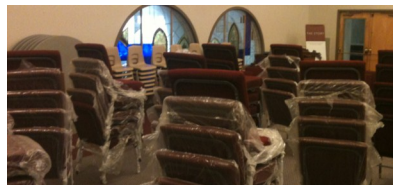




CENTRAL TO LIFE CENTER - "THE CHAIRS"

If you haven't seen the new Life Center chairs, stop on by the Life Center and give one a test drive! Arrival of the chairs happened to coincide with recent publication of news regarding the not-so-stellar financial condition of the church, which might have you thinking "did purchasing the new chairs for the Life Center contribute



The Chairs Arrive!

towards the church's current financial difficulties?" Before you read on, go ahead

and take a guess - how much do you think each chair cost and how do you think the purchase was funded? Turns out the chairs were purchased entirely with **Memorial Funds**, completely outside the operating budget of the church. The total cost of the chairs was \$6,990, which is \$34.95 each! Kudos go to the **Interior Refinement Committee** headed by Kristie Reinhart for researching numerous options and tracking down such a good deal for the church!



New Day Worship

QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH? Central is an active church, with a wide array of ongoing ministries and several important initiatives under consideration. It's easy to lose track of what's going on and feel uninformed.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve communication, the Church Council will be hosting several question and answer sessions.

The first session is **Monday, September 24th, 5:30-6:30** in the conference room. Everyone is welcome to attend; bring your comments, questions, suggestions regarding anything within the scope of the Church Council. Paul Holt, chair of Church Council and Mary Ridgeway, Director of Ministries and Operations will host the sessions. Can't attend? Send an email with your question to Paul Holt at holtpd@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APPLES, DENIM, AND DULCIMERS! United Methodist Women's LUNCHEON/SILENT AUCTION, is this **Saturday, September 22, 11 am**. Last chance to get your ticket (\$20) in the Gathering Area today!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY! Starts Today! 11:00am Are you a follower of Jesus or just a fan? Join Pastor Greg Henneman and Traci Bailey upstairs in Room 311 for a look at the difference.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY There are only 2 DAYS left to get your picture taken for the Central Pictorial Directory. Times are filling up fast so sign up TODAY in the Gathering Area or via CentralToLife.org (simply click Upcoming Events on the home page). We need you!

FAMILY PROMISE September 30th - October 8th. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area and see where you might be able to help us help others! Come join us in this ministry with families that are newly homeless who we will 'host' here in the church. For any questions, contact Janet Norden @ 239.3541, or jnorde@aol.com.

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: Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chips and salsa, puddings

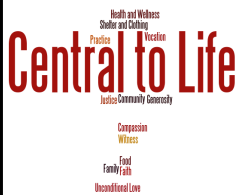
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CENTRAL TO LIFE - the message series at all **three services - 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00am!** Next Sunday message **"Practice is Central to Life"**, Matthew 21: 28-32.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE Being a part of Community of Hope is as simple as sitting at a table and sharing a cup of coffee. Join us on the South Lawn at 1:00pm.

CHOIR AND SINFONIA RETREAT, Saturday, September 29, 8:30am, Life Center. Are you a singer? Do you read music? Are you proficient on an orchestral instrument and love to play in an ensemble? Here's your opportunity to meet our musicians, have a wonderful breakfast, and enjoy some great music. Contact Jerri Foster, 243-7834 for further information.



MUSIC MISSION KIEV ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS, Thursday, October 4, 7 pm. Music Mission Kiev is a Christian orchestra and choir from the Ukraine. These musicians perform all over the world to share the amazing musical talents of their countrymen and raise awareness for the Christian ministry in Russia. Please join us for this free concert. In addition, we welcome any housing opportunities that you have. Please contact Santhia Collins at choir_lady_2001@yahoo.com or Jerri Foster at jerrif@centraltolife.org for more information.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL Calling all writers and thinkers of great ideas! We need you to help us create our yearly, congregation written devotional! If you can write a devotional, please contact Christy today (central.christy@gmail.com) to get your date and all the details. If you have thoughts about Advent but don't feel comfortable writing, Christy will help you write it in a devotional format. This is an easy way to share God's love with others.



Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity to help children all over the planet celebrate Jesus' birth through gifts in shoeboxes! It's easy to participate. Shoebox gifts can be small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, jewelry, or even clothes. Bring your NEW, small gifts for children to the church. We'll take care of the rest by filling as many shoeboxes as we can during Trick or Treat Not on the Street (Oct ober 27)! If you want more information, check out <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack A Shoe Box/>.

Stop by the **Central Connections Station** in the Gathering Area for fliers on all ministries!

ATTENTION EMMAUS COMMUNITY Central UMC will be hosting the 4th Day Gathering on **Friday, September 28, 6:30pm**. Please note we will be meeting on the 4th Friday this month in order to welcome the Men from Walk #40. Potluck supper in the Central to Life Center followed by praise and worship. Please make plans to attend!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS Contact Scott Carver at scottcarver@centraltolife.org or call the church office to get connected or get more information about these events:

- **Fall Confirmation, October 12-13** Today is the last day to get signed up. Confirmation is for 8th-12th graders.
- **Youth Worship @ New Day: Sunday, Sep. 23**
- **District Youth Worship: Sunday, Sep. 23** at El Buen Samaritano UMC.
- **"Serve Day" @ East Central Ministries: Saturday, Sep. 29, 8:30am -12:30 pm** We will be heading to East Central Ministries for a day of serving others.

CENTRAL CALENDAR

- ◇ **September 29, 8:30am** Choir Retreat
- ◇ **October 4, 7pm** Music Mission Kiev Concert
- ◇ **October 7, 2pm** CHOPS Concert
- ◇ **October 12-13** Youth Fall Confirmation Retreat

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Get connected! Sign up for Central Connections, our weekly electronic newsletter, at www.centraltolife.org or send an email to Mary Ridgeway at maryr@centraltolife.org.

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.