



Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World

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The Bible is our faith's collection of guiding scriptures that tell the story of God's redeeming love, both in the past and into the future. The Bible is full of amazing stories of people finding their way in life with God. For us the Bible is our source of life as we focus on the life of Jesus and the early church as told in the New Testament. The Bible is our guide, our book and our story.

And yet, the Bible can be hard to read, difficult to understand and a challenge to wrestle with. Still, believer after believer opens the Bible to listen for God and to focus their way in the world.



This summer Central UMC invites you to an experience of reading the Bible from cover to cover. More information will be coming soon, but please begin thinking and praying about the chance to commit yourself to 90 days of reading every word of the Bible alongside other members of the church. I believe this experience has the potential to unlock Central in a wonderful way and to inspire us for new ministry and a new experience of Jesus Christ. Join me this summer as we read the Bible in 90 days.

THE SHARP POINT



Lowell Food Bank Celebrates First Birthday

We have had a great first year in serving the Lowell Elementary School

community through a once-a-month food bank. Our partnership with Lowell and Roadrunner Food Bank has led to providing food to an overall group of more than 450 families and staff of the school. All the effort by CUMC has been staffed by a fantastic group of volunteers who have been multi-talented, enthusiastic, and dedicated. This project wouldn't have been successful without these wonderful people. Thanks to everyone for making the food bank work!

If you would like to be involved for the small investment of 2-3 hours a month, Claudia Ryan, Anne Downing, or Celina Collier would love to talk to you! Send an email to info@centraltolife.org or call the church office at 243-7834.



FAMILY PROMISE is hosting their 9th annual Sweet Jazz Concert to raise funds for the ministry. It will be held at 7 pm on **Sunday, April 26th** at Sandia Presbyterian

Church, 10704 Paseo Del Norte NE. There will be a silent auction, sweet desserts and delightful music from 7-9 pm! Come and join us as we gather together for a fun evening! Tickets \$20.00 available at the door.

PLANT SALE YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 It's time to plant! Our youth are selling a variety of plants (tomatoes, peppers, berries, honey, hanging flower baskets) here at Central. Plants range in cost from \$4 to \$20. These pesticide-free plants are grown locally by East Central Ministries.



All proceeds support our Youth 2015 trip to Orlando this summer. Look for us on the east sidewalk during morning worship services.

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

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

Today's Menu: Brats, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Fresh Watermelon

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April 19, 2015



LIVING THE LIFE: LIVING DIFFERENTLY

Worship Venues: 8:30 & 11:00am Classic, Sanctuary; 9:45am New Day Contemporary, Life Center.



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



FLOWERS Honor or remember a loved one with flowers - complete a flower order form and return to the office or contact Michele Humes.

WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN, WHO?!

Do you have questions about Central? Question forms and box are located next to the information rack. Fill out a form with your question - someone will respond as soon as possible.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN & MEN JOINT

MEETING, Saturday, April 25, 9:00am in the Life Center.

This meeting will be a potluck brunch and will feature a report of the legislative session by Ruth Hoffman, head of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry. Check out the details of this event and see other upcoming events at CentralToLife.org/Navigate/United Methodist Women.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN "A GARDEN PARTY"

Luncheon & Silent Auction Fundraiser Saturday, May 2, 11AM in the Life Center. Tickets are \$20 each. To purchase tickets or for further information, contact Maggie Riley at (505) 275-1270 or email riley9437@msn.com.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 -10:45AM, 4 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Sundays from 8:45 - 9:30am

Join us in the Gathering Area today for cake as we celebrate Traci's years of ministry here at Central and bid her farewell and best wishes on her new adventure!



NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED We are in need of paid nursery workers for Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings as well as Thursday evenings. If you would like to apply for any or all of these times, send an email to info@centraltolife.org or call the church office.

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

TODAY: Sunday School: 9:45-10:55am

Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm

(Dinner @ Frontier so please bring spending \$)

30 HOUR FAMINE: APRIL 24-25 Calling all students to join us as we fast for 30 hours and help feed the hungry! Mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend of service, worship, games, and fun. Please RSVP to Scott Carver if attending by April 19. There is no cost, but all donations collected will be given to feed the hungry in North Korea.

GRADUATION BANQUET: SUNDAY, MAY 3 You are invited to join us as we honor our High School Graduates during this special dinner and sending ceremony. Dinner starts at 6pm and will take place in the Life Center. Please RSVP with Scott Carver if attending.

-Do you know anyone graduating this spring who we may not be aware of? Please email us or contact the church office so we can recognize them on May 3.

Thank you!-



YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Wednesday nights

at 7:30pm at the Carvers. Contact Scott for directions and details.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor

Rev. Janet Norden, Associate Pastor

Mary Chavez Lust, Director, Ministries and Operations

Jerri Foster, Director, Sanctuary Music Ministries

Traci Bailey, Navigate Ministries, Adult & Children

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