamic Scholar and Sufi mystic, Jellaludin Rumi, in his poem The Guest House, speaks to the thought that whatever life presents to us, our attitude and commitment to welcome life without fear and with faith, allows us to become kinder and more compassionate to our self and to others. This welcoming of self and welcoming of others is a practice we should each embed, as it is in the welcoming of all, that we truly welcome our Creator.

I look forward to worshipping with you this day,
Pastor Kelly

The Guest House

This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they are a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house, empty of its furniture,

still, treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice.

Meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.

Be grateful for whatever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.



Individuals can reserve a Sunday for Altar flowers in memory, or honor, of someone.

We have Sundays to fill in the 2019 calendar. *Additional information is available at the front desk.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



February 16th, 5:30pm for a special Sacramento Methodist Assembly Donor Dinner. This event will include special music, a meal, and a presentation about Phase II from the Directors of Sacramento. Tickets will be \$25 per person. ***Tickets will go on sale Sunday, February 3rd and 10th at the Welcome Desk***
Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.



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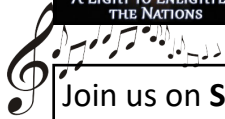
February 10, 2019

CENTRAL TO LIFE



SERMON SERIES

"A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS"



Join us on **Sunday, March 17** for a special St. Patrick's Day concert featuring Music for all Seasons (Scott & Irma Reeder). The acoustic folk duo, which plays instruments like the Celtic Harp and the Hammered Dulcimer, will be playing Celtic selections for the day. Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch catered by Sandy Dow available for purchase (\$10 per person) starting at noon in the Central to Life Center; concert begins by 1pm. Please bring donations for SAFE House, which helps those in transition from situations of domestic partner violence. Toiletries, toothpaste, socks, and gently used household items and clothing are especially helpful. Free, donations accepted.

To RSVP for lunch, please sign up, call the church office (243-7834), or email Karen kmarrolli@centraltolife.org by Sunday, March 10.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes:
- **Monday Bible Study:** Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm
- **WOW Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am
- **Starbucks Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 11-12pm
- **Brewery Study**— In Collaboration with X-Ile Ministries: Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm.
- **Clergy Conversations!** Last Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am, Central to Life Center.
- **Sabbath in the Suburbs: February 17th, 12:30pm at the Frontier Restaurant.** This is a monthly opportunity for those who are in their 20s, 30s, or 40s – individuals or couples, with or without children – to share a meal and adult fellowship time together. Childcare for this small group is available for ages 0-12 in the lower level of the church.

Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

- Sunday School for Preschool and Early Elementary will begin **Today** in the Nursery. If you have a young, preschool-early elementary age child, please bring them to the nursery for this special time of laughter and learning using curriculum called Deep Blue by Cokesbury.
- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am in rooms 105 (Elementary), 107 (ages 3 & 4), and 301/302 (Youth: 6th - 12th grade)
- Childcare for ages 0-8 is available during worship services and Sunday School – (Located on the Lower Level of the building.)
- Church 4 Kids takes place every Sunday during the second service. This is a time where children 0-Elementary are invited to the Chapel to spend time with one of the clergy to learn more about the scripture lesson of the day in an age-appropriate setting.

Contact Pastor Kelly with questions.

All announcements for the CTL News are due via email to JesusValdez@centraltolife.org by **Tuesday at 5pm**.

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