



Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World

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THE SHARP POINT

What's happening at Central? What does Central mean to you? What's the best thing for you at Central? I asked these questions and others last week— I had an overwhelming number of responses, and wanted to share some of them with you:



...the leadership of ministers who embrace change and new thinking ...facing our financial issues squarely

...our church is intentionally, with much prayer, setting direction for itself and its congregation (in light of recent staff changes and as a follow on to the Vision Pathway work)

...our church is working to reorganize and align with our mission: "Creating Christ-centered community in a distracting world"

WORSHIPING

- ...Scott Sharp; always learn from his sermons, am inspired to improve myself, and look forward to the next Sunday to do it all again
- ...our wonderful choir and music, the handbell choir, congregational singing
- ...we are happy to be a members of Central for nearly 45 years and see all that good we have done in making us all better Christians.
- ...distribution of strength for the upcoming week

NAVIGATING

- \ldots we have great Sunday school programs and we will grow
- ...a large number of our congregants are reading the Bible in 90 days—it's awesome that we're doing this as a collective
- ...the way we have small groups that can come together to study the word in fellowship
- ...the emphasis on the Bible
- ...one mind in Christ gathering together
- ...I love that we joined a small group as a result of the Lenten study

...youth involvement—love buying burritos and plants to help them raise money ...this is my home and refuge—a group of friends like no other; we share, laugh, love ...I'm a new member and I have been so welcomed and accepted; I love my new Sunday School class and church

SERVING

...a large variety of ways in which to serve; multi-generational, all

...our serving the homeless through Helping Hands and Community of Hope, our giving to so many programs like Saranam and Lowell Elementary School through the food bank, Mighty Milers and school uniforms

...giving my time to Thrift Shop

ENGAGING

- ...Panera is donating generous amounts of bread for Community of Hope.
- ...the people in the pews and leadership roles as well as those unable to be with us
- ...Boy Scouts are thriving
- ...our United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men are strong
- ...our pastors and office staff including the volunteers!
- ...loving support to members (and others) who are in ill health
- ...the opportunities to create new, fresh community
- ...the people who are glad to see me as I am glad to see them "and are we yet alive ..." ...our loyalty to Christ in a changing world

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & FOOD Coffee and Doughnut fellowship is in the Gathering Area at 8:30 am. **Today's Menu:** Southwest Baked Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Rice Pilaf, Rolls, Salad, Pies and Ice Cream

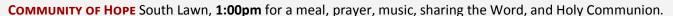
CENTRAL TO LIFE

NAVIGATE SERVE ENGAGE WORSHIP

LIVING THE LIFE: LIVING IN THE WORD



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







Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 27th, 9:00am - 3:00pm 4 year olds - 5th graders

Vacation Bible School is going to be IN-TENTS this summer! Join us as we spend the day around the "campfire," take "hikes," and discover two Mountain Top experiences from the Bible. The first "hike" will be up Mount Sinai as we spend time with Moses as God gives him the Ten Commandments. After lunch we will "hike" to the Mount of Transfiguration where God blessed Jesus as the disciples watched.

In addition to our stories we will make crafts, play games, sing songs, eat great food and have a wonderful day of IN-TENTS Christ-Centered Community. Register today! Registration forms are at the Front Desk or can be downloaded from CentralToLife.org

Also calling the "behind the scenes" helpers (youth and adults) that make VBS week possible... Join us! Please contact the church office if you can help: 243-7834 or info@centraltolife.org.



THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES! Week 2: 6 days completed, 84 days to go!

Join a group, share the journey.

- Sundays, 9:45am: Class of Promise, Rm 101;
- Tuesdays, 7am: Panera on Central & Girard;
- Wednesdays, 9:30am: Women of the Word, Rm 311
- Thursdays, noon: Suttle Financial Group, 2425 San Pedro NE, Suite 300, 505-235-0395.

Share your story as you journey through the Bible - send your story to info@centraltolife.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Questions? Call the church office or send an email to <u>info@centraltolife.org</u>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 -10:45AM, 4 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADE. Learning through games, crafts, music, storytelling, or videos.

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

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES --Rachel Holt is our Youth Interim Director during the summer months. You can contact her at Rachel.m.holt02@gmail.com.

TODAY: Sunday School: 9:45-10:55am Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm

Sunday, June 7, 5-7pm: Movie Night at Carl and Janice Bonilla's house (324 56th St NW).

Wednesday, June 10: NO GAMES IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 14, 5-7pm: Pool Party at Scott and Tracy Sharp's house (8309 Tierra Serena Pl NE). Please bring a dish to share!

Sunday, June 21, 6pm: Isotopes Game. Contact Rachel or the church office if you want to attend so we can get discount tickets!

Rachel Holt, Youth Interim Director Scott Zila, Facility Superintendent Michele Humes, Bookkeeper/Admin Assistant



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