



GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

CTL News, March 31, 2019

He was casting out a devil and it was dumb; but when the devil had gone out the dumb man spoke, and the people were amazed. But some of them said, "It is through Beelzebul, the prince of devils, that he casts out devils". (Lk 11:14-15)

The Gospel reading is the record of the conversation in which the opponents of Jesus are compelled to acknowledge that he has the power to cast out evil spirits, but they attribute this power to an alliance with the prince of evil spirits, Beelzebub. In Jeremiah 7:23-28, the prophet is attesting that the People of Israel have always, since the very beginning of the People at the Exodus, stubbornly refused to obey the commands of God.

Jeremiah had the unenviable task, as the forces of Babylon gathered and came ever nearer, of giving the inhabitants of Jerusalem one final warning that their only hope of avoiding total destruction by the massive Babylonian military machine was to return to fidelity to the Lord. His warning went unheeded, and Israel continued to hope for help from foreign alliances, with the politico-religious implication that other gods were more powerful than the Lord their own God.

As a reading for us during Lent there is the implication that we are wrong to seek our delight and joy in any other worldly attraction rather than in fidelity to the Spirit poured into our hearts at baptism.

Action:

Spend some time in prayer pondering where you receive your delight and joy.

This devotion is adapted from the booklet "40 Days and 40 Ways" by Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB.

Lent Studies and Services

Maundy Thursday Service: April 18th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service: April 19th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Great Getting Up Mourning Service: **The Great Getting Up Mourning Service has been cancelled due to Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church's unavailability this season**

Easter Sunrise Service: April 21st at 6:30am in the Courtyard

Sunday Easter Services: April 21st at 8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Tuesdays: Mar 5-Apr 9, 9:00-10:00am, Rm 311, Join Rev. Jim Hawk for *40-Days of Prayer*

Wednesdays: Mar 6-Apr 10, 11:00am-12:00pm, Starbucks, Join Rev. Kelly Brooks for *The Women of Easter*

Thursdays: Mar 7-Apr 11, 6:00-7:00pm, Life Center, Join Rev. Greg Kennedy for *Entering The Passion of Jesus*

Join others in the **#pictureLent** Challenge! Following the prompt words listed below, take a photo each day during Lent and share to your social media platform of choice. Don't forget to Tag CUMC! Need help? Contact Pastor Kelly or Jesus Valdez. Enjoy!

March 31st – Celebrate | **April 1st** – Water | **April 2nd** – Dream
April 3rd – Rest | **April 4th** – Confident | **April 5th** – Persevere | **April 6th** – Jar

There is still time to sign up for the Stephen Ministry class starting **May 2!**
For more information, email stephenministry@centraltolife.org.





SERMON SERIES

"YOU'RE INVITED"



Be a GREETER! It's easy, it's fun, and it only takes a half hour. And it's an important part of hospitality in our congregation. If you are interested, contact Don Lenk at 505-899-9875 or donlenk@yahoo.com



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be purchased for \$8.00 in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Forms are available at the church office or at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

Orders for flowers will be taken until Monday, April 15th.

You are invited to attend the Sacramento Donor Luncheon, **April 7th, 12:30pm** in the Life Center. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, music, and a presentation by the Directors of Sacramento Methodist Assembly. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on March 24th, March 31st, and the day of the event. *Please contact Pastor Kelly with any questions!*



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!** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am **CC will not take place in March.**
Please join us in April for a conversation regarding communications @ CUMC
- **Sabbath in the Suburbs: April 28th, High & Dry**
Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

- **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.

Thank You for participating in the Communication Survey! 187 of you weighed in on how you receive and how you prefer to receive information, what tools you use to read CUMC communication, and how you feel overall about communication @ CUMC. All of the data has been collected and compiled, and the Clergy Conversations on **April 28th** will reveal and focus on the results of the survey and will feature an open conversation on moving forward. Please join us!

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

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