

This week we begin a six week walk through the book of Ephesians. In the book of Ephesians, we see how the gospel story affects believers' everyday lives. God the Father planned throughout history for Jesus to create a multi-ethnic community of followers. Comprised of Jews and non-Jews, these followers form the covenant family God promised to Abraham. They live in unity as one body in their families, neighborhoods, and churches because of God's grace.

Scripture, prayer, and their relationships with each other equip them to put off their old humanity and put on new humanity that mimics Jesus and marks them as mature followers of Jesus. Energized by the Holy Spirit, believers also stand tall against the spiritual evil that threatens their unity as a Church family and maturity as followers of Jesus.

**Staffing Announcement Corner:**

Central UMC is fortunate to have a dedicated, committed, and loving staff that includes appointed clergy, full and part time staff, and hourly employees that make the life of CUMC come alive for this community and well-beyond.

On this occasion, I have a few staffing updates to share with each of you.

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our signer Alesha Bird. Alesha has served CUMC faithfully for many years and today, we say thank you and we wish Alesha the very best as she moves forward in her career. Thank you Alesha – It has been a pleasure working and worshipping with you!

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming Stacey Hawk as our newest staff member who will be working primarily with our youth and as a bridge with our children programming. Stacey comes to us with a great deal of knowledge of the UMC, youth, and the Albuquerque community. Please join me next Sunday as we welcome Stacey to the staff and life of CUMC. I encourage and ask that each congregation member take time to say thank you to the clergy and lay staff that take such care in service and servanthood to this community of faith.

Blessings this day,  
Rev. Kelly Brooks

**Reconciling Congregation Exploration Working Group**

Upcoming Opportunities for Conversation:

- Are you, your small group, or Sunday School class interested in hearing more from CUMC's Reconciling Exploration Working Group? If so, contact Barbara Allender to schedule time.
- August 11 and 18 in the Life Center during the Sunday School hour, Bert Scott will lead a discussion on the book by Walter Wink Homosexuality and Christian Faith.
- August 25 at 9:45 in the Life Center during the Sunday School hour, a congregational meeting will be held to review and vote on a Welcoming Statement and assess where Central is on the path to becoming a Reconciling Church.



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**EPHESIANS**

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**ADULT MINISTRIES**

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes. See the Pew Packets, or visit with the Welcome Desk volunteers for more information.
- **Monday Bible Study:** Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm
- **Will resume in the fall.**
- **Starbucks Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 11-12pm  
**Will resume August 7th.**
- **Brewery Study:** Wednesdays (new day!), 6pm-8pm. **Will resume August 7th.**
- **Clergy Conversations!** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am  
**We will not have a CC in July.**
- **WOW:** Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am.  
**Will resume September 11th.**
- **Sabbath in The Suburbs:** August 4th@ High & Dry Brewery.

Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

- 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.

CUMC Coffee Ministry will take place the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer your time from 8-10am to offer a cup of coffee and a few words of encouragement to the University of New Mexico students who park in the CUMC parking lot, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or contact Pastor Kelly.

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

invites all Women to "Come to The Banquet!" September 7th from 9am-3pm at the Norbertine Retreat Center, ABQ. Rev Beverly Green Tune will lead the retreat and says "During our time on retreat we will examine and experience the full table of ways to enter the Holy." Snacks and a lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$20.00 and registration forms are available at the front desk and the welcome center through August 18, 2019. The registration deadline is August 24, 2019. Questions? Contact Karen Wilson at 505-321-7525 or [kendeavorw@hotmail.com](mailto:kendeavorw@hotmail.com).

United Methodist Women



Lowell Uniform Drive begins today! Help CUMC raise \$10,000 for Lowell Elementary School for school uniforms this month. \$60 goes a long way in purchasing a uniform for an elementary child in our community - \$120 goes even further! Make checks to CUMC and note: Lowell.



Have you ever been interested in learning more about the teachings of Paul? Have you ever been interested in traveling to the places Paul wrote letters and traveled to? If so, you are invited to join Rev. Kelly Brooks and Rev. Jim Hawk on an Educational Opportunities Journeys of Paul Cruise taking place **September 7-19th, 2020**. Information is available at the Welcome Desk.

All announcements for the CTL News are due via email to [JesusValdez@centraltolife.org](mailto:JesusValdez@centraltolife.org) by **Monday at 5pm**.

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