

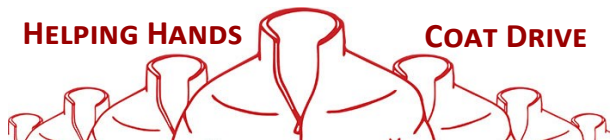


Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World

November 17, 2013

HELPING HANDS

COAT DRIVE



"WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID FOR ME." Matthew 25:40

The things we often take for granted are just as often not granted to everyone. On any given day there are 3000 homeless in our city: waking up on a bench – under a bridge – beneath a tree; having no place to clean up; hungry with nothing to eat; cold with no coat to warm the body. This time of year provides us with a unique opportunity to help solve one of the most desperate problems of the

homeless –the lack of warm coats to help keep the winter temperatures at bay.

Helping Hands is asking for your help to meet this very real need. On **Sunday, November 24th** we are collecting coats to give to those who come to us needing help. Can you imagine the difference it would make if we all gave a coat to one without? (Coats can also be brought to the church during the week and dropped off in the in the Helping Hands donation bin).

Watch the Helping Hands Coat Drive video at <http://www.centraltolife.org/#/serve> (Helping Hands).



**BISHOP BLEDSOE'S
CALL FOR RESPONSE**

Super Typhoon Haiyan is estimated to have killed 10,000 people and displaced over 600,000 people across the country. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already on scene and providing emergency relief. To read more about what UMCOR is doing go to the following website: <http://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/umcor-responds-to-philippines-typhoon>.

As people of faith we are called to respond to the needs of others. To contribute, please visit UMCOR's website at: [International Disaster Response, Advance #982450](http://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/umcor-responds-to-philippines-typhoon).

HELPING HANDS BIBLE

STUDY For many years Central UMC has helped people with basic physical needs by providing sack lunches, clothing items, bus passes, and toiletries through our Helping Hands ministry. For the last year we have made a more intentional effort to attend to people's spiritual needs by offering a Helping Hands Bible study every Friday. From a core group of four people, this study has grown to average between 12 and 15 people. This means a quarter of the people coming to Helping Hands are remaining to discuss how their relationship with God impacts their lives.



CHURCH CONFERENCE, Tuesday, December 3rd, 6pm. You are invited to attend our annual church meeting, hosted by our District Superintendent, Rev. James Large. In addition to attending to some business items (e.g., sale of the Jemez property), we will celebrate the important ministry of Central.

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

New During Our Construction Phase! We'll be serving **Brunch** in the Gathering Area, 9:00-11:00 am.

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COMMUNITY OF HOPE South Lawn, 1:00pm for a meal, prayer, music, sharing the Word, and Holy Communion.



MULTIMEDIA RENOVATION UPDATE Hi folks! Since the majority of the Life Center renovation is complete, I jogged over to the Sanctuary to check out the activity there. The construction team is busy installing upgraded electrical service and various new wires and cables. Boom lifts, scissor lifts and one-person units. So many perches! The Fowler crew has installed the main speakers and they look so nice! Very thin, very low profile. They installed audio monitors for the choir, which also blend in very nicely in the chancel area. On the video side, the new projectors and screens are in place. And there are a couple new rows of stage lights installed way up in the rafters. The schedule calls for the rest of the equipment to be installed during November. Remaining work includes replacing the floor with a new cork floor and reinstalling the pews. Our first event in the renovated space will be the Messiah concert on December 6th and our classic services will begin on December 8th.

We are seeking volunteers to help learn and operate all the new media equipment. Interested? Look for a volunteer signup list in the Gathering Area. We are in the process of training our first technical team and will roll out the rest of the training soon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HAPPENINGS Contact Traci Bailey, 243-7834 or at tracib@centraltolife.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 -10:45AM, 3 YEAR OLDS - 5TH GRADE. Learning through games, crafts, storytelling, video and music!

SOUL KIDS (Sing Out Unto the Lord) for children K-5th grades, Sundays, 8:45-9:45 in the Choir Room.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!! Mark your Calendars for **Sunday, December 15th** for the Children and Youth Christmas pageant!



MEN WITH TOOLS NEEDED!*

We'll be reinstalling the pews in the Sanctuary on **Friday, November 29th** and **Saturday, November 30th** and we need help! Sign up in the Gathering Area for whatever time slot you can. Questions? Contact Scott Zila at 243-7834 or ScottZ@centraltolife.org or Ed Vigil at 221-0041 or edvigilabqnm@yahoo.com.

***Bring your hammers, drills, screwdrivers, socket sets and wrenches – we need them all!**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH COMES TO CENTRAL Our Chancel Choir and the NM Philharmonic will combine to present the entire Messiah on Friday, December 6th at 7pm. Our congregation can purchase tickets at a discount - \$20, \$32, \$45. However, the discounted tickets must be purchased BEFORE the concert. Please call the NM Philharmonic office, 323-4343 or purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings November 24th or December 1st.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS Contact Scott Carver, 243-7834 or scottcarver@centraltolife.org.

SUNDAYS: Sunday School: 9:45-10:45am

Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm (groups meet in Youth Lounge)

YOUNG ADULTS @ CENTRAL: Thursdays @ 7pm Open to anyone 18-30 something to connect and grow in faith. We currently meet upstairs in room 301.

WINTER JAM CONCERT: This Thursday, November 21, 7 PM at Santa Ana Star Center. Don't miss an incredible night of Christian music! Join us for this concert with great bands like the Newsboys, Kristian Stanfill, Tenth Avenue North and more! It's only \$10 at the door! Concert takes place @ Santa Ana Star Center. There will be NO transportation from Central. Please meet up at the concert.



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