



GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY
IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

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This Epiphany we are starting a new sermon series "Gifts That Keep Giving." With the commercialized "gift-giving season" behind us, we are going to focus on some of God's unexpected gifts that we can enjoy long after the Christmas tree has been recycled and the decorations are stored away. This gospel-based series is about recognizing the often surprising gifts that are extended to us and that are ours to receive if we are bold and loving enough to accept them.

Last week, we looked at the gift of unexpected gifts. Often times as we journey with Jesus, we are surprised with unexpected happenings. These events and/or persons become unexpected gifts in our lives. This week we celebrate the "Baptism of the Lord Sunday" and we celebrate the gift of community that helped raise us in the faith and continues to help us as we grow in faith.

Community is an interesting word. When anyone is baptized, infant or adult, we retake a vow to help them grow in the Christian faith - that is community. When we look back over our spiritual life we remember persons who have guided us in the faith - that is community. There are no Lone Ranger Christians. We all have been influenced and we have all influenced some one in the faith - that is community. It is a gift from God that keeps on giving.

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CENTRAL TO LIFE





SERMON SERIES

"GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING"



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, 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

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, 3rd Floor
- **Clergy Conversations:** 4th Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45am, Life Center
- **WOW:** Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am, 3rd Floor
Please contact Pastor Kelly for more information.

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, Rev. Jim Hawk, and members from the NWTX Annual Conference on an Educational Opportunities Journeys of Paul Cruise taking place **September 7-19th, 2020.**

Information is available at the Welcome Desk.

REUSABLE BAGS

Do you need reusable bags for your groceries and other purchases? If so, Central has you covered! We have a limited supply of FREE reusable bags with the CUMC logo available at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Pastor Kelly

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Join us on **Sunday, February 9** for a special lunchtime concert featuring the Zia Singers, a women's chorus based in Santa Fe, NM! Lunch catered by Sandy Dow starting at noon; \$10 per person (please sign up by Sunday, February 2). Concert begins by 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. For admission, bring donations for SAFE House, Albuquerque's shelter for survivors of domestic partner violence (new or gently used clothing, towels, diapers and wipes, toiletries, toothpaste). Freewill donations to benefit the concert series gratefully accepted.

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 / 3rd Floor
Contact Pastor Kelly or Stacey Hawk for more information

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



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