



The Sharp Point

The month of August is filled with great events and ministries at Central UMC. This week join us for the **CUMC Neighborhood Street Fair** on Wednesday night as we have a great time and support the APS Title I program that provides education for homeless children. We will have all kinds of games, music, fun and food.

Next week is the annual **Little Sunbeams Golf Tournament** which supports our child development center. You can play golf, make a

monetary donation or just come out and watch some great—and not so great—golf action.

Meanwhile **Saranam**—Central's transitional housing program for families—is looking through applications, decorating apartments and preparing for the arrival of eight new families whose lives will be forever changed because of this ministry of the church. It's an amazing August at Central!



Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar!



Are You Ready for Your Close Up? Sign up at CentralToLife.org or visit the directory table in the

Gathering Area and schedule your session today! To accommodate your busy schedule, we have two separate photo sessions with both daytime and evening hours allotted.

HELP! Volunteers are also needed to assist our photographers. Simply sign up at the church office for a shift or call Traci Bailey at (505) 918-3706 if you have any questions.

CUMW SPIRITUAL RETREAT Last Chance! Register today for the Central United Methodist Women's Annual Spiritual Retreat on **August 11th, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Rev. Bert Scott will lead the retreat on the topic, *"The Journey of Becoming: Deepening Our Personal Relationship with God."* Register in the Gathering Area today or send your name, phone number, and \$18 check to Carol Smith, 1924 Chandelle Loop N.E., 87112. Call 298-4898 for more information.

Little Sunbeams Golf Tournament Fun!! Awards!!

Prizes!! Little Sunbeams would like to invite you to participate in, or sponsor our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament: **Monday, August 13th** at Four Hills Country Club, 12:00 Lunch, 1:00. For more information, pick up a form in the Gathering Area today!



The baskets of donations are due in by next Sunday, August 12th. They can be dropped off at Central or the Saranam Office. The baskets are being placed by the decorators in the apartments. Saranam has received 55 applications for 8 openings in the program. Interviews begin August 13th and move in day is Aug. 21st. We need 2 more shoppers for grocery shopping on Aug. 20th. Contact Sue at saranam.sue@gmail.com. Please pray for Saranam during the interviews and selection of new families.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & FOOD Coffee and Doughnut fellowship is in the Gathering Area beginning at 8:30 am. You are also welcome to join us for lunch in the Life Center at noon. \$5 (adults), \$2(kids).

Today's Menu: Sausage Lasagna, grilled green beans, salad, garlic bread, fruit crisp with ice cream.

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CENTRAL TO LIFE

Eight members of Central attended the New Mexico Conference United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission July 20 through 23 at Sacramento Methodist Assembly.. Two of the members were Faith Schifani and Brianna Wick who went as the teen girls from Central.



The Conference was honored to have Harriett Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of the United Methodist Women National Organization attending and addressing the 81 women attending the event on Saturday evening.

Other members from the United Methodist Women Organization at Central were: Betty Jo Nye, Jennifer Jay, Helen Jo Satterwhite, Peggy Arensdorf, Norma Thornbrough, and Ruth Cook.

Helping Hands Needs Your Abundance! If you have a garden, or orchard or growing pot of something eatable would you please share your abundance with the folks who come to us at Helping Hands. Every day we see at least 100 people who rarely see a fresh fruit or vegetable. Whatever you are willing to share, we'll make very sure it's shared with those who would appreciate it the most. Thank you for your continued generosity towards and support of Central's Helping Hands!!

Theology of Ministry, Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 pm, **September 6-October 11**. A course in the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry (EIM). Explore the theological foundation for the partnership of Christians in the ministry of Christ. That foundation becomes the catalyst for hearing a call, discerning gifts, and taking action. Textbook: *Contemporary Images of Christian Ministry* Course Instructors: Rev. Dr. Bert Scott and Rev. Dr. Stephen Miller. Cost: \$80.00 (scholarships available). To register: email judithatodd@aol.com.

Apples, Denim, and Dulcimers! Upcoming UMW Luncheon/Silent Auction benefit for missions, on Saturday, **September 22** in our Life Center. Watch for more details! Sunday ticket sales will be in the Gathering Area starting next month.

Family Promise The last hosting week of July 1st - 8th was successful because **there were over 400 hours of servant ministry** of hosting, driving, sleeping, cooking, moving beds, making beds, doing laundry and radical hospitality in general donated by this congregation! **There was over \$500.00 dollars donated** which was used to give breakfasts, lunches, snacks, go to the Zoo and to the movies, and gas to get there!! God is good and this congregation continues to 'Care as Jesus Cares' for those less fortunate. It is truly a pleasure to work with each and every one of you! -Janet 505.239.3541, jnorde@aol.com.

Please mark your calendars. Our next opportunity is **September 30th through October 8th**. We will have a 'debriefing' meeting after the 11am service on **August 19th**.

CHILDREN'S HAPPENINGS 3rd Grade Bible Sunday will be **August 19th!** If you have a 3rd grader, let us know so we can make sure to include them !

ADULT HAPPENINGS New Alfies Studies for August - see class descriptions at centraltolife.org. UMW Friendly Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, August 15th, 11:45. More Bad Girls of the Bible is book study.

PEOPLE OF FAITH Classic Services, 8:30 and 11:00am. **Next Week: Mary** (Luke 1)

THE STORY: Finding Your Story in God's Story New Day Service, 9:45am. **Next Week:** The Resurrection (John 8:1-11)

COMMUNITY OF HOPE, 1pm. Being a part of Community of Hope is as simple as sitting at a table and sharing a cup of coffee. Join us!

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Services broadcast on KAZQ-Sunday, 11 am & 7 pm

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Our VISION...to be a CENTRAL presence in Albuquerque where the grace of Jesus Christ is CENTRAL to life with God, self, and our neighbors.

Our MISSION...to make the unconditional love of Jesus Christ CENTRAL to life.