



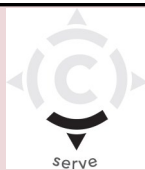
Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World

February 9, 2014

APOSTLES' PORTAL In Acts 1: 8 we hear Jesus say to his apostles: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." For centuries the apostles have served as examples of faith for the church in both their great faith and their humble roots. These fishermen and tax collectors believed, doubted, served and died for their belief in Christ. Jesus called these men to be his witnesses in the world.

We recognize that these apostles call us to be Jesus' witnesses with the opening of the "Apostles' Portal" located outside the elevator on the main floor of the church. In architectural terms a portal refers to a grand entrance of an important structure. The Apostles' Portal reminds us as we come into the church that we are entering holy space. Similarly, when we exit the church we are sent out to be Christ's messengers in the world. The funding for the Portal came from Memorial gifts and a number of generous donations made to the project. Please pay a visit to the Apostles' Portal today and then watch as it transforms into the end result.

THE SHARP POINT



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY AT LOWELL

ELEMENTARY On February 26th, and every 4th Wednesday of the month (between 2:30 and 4:00), Central will

be sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry at Lowell—a need identified by the principal, Cynthia Hale. We are partnering with Roadrunner Food Bank. They will deliver food for 50 families. Food will include meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products, and bread. Families will be able to "shop" those products—about 50 pounds per family.

Central will provide volunteers who will unload pallets of food, set up food for distribution, assist families as needed. Several members of the Serve Team at Central have visited three mobile food pantry sites and have come away very moved by the program and its value to families in need of good food.

If you would like to volunteer in this endeavor or get more information, call Jennifer Henneman at

(505) 918-0548, or Debra Alba at (614) 595-9549.

Additionally, we will be collecting paper bags and plastic bags as well as egg cartons. A container will be located outside of the receptionist area.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY! Central UMC has a wonderful ministry in serving those who for a variety of reasons have been limited to their homes. We recently have had an addition of homebound members in our church and could use your help in this ministry. In this ministry, servants minister to those homebound by visiting once a month in a caring relationship for 30-60 minutes.

Our homebound team members visit those who for the most part have been members of our church for years. If you have an hour a month to visit with someone who would greatly benefit from your visit, please contact Pastor Janet Norden at the church office or call 239.3541 or email at JanetN@Centraltolife.org.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & FOOD Coffee and Doughnut fellowship is in the Gathering Area at 8:30 am.

You are also welcome to join us for lunch in the Life Center at noon. \$8 (*adults*), \$4(*kids*).

Lunch Menu: Lasagna, Broccoli, Breadsticks, Salad, Brownie pudding and Ice Cream.

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WORSHIP THEME FOR 2014: "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME" *I pray that you may have the power to comprehend...what is the breadth and length and heights and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3: 18-19)*



The "Catalytic Generosity" of God, February 9, 2014. *Worship Venues:* 8:30 & 11:00 Classic - in the Sanctuary, 9:45 New Day Contemporary - in the Life Center.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE South Lawn, **1:00pm** for a meal, prayer, music, sharing the Word, and Holy Communion.



SARANAM ON TEDx, FEBRUARY 28TH. Created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas worth spreading," TEDxABQ's events are designed to celebrate New Mexico's communities, organizations, and individuals. Tracy Sharp, Executive Director of **Saranam** will be speaking about the unique way Saranam is working to end homelessness - by partnering with CNM for education and building a family's support system. You can attend by purchasing tickets at <http://tedxabq.com/> or watching the live simulcast online the day of the event at TEDxABQ.com/watch.

CENTRAL'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN invite all who are interested to join them for the General Meeting on **February 13th** at 9:30am in rooms 311-312 for a program on Human Trafficking presented by Lynn Sanchez from The Life Link in Santa Fe, which provides services for victims of human trafficking.

UMW CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY: Lydian: Saturday, February 15th, 9:30am, Room 304; Friendly Lunch Bunch: Wednesday, February 19th, 11:45am, room 311.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING, Saturday, February 15th, 8:00am featuring Ken McMullan of New Mexico Health Resources. Ken will discuss "Developing the Health Care Workforce in New Mexico", namely, how serious is the shortage of medical professionals, especially doctors, in New Mexico. This is a critical topic for all New Mexicans and all who are interested are invited to attend Mr. McMullan's presentation. Call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 to RSVP or for additional information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HAPPENINGS Contact Traci Bailey, 243-7834 or at tracib@centraltolife.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 -10:45AM, 4 YEAR OLDS - 5TH GRADE. Learning through games, crafts, storytelling, video and music!

SOUL KIDS (Sing Out Unto the Lord) for children K-5th grades, Sundays, 8:45-9:45 in the Choir Room.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS Contact Scott Carver, 243-7834 or scottcarver@centraltolife.org.

TODAY: Sunday School, 9:45am, Confirmation Class, 11:00am, Youth Group, 5:00pm

ABQ DISTRICT LOCK-IN: FEB 21-22 Looking for a great excuse to stay up all night and have a blast? Look no further! We are joining other churches all around our city for a District Lock-In. The night will include gym games, inflatable fun, video game lounge, 3D movies, great food and more! Students 6-12 grades are invited and must RSVP & register with Scott Carver by February 16th. **Cost?** \$10 **Where?** St. Johns UMC **Time?** 9pm-8am

ROC WINTER CAMP: MARCH 7-9 Calling all Middle Schoolers (6-8 grade)! ROC Camp at Sacramento is coming up! It will be a weekend of rich fellowship, spiritual growth, amazing worship, and loads of fun. Cost is \$115 and registration & payment are due **TODAY**.

JOPLIN SUMMER MISSION TRIP: It's official! Our youth are headed to Joplin, Missouri this summer to help rebuild homes damaged by the 2011 tornado. The trip is July 12-20. Youth ages 11 and up are invited and \$50 secures your spot. **TODAY** is the **FINAL** deadline to register.

YOUNG ADULTS @ CENTRAL, THURSDAYS, 7PM For 18-30 year olds looking for a place for fellowship and Bible Study.



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