



Last weekend, we had a secret worshipper, Jason Moore, in our two worship services and during our Sunday School hour to give us some observations and feedback on what it is like to be a visitor at Central UMC. Overall, he was very positive.

We are doing a lot of things well, but Jason had suggestions on somethings we could do to move the needle from good to great. We will get a full written report in about a week, but here is a couple of things he mentioned in our debriefing.

Overall, we do excellent traditional worship. One of the best he has seen and experienced. From the musicians and music to the liturgy, everything flowed and fit together. He had some suggestions on how we could use the screens more effectively, particularly with the use of images and visuals.

Jason feels our website is elegant and contains the information it needs to contain. A few suggestions were made that would allow you to click on the church address and direct you to maps or GPS immediately showing you how to get to the church. He would like us to work on increasing our social media presence.

We have some work to do with our signage, which we knew. Sometimes our signs can be confusing to a first time visitor or they are non-existent. This will take a little bit more time to work on.

We are doing a lot of things right and very well. Jason’s suggestions are to help us become great at what we are doing. You will begin to see some subtle changes as we begin to implement some of the easy changes that were suggested.

Lent Season Services and Studies

Bible Studies

Wednesday’s, February 26th-April 1st, 11am-12pm at Starbucks on Lomas and Washington, Pastor Kelly will lead a study on Lent in a Season of Change

Thursday’s, February 27th-April 2nd, 6-7pm in the Conference Room, Pastor Greg will lead a study on *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton

Worship Services

Ash Wednesday: 2/26/20 7:00am Chapel & 6:30pm Sanctuary

Palm Sunday: 4/5/20 8:30am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday: 4/9/20 7:30pm Sanctuary

Good Friday: 4/10/20 7:30pm Sanctuary

Easter: 4/12/20 8:30am & 11:00am Sanctuary

An Easter Sunrise Meditation will be available at the Welcome Desk for you to take home.

CENTRAL TO LIFE
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SERMON SERIES

"GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING"



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**.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1, 2020

Information is available at the 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, 6pm-8pm.
- **Sabbath in The Suburbs:** (High and Dry) **2/23/20 at 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

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 @ kellyb@centraltolife.org, or Stacey Hawk @ shawk@centraltolife.org for more information

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BOOK CLUB

The UMW Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 11:45am** in the church conference room. Our selection this month is "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. *Please join us!*

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
- **Next Clergy Conversations April 26th**
- **WOW: Wed's. 9:30-11:30am**, Conference Room

Please contact Pastor Kelly @ kellyb@centraltolife.org for more information.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Join us **TODAY** 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. 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.

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



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