

Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the oldest and most important feast for the church year. From as early as the second century, the celebration of Easter has coincided with the Jewish celebration of Passover. According to the Gospels, the Resurrection occurred on the Sunday after Passover and this connection between the two feasts has shaped the church's understanding of Easter as itself a kind of Passover - a divine act of forgiveness and liberation.

As time passed, traditions began to develop. Families around the world break the Lenten fast with elaborate feasts. Eggs, at one time forbidden during Lent (and still prohibited in Orthodox Lent) are a special treat for families. The Easter service offers a "feast" for the senses. Music is joyful and is filled with an air of expectation.

The symbolism of Easter liturgy centers on light. It was at dawn when the women went to the empty tomb. The Sunrise Service draws on this tradition. A special candle, the Paschal Candle, representing Christ as the light of the world, is lit at the first service of Easter lighting the sanctuary after the darkening of Good Friday and the Tenebrae service. The Paschal (Easter Candle) remains lit for each service until Pentecost, the birth of the Church.

Thank you for making Central part of your Easter tradition and celebration today. Join us starting April 28 through June 9 for a new sermon series

Surprise: The Unexpected Acts of God



April 21, 2019

CENTRAL TO LIFE





SERMON SERIES

"YOU'RE INVITED"



2019 Sacramento Methodist Assembly Summer Camp Dates for all ages are out! Elementary Camp (June 7-9th), Youth Camp (June 17-21st), Music on the Mountain (July 7-12th), Horse Camps for all ages, and much more! Visit www.sacramentocamp.com for specific camp and registration information.
Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly.

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
Join Women of the Word for their new study based on the book United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers by F. Belton Joyner Jr. We meet Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30 in the Conference Room.
- **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
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.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Luncheon and Silent Auction Saturday, May 4th 2019 at 11:30am in the Life Center. Tickets are on sale in the Gathering area between services on April 14th & 28th. Ticket price is \$20

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.*

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

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