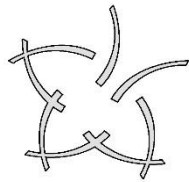


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From Dianne's Desk

NEWSLETTER

FAREWELL

One of the spiritual disciplines that I've tried to practice most of my life is being intentional about saying "goodbye" and "thank you" at the end of significant chapters in my journey. I started it when I graduated from Northwest Classen High School, writing notes of appreciation to several key teachers who had graced my life. Often they were the teachers with a reputation for being "hard," but I realized early on that their passion for excellence pushed me to be a better student. I still love learning and will for the rest of my days, because they inspired me to bring my best to the table.

Similarly, the teaching and learning has continued through the past 32 years in full-time ministry. Every congregation I've had the privilege to serve helped me grow in my own faith and understanding, developing new skills or gifts as needed, given the context of our time together. God often speaks to me through the relationships I treasure in my churches. I became a better preacher, thanks to the questions people would ask or the honest feedback that suggested alternative approaches. In many ways, I see myself as a teacher as much as a preacher, and I am happiest when we are studying scripture or other materials side by side. I have always welcomed questions, doubts, and struggles because that is often when I grow the most in my relationship with God. Maybe that's been true for you too. Faith is not about having all the answers. Faith is about developing sufficient trust and assurance with God, that you can be fully who you are, asking whatever you need to ask, being angry when life does not go according to plan, and taking time to be intentionally open to the Holy in your life.

As most of you know, I grew up in Crown Heights from birth through the third grade. This place shaped my understanding of 'church' from the very beginning. I still have vivid memories of attending Sunday School on the third floor and being fully involved in Vacation Bible School craft projects. I totally enjoyed being part of the children's choir in our pretty light blue robes. I still love our stained glass windows. Being appointed here as pastor truly meant coming home. When I arrived nine years ago, I knew that the cabinet had not planned on sending me back to these scenes of my childhood because they were unaware of the connection. I took it as confirmation that this was indeed the place where God wanted me to minister for the years ahead. That extra sense of being appointed here for such a time as this, kept me looking for clues to God's full purpose in sending me here. We are living through a very challenging time for the Church, locally and globally. Searching for new ways to be vital has meant looking outside the box, doing more ministry with less money, and stretching outside our comfort zones. God is truly doing a new thing, (or getting ready to do a radically new thing), and our role is to stay in tune with God's mission in our corner of the world. There have been times when I've wondered if it is time to simply lock the doors and be done, but clearly God is not through with us yet! I have loved and sustained you to the best of my ability, and now it is time to entrust you to your next pastor. I've known Trina Bose North for many years, and I can tell you that God is still busily at work here at Crown Heights! Her leadership will be different from mine, though her positive spirit will be the same. Her energy, vision and leadership style will bring a breath of fresh air, just like that story

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of the first Pentecost. You are being blessed again and I am looking forward to seeing what will happen next. I have been so proud of your willingness to reach out to our hungry neighbors through Mobile Meals. You are changing the lives of children in our community for the better, with opportunities to discover their artistic gifts and develop their reading skills, in addition to learning about Jesus and God's love. You were willing to do the missional partnership with the New Land Academy, providing a safe place for students new to our country to learn English and life skills. Others have been celebrating your ministries too, with great articles in the newspapers and two different awards from the annual conference recognizing that mighty things can be done in small congregations too. The way you pull together to accomplish great things for God, from sending thousands of books to Liberia, to starting our Girl Scout troop, to sharing your space with other churches when the need arises is truly amazing! Thank you for being willing to try new things!

Thank you for your care for Jeff and me. Your many kindnesses have touched our hearts. Thank you for understanding and being supportive through my health issues, from surgery to my ongoing challenge with my throat and voice. Thank you for cutting me some slack when my memory is fading or my brain is confused. Thank you for trusting me with your most tender times of illness and death, as well as allowing me to baptize your little ones. If I have fallen short of your expectations or have hurt or disappointed you in some way, please accept my apology (and let me know if we need to talk before I leave). Likewise, I freely offer my forgiveness for the very sporadic times when I've felt unfairly criticized or got my feelings hurt. My last Sunday will be May 22nd, and I want us to part company with gratitude and grace, so you will be ready to move forward with Trina in June. You are good people with wonderful stories to share—tell the world! I will continue to pray for you and hold you in my heart. May we keep the faith, together and apart.

Blessings abound!
Dianne

GETTING ORGANIZED

Have you ever served on the Administrative Council or our Board of Trustees? We are in the process of collecting minutes from both groups for the last several years, to complete our set in the office. Please check your personal files and if you find some minutes, just send them to us:

Crown Heights UMC, 1021 NW 37 St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

Or if you have them on your computer, please email them to Stacy at stacya@crowheightsumc.org.

Thanks!




WELCOMING OUR NEW PASTOR

Trina Bose North and her family will be joining our congregation on June 1. We are very excited about welcoming Trina, her husband and three beautiful children to be a part of our church life.

Plans for June 5, 2016 the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites everyone to meet our new pastor Rev. Trina Bose North (Trina) and her family. This is Trina's first Sunday preaching and leading worship. She will greet everyone after the 8:30am Service in the sanctuary. After the 11am Service, we will gather on the patio for cookies and lemonade and a time of fellowship.

Mark your calendars to join us on June 5th.

Welcome 

MAY 2016 SERMONSMay 1: *Holy Communion*

Acts 8:26-38 and Isaiah 56:1-8

Unleashing the Power of Scripture

What do these words mean? Some Bible passages are pretty straight forward and self-explanatory; others are very challenging or confusing or seem like nonsense, especially for readers from other cultures. Phillip proved to be an excellent guide for the Ethiopian believer. Are we prepared to help guide others?

May 8: *Festival of the Christian Home and Mother's Day*

Acts 16:9-15 and II Timothy 1:1-7

Wonderful Women

Who have been your spiritual mentors? Who first talked with you about God? John Wesley followed in the footsteps of his father, studying at Oxford and becoming an ordained minister in the Church of England. He even served as the associate pastor at his father's church for a time. But there is another who proved to be his most important spiritual influence: Susanna. What did she teach him?

May 15: *Pentecost*

John 15:26-27; 16:7-15 and Acts 2:1-6, 14, 17-18

Traveling Companion

Jesus made some very important promises to his followers, promises that would support and sustain the earliest Christians through lots of ups and downs. Many of those promises continue to be fulfilled in our lives too. How do you experience the Holy Spirit? Are you aware that this Companion and Comforter dwells within you too?

May 22: *Trinity Sunday*

Romans 5:1-5 and Jeremiah 29:11-14

A Future with Hope

The prophet Jeremiah and the apostle Paul remind us that God has not abandoned us, even though we may struggle at times. God has plans for us, granting us a future with hope when we seek the Lord with all our hearts. Fear does not get the last word. So we sing with the psalmist, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God" (Psalm 42:5, 11).

May 29: *Peace with Justice Sunday*

Guest preacher: Rev. Diana Northcutt

Psalm 96 and Luke 7:1-10

"Lord, I Am Not Worthy"

In living out the Christian life, what practical difference does it make whether you live by confidence in your goodness or trust in Christ's power?

**SAYING GOOD-BYE AFTER NINE YEARS**

We are sad to be saying good-bye to Rev. Dianne Peters after sharing the past nine years together.

To show her how much she will be missed, we are collecting a "Dianne's Going Away Fund". Please note this in the memo section of your checks. Our deadline for this fund ends Monday, May 15th.

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
- Matthew 25:21



Let's Show Them We Care

by Janet Basler

HELP YOUNG ARTISTS KNOW SOMEONE CARES ABOUT THEM

Anxiousness about impending weather cost the Arts Academy kids one of their last lessons with their teachers, but all were sure they could get it together by MAY 10th to show off all they've learned this year. They want so much to be seen, and heard, and appreciated. (Don't we all?)

At the **ARTS RECITAL AND SHOWCASE** you will hear pianists play beautiful music, and violinists work hard to bring out the best in their instrument. You will see paintings and drawings that show increasing skills and talent, photography showing young people have seen the world from many angles, and sculpting in many different forms.

PLAN TO COME HEAR AND SEE THESE WONDERFUL KIDS AND ENCOURAGE THESE YOUNG ARTISTS. KNOW YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE BY YOUR PRESENCE. IT SAYS TO THEM "YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND WHAT YOU DO IS IMPORTANT."

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON

TUESDAY, MAY 10th, 5:30 PM, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON

by Janet Basler

SURFS UP, GOD IS PRESENT, AND 3 CHURCHES COULDN'T BE MORE HAPPY AND READY!!

Vacation Bible School is a huge collaboration this year between Crown Heights, Wesley and Mosaic United Methodist Churches.

The dates are: **JUNE 13-16, 5 PM - 8 PM.**

Crown Heights will host the kids for four evenings in our church providing many leaders, materials, and coordination. Wesley will provide the food for each evening, a musician and lead the mission evenings for the combined youth groups. Mosaic will lead the pre-school children all week and provide several story tellers for the whole group. The kids will be able to hear a new Bible

story each evening then have it reinforced and discussed through games, art, music, and science lessons.

It takes a village to raise children and we are certainly a village, with lots of children. It has been fun watching how God has put all of this together this year. As soon as a need is voiced, someone is there to say, 'we can do that'. It seems this is the year of trusting God to bring forth from all God's people, the strength, talents, and energy needed to care for all the children God is bringing to our doors.

You can be a part of this effort. We can use transportation people (drivers and riders), shepherd to travel with each group of 6-8 kids, pre-school helpers, helpers for crafts, games, and science, and 'pray-ers' for our prayer room. Call the church if you'd like to help.



Looking For A Row Boat

VBS is looking for an aluminum or wooden row boat. We can pick it up from you. If you have one we can borrow, please let Trina or Stacy know by June 3, 2016.



NEW OFFICE HOURS START IN JUNE

Beginning on Wednesday, June 1st our office hours will change. Please make note of these hours:

	Monday – Wednesday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Tuesday – Thursday	1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

by Jared Pickens

Our May edition of Supper Club will be Monday, May 9, 2016, at 6:30 PM, at Fassler Hall in Midtown. (421 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103)

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bruce & Brenda
Robert & Nancy

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bill
Bob
Daniel
David
Edna
John
Keaton
Laura
Mary
Matthew
Roxie
Rozz
Stephanie

BIDDING PASTOR DIANNE FAREWELL

by Julie Williams

As you are aware, after nine years with us, we will be saying goodbye to Pastor Dianne and her husband, Jeff Peters. We will be hosting a pot-luck luncheon after second service on **Sunday, May 22**. Please make plans to join us in celebration of the wonderful sermons, great teaching and beautiful music that Dianne has shared with us during her tenure at CHUM. She and Jeff have certainly been a blessing to our congregation.

**WHIZ KIDS END SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

by Janet Basler

It seems such a short time ago that our 18 little Whiz Kids were coming back for another year of reading with their mentor/tutors. Now May 5th will be our last day this school year with these wonderful kids and adults. We added 8 new kids and a tutor for each one by the time we finished the year! We are 'graduating' only four this year, with one other going on to another school.

The end of the year was an active one for all of us.

- April 23rd, the kids and their tutors traveled to the OCU Children's Theater to see 'Charlotte's Web' performed in an extraordinary way.
- April 28th the Whiz Kids had a Mission Project Day, decorating and filling bottles with detergent for Skyline, and making blankets for Infant Crisis Center. They loved learning they could give to others in important ways.
- After finishing the projects, their families joined us in a pizza party to celebrate the kids and their year, and to get summer reading books (books the kids chose for themselves) and ideas for reading in fun ways all summer.
- Two days later, the 30th, the kids and tutors will join about 500 other Whiz Kids and tutors for the Spring Fling at Crystal Lake. Food, games, fishing, and boat rides made many kids smile all day long.
- The last day of Whiz Kids is May 5th. We plan to just 'chill' with each other watching a movie, taking pictures, and eating popcorn together. We hope it will be a nice way to say good-bye to Whiz Kids for a few months. All the while knowing we want to return in the fall to be together again with more new Whiz Kids.

What a wonderful way to spend a spring time with kids!!!!



APRIL BIG EVENT DAYS
by Elizabeth Anthony

The Trustees wish to convey hearty thanks to the volunteers from UCO and OU who came out for our Big Event Days in April, as well as the CHUMC members who coordinated, supervised and welcomed them.

We collected a dumpster + more than 100 bags of yard debris, spread 25 bags of mulch, liberated overgrown sprinkler heads, painted the railings by the HVAC units, repaired the north parking lot fence, and replaced a large section of the back yard fence. Special thanks to Jim Hayes and Bob Trobaugh for their overtime efforts to bring our projects to fruition.



GRADUATION TIME

Do you have a graduating senior in your family? Please let Stacy know so we can recognize them this month.



CAMPS DATES

Spark Camp at Canyon is June 27-July 1. This is the one that Trina is definitely working for youth from our district. The other one is Growin' In Grace at Canyon, July 18-20. This is an elementary-age camp. People need to register online. Go to okumc.org and click on camps should be all it takes to get to the right place.

YOUTH MEETINGS
by Wayna Tyner

Our Youth is meeting the following Sundays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. along with the following adult volunteers:

- May 1 LuWayne and Wayna
- May 15 Brigitte and Lee

We will not meet May 29, which is Memorial Day weekend.

OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 30-June 2, 2016

Our own Annual Conference sessions are much less stressful and controversial in contrast to the General Conference! We come together to celebrate ministries that are happening all around Oklahoma. We honor those who have passed on, and we rejoice with those who are being ordained or consecrated. The business sessions, (which are so much more interesting and brief with the addition of video reports!), take place in the Freede Wellness Center at Oklahoma City University, located on the north side of the campus. All worship services take place at St. Luke's UMC, located at 15th and N. Robinson. These are highly inspirational events, especially when we get to hear Bishop Hayes preach. This is his last Annual Conference with us. He will be retiring this summer and a new bishop will be chosen who will begin in September. Crown Heights will be represented this year by Kish Thomas and Dianne Peters. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions. You can find the daily agenda and more information at our conference website: www.okumc.org



2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFERING

Each local church is taking up a special collection to go toward funding an endowed scholarship at Africa University in Zimbabwe, in honor of Bishop Robert and Dee Hayes. This is in recognition of their devotion to worldwide missions and their love for Africa University, one of the first schools for higher learning on the continent of Africa. The minimum amount needed to endow the scholarship is \$130,000. We will also be delivering Health and School Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief to our Office of Missions. In addition to these standard kits, (directions

are on line if you're interested), they are also asking for packages of **cloth diapers**, pre-folded or plain only. Cash is also welcome to help cover the cost of delivering the kits to UMCOR. Checks should be made out to "Office of Mission" with "UMCOR Kit Supplies" on the memo line.

STRENGTH BASED LEADERSHIP

by Julie Williams

We have been blessed to have Dr. Robert (Bob) Spinks come to our church and offer two sessions on Strength Based Leadership. Bob is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer for United Way of Central Oklahoma. We had a group of 10 people that participated. The workshop was based on the book by the same title, "Strength Base Leadership", by Tom Rath and Barry Conchie. Each participant completed a questionnaire that identifies their personal strengths. The results provided each person with insight to their personal strengths, but more importantly, Bob provided clarity on how we can best use our strengths, working with others, to use our talents in the best way for the benefit of our church and congregation. We sincerely appreciate the time that Bob spent with us and are excited about the lessons learned to help us serve more effectively!



MOVIE NIGHT

CHUM Movie Night continues its cinematic tour of British Isles this May with...

I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING (1947)
starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey

Saturday, May 21 @ 6:00pm

The western isles of Scotland provide the setting for this unlikely wartime romance, full of Gaelic brogue and Scottish charm, not to mention legends, curses, superstitions, philibegs (kilts) and bagpipes. The epitome of understatement, without jokes or pratfalls, it feels like a romantic comedy. Simply enchanting!

As usual, this screening will feature an introduction by me and is appropriate for ages 10+. Drinks and popcorn are provided. Other pot-luck movie snacks are welcome.

RSVPs are helpful, but not required. See ye efter!



SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbooking will pick up again on Saturday, May 14th. Bring your scrapbooking materials or other crafts and join us. We begin about 10:30 a.m. and stay about 2-3 hours.

GENERAL CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

It only happens every four years. United Methodist laity and clergy from around the world gather to consider the state of the churches, pressing needs, and changes or additions that should be deleted or added to *The United Methodist Book of Discipline*. General Conference is the only body that can officially speak on behalf of our denomination. All legislation and funding decisions must be approved by the General Conference while they are in session. This year that will be May 10-20, in Portland, Oregon. As an international denomination, our church insists on equal representation of laity and clergy from every Annual or Central Conference, whether it is located in Africa, the Philippines, or New England. Obviously this kind of diversity makes coming to agreement on changes to the *Discipline* a very challenging process. The list of issues is rather daunting this time, including restructuring proposals that would apply to our General (national/international) Agencies, putting term limits on Bishops, changing the requirements for ordination, creating a new hymnal utilizing digital technology, plus reviewing and revising our Social Principles. This is the

category that typically attracts all the media attention, since it includes our positions on immigration, homosexuality, care for the environment, racism and abortion, just to name a few. There is so much to cover—I can't begin to give you clear understandings about everything. To learn more about General Conference and how this all works, go to:

www.umcom.org/learn/exploring-general-conference where you'll find the free online course and more information about what our fellow United Methodists will be considering in the next couple of weeks. If you hear something alarming from the major news outlets, please go to www.umcom.org before you get too upset. The process and "UM-speak" is confusing to many people—including many United Methodists! Our UM Communications group does a good job of explaining what's happening, what's only under discussion and what gets decided. You can even get an app for your phone. Please keep *all* the people involved with General Conference in your prayers!!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Despite the recent rains, work to replace our tile roofs remains on schedule. Markings on the old tile indicate some of its dates back to the 1940s, so this is probably the first time in the history of CHUMC that the entirety of our tile roofs has been replaced.

In addition to the new tile, we are also getting a new copper steeple and an all new lightning protection system. The white underlayment with red writing you see is a peel-and-stick membrane rated to keep the building dry on its own until the new tile goes on. All told, the roof repairs are expected to take about four months. Additional hail and water damage repairs will be undertaken after the roofs are fixed.



Please bear with us when safety precautions cause inconveniences and respect cones and caution tape. Unless active roof work is taking place overhead, access to the Sanctuary and Children's Wing are available through the entrances protected by the Western porch, the Breezeway is accessible via the back porch, and the Youth Activities Building is accessible through the driveway door. Everyone's favorite doors facing 37th Street will be available when safety permits.

Until further notice, the 37th Street porch area is off limits. Leaks in the flat roof above could cause the soffit (the ceiling of that porch) to come down, the way it did on the Western porch after similar roof leaks in 2008. (See picture above.) Those concrete fiber panels could cause serious injury and we don't want anyone underneath if they give way.



Thanks for your cooperation, and please let Stacy, Mario or Elizabeth know about any new leaks you find so they can be addressed ASAP.



NEW ADULT STUDY

New Adult Study: *Half Truths*

“God helps those who help themselves” and other things the Bible *doesn't* say.

By Adam Hamilton

The Journey Sunday School Class invites you to join them for Rev. Adam Hamilton's latest small group study, each Sunday morning at 9:50 am in the parlor. Each week features a brief video presentation from Adam, which then sets the stage for an open discussion of the chapter and what you've just heard. He bravely takes on some of the most popular phrases that people say to comfort others, clarifying what scripture actually says and why these half-truths can be harmful rather than helpful. Books cost \$14 each and anyone is welcome to attend. The first session will be either May 22 or June 5th. Let Dianne or Stacy know if you're interested, so we can order extra books. Rev. Trina Bose North will pick up facilitating the class in June.



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