



Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World

CTL News, June 21, 2015

Earlier this spring when I announced that both Traci Bailey and Scott Carver would be leaving the staff I also indicated that this was the opening of a new chapter in the life of Central UMC. To be honest, it was easier to say that than it was to realize what it might mean. A case in point is Vacation Bible School. Even as our staff changed and I knew we needed to do things differently I looked at VBS as being a ministry that would continue in the same way. What has come to my attention is that VBS is a great test case for our new reality as a congregation.

With that said, I have made the decision to postpone VBS from June 27 to a date to be announced in August after school starts.

I am grateful for the people who have already begun to work on VBS and for the folks who have volunteered to assist with the ministry. Trust me when I tell you that we will still need leaders, helpers, planners, etc.

My hope at this point is that we can hold a VBS event on a Saturday that will not only be a ministry for the children of our congregation but one in which we can invite children from our neighborhood and Lowell Elementary to participate; thus the August date.

Friends, the ministry of the church—the very purpose of the church—is to extend Christ’s love beyond the walls of our facility. This means that our practices must mirror our purpose and VBS presents us with the opportunity to do this. Please know that if you have any questions I am available to talk.

THE SHARP POINT



Next Sunday our newly appointed pastoral staff member, **Rev. Kelly Brooks**, will be joining us as part of the Central team. Kelly is a provisional deacon in the Annual Conference and her primary role will be connecting people to ministry in the church and beyond. Kelly previously worked at Saranam, Family Promise, First UMC, and was most recently the pastor at Grace UMC in Albuquerque.

Rev. Janet Norden, a provisional elder in the Annual Conference, continues in her dual appointment at Central and University Heights. Here at Central Janet’s primary ministry is in pastoral care, Community of Hope, and Family Promise while at University Heights she is pastor in charge and has Sunday responsibilities.

Mary Lust, our Director of Ministries and Operations, will be full-time through the end of summer and then when she moves to Abilene her role is going to change. Mary will be working remotely as she finishes a number of significant financial projects and she will also be coming back to Central once a month to meet with administrative committees. Mary will be doing this at least until the first of the year when we will reassess our needs as a congregation and make plans to move forward accordingly.

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

Today’s Menu: Brats, Cole slaw, Corn on the cob, Baked beans, Fresh watermelon

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LIVING THE LIFE: LIVING IN THE WORD

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.



ADULT MINISTRIES Questions? Call the church office or send an email to info@centraltolife.org or check out www.Centraltolife.org, Navigate, Adult Ministries.

- **Sundays:** Adult Sunday School classes meet at 9:45am. There are a variety of classes to choose from.
- **Weekdays:** Three study small groups to choose from: Monday night, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, July 8**, in the Conference Room from 2:00 to 3:30. The book selection is *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai. All women are welcome to come and join in the discussion. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Vacation Bible School

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

Vacation Bible School to be rescheduled from June 27 to a date to be announced in August after school starts.

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.

Sunday School: 9:45-10:55am: We will be making tie dye shirts during Sunday School! Bring a washed white T-shirt. Parents are welcome to join!

Youth Group: Isotopes Game. Tickets will be \$13. The whole family is invited! Let me know if you would like to go so we can get seats together!



Wednesday, June 24-28: Youth 2015 Group leaves. Please keep Kirsten Dockendorff, Nadia Dockendorff, Robert Gough, Kelsey Hayes, Bekah Holt, Faith Schifani, and Glenn Small, as well as their chaperones, Kathy Gough and Molly Hayes in your prayers as they travel to and participate in this national United Methodist gathering in Orlando.

Wednesday, June 24, 6-7pm: Games in the Park



THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES! 20 days completed, 70 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 info@centraltolife.org.

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

Rachel Holt, Youth Interim Director

Scott Zila, Facility Superintendent

Michele Humes, Bookkeeper/Admin Assistant



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