



This week I stumbled upon an article that remembered the life of Gordie Howe who is considered by some to be the greatest hockey player of all time. The article talked about the two sides of Gordie. On the ice he was a fierce competitor who could break an opposing player's jaw with an elbow or take a guys teeth out with his stick. Off the ice, Gordie was probably the greatest ambassador for hockey both while he was a player and for years afterward.

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. On this day we remember the members of our church who have died in this year. At the same time, we remember all of those in our lives who have died. As we do that, we realize that none of us are perfect. None of us have reached Christian perfection, as John Wesley called it. None of us are saints in the very technical sense, and yet—we are all God's children—and because of that, there is the Image of God in each of us. We would do well to remember the good gifts that those who have gone before to be with God left for us. We would do well to forget and forgive the sins of those long gone.

I am so grateful for the many people who have been saints in my life. These saints are people who showed me Jesus, taught me about God's love, and demonstrated God's grace to me. These people weren't perfect, but they sure tried. May we all be remembered as such.

With Joy,
Scott



Coat Drive 2016

Each year we offer the opportunity to help others by asking the congregation to bring in coats in the fall. This year the coats collected will be going to the Helping Hands Ministry, Community of Hope Ministry, and Lowell Elementary School. All coats are needed: new coats, slightly worn coats; children's coats and adult coats. We begin this tradition in November and on Thanksgiving Sunday, we will ask God to bless the coats, the ones who will wear these coats, and the ones who have brought the coats.

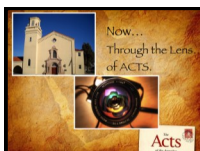
Join us in our Coat Drive and please bring in coats of all sizes'.

In Christ,
Rev. Janet

November 6, 2016

CENTRAL TO LIFE





SERMON SERIES

"FROM SCRIPT TO STAGE: FAITH AS IMPROVISATION"

CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

1:00pm



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

Join us on **November 19th** to hear an inspirational message from Kevin Jackson who is a humanitarian-missionary who has served in many countries around the globe. He has also served as the City of Rio Rancho mayor.

Kevin is a many faceted individual all will enjoy hearing.

The meeting will start with breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by Kevin's presentation. *Please call Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 to RSVP or for additional information.*



2016 CUMC Giving Tree

This year, Central UMC will be collecting Gift Cards to benefit the children and families involved in the Saranam Program and the Methodist Children's Home. The CUMC Giving Tree will be located in the Welcome Center on **November 13th** and we will be collecting the cards until **Sunday, December 4th**.

For more information on the Giving Tree, please see Pastor Kelly.

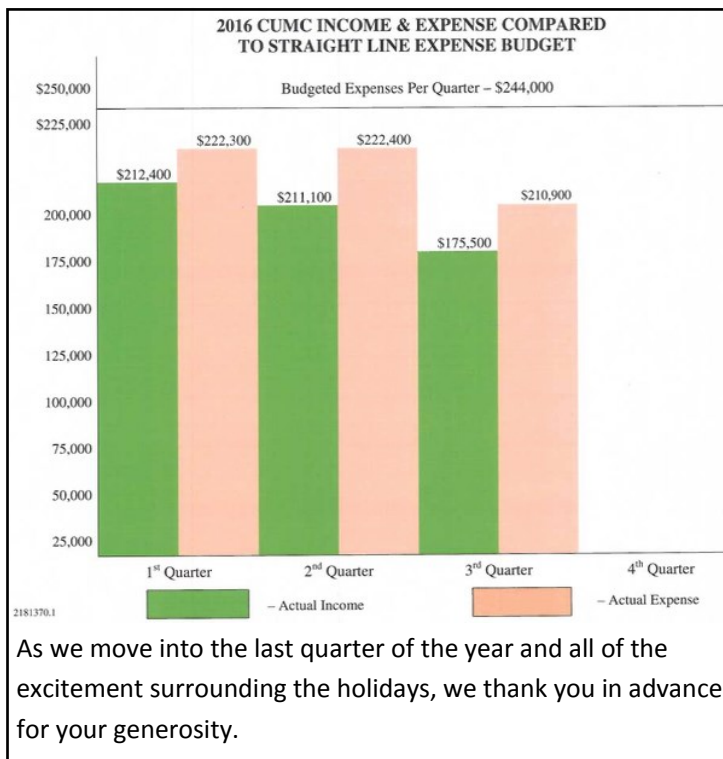


Family Promise of Albuquerque Annual Home Tour, November 19th and 20th

This year's Christmas Home Tour features four beautiful North Valley homes decorated and ready for the holiday season. Proceeds from the Home Tour benefit the programming of Family Promise of Albuquerque.

Please visit the website: www.familypromise.org

or see Pastor Kelly for ticket information.



Thrift Shop

Thursdays, 12–3pm; Fridays, 9am–12; Sundays, 12–1pm

Christmas Decorations Sale:

November 4 – December 18

Jewelry & Collectibles Sales:

Sunday, November 6 in the Gathering Area

Youth

The youth will be participating in a Craft Fair at **Sandia Baptist Church, 9429 Constitution NE Albuquerque, NM 87112** on **Saturday, November 12th from 9am – 3pm**.

We will be selling beautiful Christmas ornaments that were donated to us by Steven Phillip Roberts. Come out and support the youth and start your Christmas shopping.

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