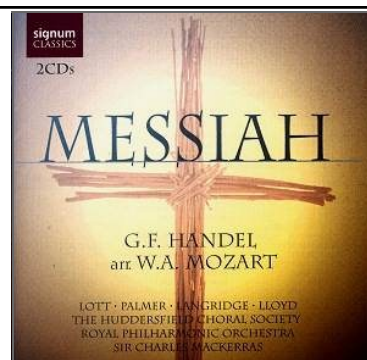




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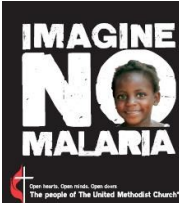
featuring the Chancel Choir and the NM Philharmonic,  
Saturday, December 8, 7pm and Sunday, December 9, 3pm.



When Marian Tanau, manager of the New Mexico Philharmonic, first approached Jerri Foster, our Music Director, about singing such a grand work with this wonderful orchestra, she wondered “can we do this?”, and here we are! George Frederic Handel wrote this large work in 24 days, August 22 through September 14, 1741, for a charity concert in Dublin, Ireland. Since then it has been performed thousands of times. It is the story of Christ’s life based on Old and New Testament scripture.

Our Chancel Choir, soloists, and the New Mexico Philharmonic will sing the entire work. Tickets are available at a discount for church members through Sunday, December 2nd in the Gathering Area. This is the ultimate musical Christmas gift - you won’t want to miss it!

Tickets are also available by either calling the NM Philharmonic’s office, (505) 323-4343 or by visiting our website [www.nmphil.org](http://www.nmphil.org).

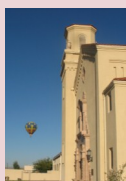


Albuquerque has more than 310 days of sunshine a year—November 10th was not one of them. Despite the cold, wet, and windy weather, 35 people left the warmth of their homes to help people they have never met by participating in the **2nd Annual Run from Malaria**. A total of 57 people registered for the race and over \$1,000 was raised for the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

Finishers ranged in age from 10 to 77—with 16 year old Zack Roccaforte taking home the best effort award and bragging rights as the fastest member of Central United Methodist Church. The field ranged from Boston Marathon finishers to walkers and included John Farrow who twice contracted malaria while working in Africa.



In addition to the diverse participants, Athletes Edge running store and the Albuquerque Road Runners Club donated support for the event. If you would like to help end malaria, it is not too late! For a donation of any amount over \$10, you can receive an Imagine No Malaria T-Shirt and make a difference



**CHURCH CONFERENCE**, Everyone is invited to our annual church meeting, known as our Church Conference, on **Wednesday, December 5th at 7pm** hosted by our District Superintendent Rev. Jeff Lust. In addition to attending to some business items, we will celebrate the important ministry of Central. Please plan to attend!

**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).

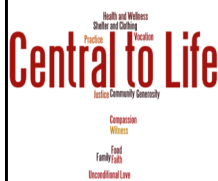
**Menu:** Beef tips, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, brownie pudding with ice cream.

**WORSHIP**

**DISCOVER**

**SERVE**

November 18, 2012  
CENTRAL TO LIFE



**CENTRAL TO LIFE** - the message series at all **three services - 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00am!** Next Sunday's message "**Health and Wellness is Central to Life**", **Matthew 5: 1-12.**

**COMMUNITY OF HOPE** People who are housed and street, church and un-church, come together to make the unconditional love of Jesus Christ Central to Life. Join us on the South Lawn at **1:00pm** for a meal, prayer, music, sharing the Word, and Holy Communion.



The Saranam Gift Card Giving Tree will be decorated soon! Stop by and pick up an ornament with gift card information. We are collecting gift cards of any amount for Christmas. It is a way for the parents to purchase presents for their children. Drop the cards off at the office by **December 17th.**



#### **WINGS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, December 8

**Sandia Valley Nazarene Church**

**Set up 2:00-4:00 pm Party 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Singing—Games—Bible Story—Crafts—  
Pizza—FUN!

If you would like to donate Christmas presents please drop them off at the church or Wings office.

**Wish List:** Homemade cookies to decorate, frosting and sprinkles, \$\$\$ for pizza & supplies, gifts: infant to teens.



**HOLIDAY HELP WANTED!** Just when you are getting settled into November – BAM – It's time to talk Christmas! Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner

and that means decorating the church! Please join us on **November 25<sup>th</sup>**, starting at noon, to put up trees, wreaths, and greenery. The whole family is invited. Contact Traci Bailey at [tracib@centraltolife.org](mailto:tracib@centraltolife.org) or 243-7834 if you have any questions ... this is going to be fun!

#### **CENTRAL CALENDAR**

- ◇ **November 25, noon** Christmas Decorating
- ◇ **December 5, 7pm** Church Conference
- ◇ **December 8, 7pm and December 9, 3pm** The Messiah Concert

Stop by the **Central Connections Station** in the Gathering Area for flyers on all the ministries here at Central!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** Central's Advent Devotional booklets will be available on **Sunday, December 2nd.** Make plans now to pick one up! If you would like to receive a link each day, via email, that will take you directly to that day's devotional, email Christy at [central.christy@gmail.com](mailto:central.christy@gmail.com) with "Daily Devotional" in the subject line.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS** Contact Scott Carver at [scottcarver@centraltolife.org](mailto:scottcarver@centraltolife.org).

**Youth Group is HAPPENING tonight! 5-7pm. NO Youth Group Meeting Nov. 25** (Due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

**NEW Sunday School Study: Discovering God's Ways of Handling Money** Hey High Schoolers...ever wonder what God thinks about money and how we should use it? Come Sunday mornings for our new study led by our High School class at 9:45 am.

**Mark Your Calendars: November 30** Join us for our Youth Night Out coming up at the end of the month. Just a night of fun and fellowship; you won't want to miss it. More details to come soon!

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS** Christmas sale thru Sunday, December 16th during regular store hours:

- Sunday: noon - 1:30 pm
- Thursday: noon - 3:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am - noon

**The Thrift Shop will be closed November 22, 23 and 25 for Thanksgiving.**

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

**Get connected!** Sign up for Central Connections, our weekly electronic newsletter, at [www.centraltolife.org](http://www.centraltolife.org) or send an email to Mary Ridgeway at [maryr@centraltolife.org](mailto: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.