

Before Pastor Greg was appointed to serve at Central, Bob King and I met at Village Pizza in Corrales to talk with Greg on the phone about his coming to serve here. We sat outside on a beautiful spring day and talked with Greg over speaker phone. Bob, whose candor and honesty was always direct and "spot on", turned to me after the phone conversation and simply said, "He's our man." Bob was right.

During Greg's tenure Central's SERVE Strategy has developed into real "Ministry WITH" the poor, the hurting and those in need. Central is known for our ministries of compassion, and Greg is known as an advocate of those whom Jesus loved most. In many ways Greg has been the hands and feet of Jesus around here and I am truly grateful for his presence, his advocacy and his ministry.



As we say goodbye to Greg today we celebrate that Greg has left Central more engaged in ministry than when he found it. We still have a long way to go, but Greg has contributed significantly to Central's heritage and legacy. Ultimately, I think Greg's ministry can be summed up in one word: GRACE—and that's the word that matters most.

Vaya Con Dios Greg!

THE SHARP POINT



December 24th: Christmas Eve Services

- * **10:00AM: CHRISTMAS AND CARING SERVICE** in the Chapel for those who have suffered a loss.
- * **1:00PM: CHRISTMAS AND COMMUNION SERVICE** in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion
- * **6:00PM: NEW DAY WORSHIP** in the Life Center featuring contemporary music led by the No Boundaries Praise Band
- * **8:00PM: LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE** in the Sanctuary featuring the Chancel Choir, Sinfonia and candlelight
- * **11:00PM: CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE** in the Sanctuary to welcome Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28th: 11:00am service only! Brunch at 9:45am.



Living *THE* LIFE:
LIVING THE MOMENT

POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember someone this Christmas by ordering a poinsettia. Order forms are in the pew backs.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & FOOD Coffee and Doughnut fellowship is in the Gathering Area at 8:30 am. You are welcome to join us for lunch in the Life Center at noon. \$8 (*adults*), \$4 (*kids*). Today's Menu: Beer Brats, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fresh Watermelon



LIVING THE LIFE: LIVING THE ADVENT-URE

Worship Venues: 8:30 & 11:00 Classic, Sanctuary, 9:45 New Day Contemporary, Life Center.

Check out CentralToLife.org Recharge page for weekly devotional.



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

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, December 20th, 8:00am. A presentation on current BSA Council activities will be given by Kevin McClellan, a Council Scout Professional. Our own Troop will update us on their present and planned activities. Contact Ed Vigil at (505) 221-0041 for additional info or to RSVP.

ASBURY FELLOWSHIP CLASS For December, the class will start with an Advent mini-series based on the lectionary and taught by Dr. Bert Scott, with Dr. Marc Davidson following. The class meets on Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 304. All are welcome.



Thrift Shop Collectible Sale in the Gathering Area TODAY!

ISI- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY NEEDS This January our church has many opportunities to serve with ISI @ the University of New Mexico. ISI is a ministry that welcomes over 300 international students attending UNM during the school year. Volunteers are needed for various needs (welcome, check-in, help them shop etc.) during Jan. 5-9 and Jan. 12-14. If you are interested please contact scottcarver@centraltolife.org for more information.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 -10:45AM, 4 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Sundays from 8:45 - 9:30am downstairs in the choir room.



CHRIST CHILD TREE AND SARANAM CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

are due in the church office by **Monday, December 15th.**

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

TODAY: Sunday School: 9:45-10:55 am

Confirmation Meeting: 11:00 am

NO Youth Group due

CONFIRMATION 2015 Do you have a son or daughter who is in 8th grade or above and hasn't gone through the confirmation process yet? If you are interested in confirmation, please attend a short confirmation meeting taking place on **TODAY** at 11am in the Youth Lounge.

YOUTH 2015 GATHERING Interested in joining hundreds of other UMC youth groups from all over the United States this upcoming summer? Youth 2015 only happens every 4 years and takes place this year **June 24-28** in Orlando, FL. Please reserve your spot by **January 25th** if you are interested. Youth ages 12-18 are invited and \$100 is due upon registration.

LUMINARIA SETUP: DECEMBER 24TH Everyone is invited help Central "shine" this Christmas Eve! We will setup 200 pre-assembled luminarias at 11 am on Christmas Eve morning. We also need a few volunteers to light them at 5 pm. Want to help? Please email Scott Carver.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP Thursdays @

7:30pm at the Carver residence. Email Scott with questions.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor

Rev. Greg Henneman, Associate Pastor

Rev. Janet Norden, Associate Pastor

Mary Ridgeway, Director, Ministries and Operations

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MISSION MANDATE: Growing Christ-Centered Community in a Distracting World