



GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

CTL News, February 23, 2020

On this Sunday, we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the Season of Epiphany, the Sunday before the beginning of the Season of Lent. On the surface, our scripture lesson tells us the story of a profound mountain-top experience involving Jesus and three of his disciples, but the scripture has much more to tell us and to teach us about change, preparing for change, and living with pending change. Henri Nouwen, professor, writer, theologian, and Roman Catholic priest, has this to tell us about our scripture lesson:

“At some moments we experience complete unity within us and around us. This may happen when we stand on a mountaintop and are captivated by the view. It may happen when we witness the birth of a child or the death of a friend. It may happen when we have an intimate conversation or a family meal. It may happen in church during a service or in a quiet room during prayer. But whenever and however it happens we say to ourselves: “This is it ... everything fits ... all I ever hoped for is here.” This is the experience that Peter, James, and John had on the top of Mount Tabor when they saw the aspect of Jesus’ face change and his clothing become sparkling white. They wanted that moment to last forever (see Luke 9:28-36). This is the experience of the fullness of time. These moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears empty and useless. These experiences are true moments of grace.”

I look forward to worshipping with each of you on this Transfiguration Sunday.
Pastor Kelly

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 February 23, 2020



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

UMW is offering the 2019 Mission U study on February 29th. 9:00 AM -3:00 PM in the Conference Room. Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. Contact Zena Kinne at 505-916-7479 or zenakinne@gmail.com with questions or to register for this event.

Please enjoy the 2020 Creation Care Lenten Calendar included in the bulletin this morning. Use the suggestions in the Calendar to learn to better care for God's creation. Additional copies are available at the Church office.

Come learn about Stephen Ministry on **Saturday, March 7th @ Central United Methodist Church, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The half-day workshop is designed both to enhance participants' caregiving skills and to help explore ways to expand caring ministries.

Please contact Donna Faulhaber at 505-353-1197 for more information and to register.

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.

Summer 2020 Special Programming Offerings

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