

A couple of questions about new member names and the names of those who have died in the past year came up at our Church Conference. In past years, those names were in the Church Conference paperwork along with a couple of forms downloaded from the Conference webpage. This information had to be reported again in January. The Conference decided to eliminate that information from the Church Conference report. The questions brought up an excellent point: How will this information be given to the congregation. My answer is to create an end of year report of statistics and information. Those names will be in that report. In a CTL article I will have the basic information and I will create a more in-depth report for those who want that information.

Sunday November 10, during the Sunday School hour, a meeting will be held in the Life Center for a discussion on becoming a Reconciling Ministry Church. The vote will take place during the Sunday School hour on November 17. As is the policy of the United Methodist Church, you must be a member of Central and be present to vote. Some of you have asked the question why don't we mail out absentee ballots? The *Book of Discipline* does not make provisions for balloting that way. The District Superintendent and I had a lunch conversation over this question last week. If you would like a full explanation of the rationale behind this, ask me, and I will explain the reasoning.

Coming on Tuesday, December 3, 10, and 17 evenings at 6:00 pm, I will be teaching an Advent study entitled: ***Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience***. The title of the study comes from John Wesley's sermon *The Almost Christian* he preached on July 25, 1741. The book costs \$11.50. There is a companion Devotional Book for \$8.00. A copy of each book will be available for previewing at the front desk starting today. Books were ordered this week.

Today during the Sunday School hour, we will have an open discussion session to further explore the question: 'Does Central want to become a Reconciling Congregation?'. The format for this meeting is as follows: I will try to explain terms like traditionalist, progressive, compatibilist, non-compatibilist in United Methodist terms so we all have the same understanding. Then, someone will explain what a reconciling congregation is, and answer questions.

A vote will be taken on November 17 at 9:45. *More on that vote next week.*



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



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November 10, 2019

CENTRAL TO LIFE



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** November 11th in observation of Veterans Day

### ADULT MINISTRIES

- **Sundays:** Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. Choose from a variety of classes. See the Pew Packets located in the pew backs in the sanctuary, or visit with the Welcome Desk volunteers for more information.
  - **Monday Bible Study:** 6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
  - **Clergy Conversations:** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am, Life Center
  - **WOW:** Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.



### COLLECTING COATS

Throughout the month of November, Helping Hands is collecting coats, warm clothing, and financial offerings that can help the homeless stay warm this fall and winter. Please bring your coats – new and slightly worn - to the CUMC Welcome Desk.

### THIRD SPACE MINISTRIES

What is a 3rd Space? 3rd Space refers to places where people gather outside of their homes (1st space) and their workspace (2nd space). Examples of third places would be environments such as coffee shops, breweries, farmers markets, and parks.

- **Starbucks Bible Study:** (Lomas and Washington) Wednesdays, 11-12pm
- **Brewery Study:** (High and Dry on Lomas and Adams) Wednesdays (new day!), 6pm-8pm.
- **Sabbath in The Suburbs:** (High and Dry) December, 15th @ 12:30pm
- **Shared Table:** Shared Table is a community initiative where you are asked to invite your neighbors into your home for a potluck meal on any day during the last week of the month. No expectations - No requirements - Just be in community! Please share your photos and experiences on the CUMC Facebook page.

**Do you have an idea for a 3rd Space Ministry?**

Please Contact Pastor Kelly @ [kellyb@centraltolife.org](mailto:kellyb@centraltolife.org)

### 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.
  - Youth fellowship meets every Sunday from 12:30-2:30pm in the Youth Lounge / 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- Contact Pastor Kelly or Stacey Hawk for more information

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR CONCERT SERIES

On **Sunday, December 8**, join us for a lunchtime concert featuring the QTones! Holiday turkey lunch catered by Sandy Dow; \$10 per person (please sign up for lunch by Sunday, December 1). Concert begins by **12:45pm**. For admission, bring donations for Saranam (new or gently used housewares, sheets, towels, clothing for adults and children). Freewill donations to benefit the concert series gratefully accepted.

### JOURNEYS OF PAUL CRUISE

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 such as Rome, Greece, and Turkey? 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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