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Thoughts from Trina

NEWSLETTER

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

I have traveled in Israel and Palestine in July, and it was hot.

We visited Masada, a fortified town near the Dead Sea. It sat high on a steep hill and was populated during biblical times.. We started our tour at the base of the hill and watched a video in a nice air-conditioned visitor center. Then we boarded a suspended people-mover to the top of Masada. As we walked around the archeological site, learning about the way first-century people lived, the heat caught up with us. There was no shade, and it was well over 100 degrees. Soon all us tourists found whatever slivers of shade were available, and we tried to fit ourselves into those places. Our tour guide teased, we were like desert sheep. Desert shepherds always find their sheep in the shadows of the rocks and shrubs.

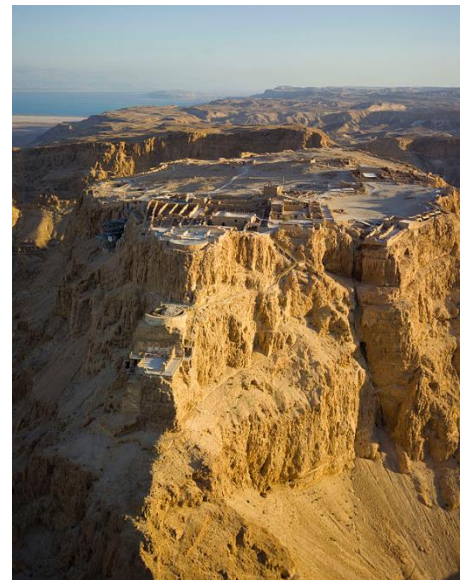
In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus began his ministry in Nazareth near the Sea of Galilee. This was familiar territory for him, around his hometown with his kind people. As he expanded his ministry, he began to move throughout the land of Israel. Jesus preached in the desert and the countryside, and crowds gathered to listen to him. This is where we find Jesus throughout chapters 9-13. By chapter 19, Jesus entered Jerusalem and remained there for the rest for his earthly days.

This July, we will join Jesus as he walked from town to town, teaching. He talked about how to live, how to love, and how to have faith. He was talking to the people of his day and the people of our day.

As we move further into summer, I think we can relate to the desert people. It's hot here too, but just like the crowds who followed Jesus, there is Good News available to us! Let's join the crowds, eager to hear Christ speak, straight to their hearts.

- Trina

Picture of Masada, Israel



HEART-FELT THANKS

By Trina Bose North

Thank you, Church, for the warm welcome you gave to our family. The lemonade/cookie reception after church on June 5th was lovely. The photobook with pictures and names was helpful. And the warmth and kindness each person who greeted us with makes us happy to call this church home. We are looking forward to being church with you! Thank you.

The North Family— Trina, Justin, Carter, Nathan, and Maya

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JULY 2016 SERMONS

The Teachings of Jesus

Jesus was walking the countryside, teaching the crowds. Let's join the crowd, eager to hear Christ speak, straight to their hearts.

July 3	Let Go, Let God	Luke 9: 10-17
July 10	Caring for Others, For Real!	Luke 10: 25-37
July 17	Henry Nouwen's Ministry of Presence, where <i>being</i> is more important than <i>doing</i> .	Luke 10: 38-42
July 24	Lord, Hear Our Prayers	Luke 11: 1-13
July 31	When the Bent Becomes Straight	Luke 13: 10-17

CHUM WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER CONTINUES

By Susie Wallace

The Crown Heights UMC family began a designated hour of prayer each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in May. This is an opportunity to pause and pray wherever you are, with no need to travel to the church. We come together spiritually by praying during this designated time each week from our homes or wherever we might be. If you are unable to make the 7 p.m. time work for you, please pray at an earlier or later time as you are able.

In addition, we are using a digital tool so that we can come together in the virtual world to share that we are praying and to share prayer concerns during this time and throughout the week. If you have a smartphone or tablet, download the GroupMe app. To join the group "CHUM Hour of Prayer," contact Susie Wallace, susie.wallace@cox.net, and she will add you to the group.

If you do not have a smartphone or tablet, you can also join the GroupMe group on your PC at groupme.com. Simply click Log In and create an account.

We hope those of you who are unable to join through GroupMe will still join us in prayer each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

NEW FURNITURE

As many of you have noticed, we have two new sofas and loveseats in the Parlor and a new blue sofa and throw pillows in the entryway of the Youth Building. These were given in honor and memory of Ann Whitten Coley, who loved learning more about her faith and being in conversation with others who were seeking to know God.

YOUTH FORCE

By Trina Bose North

Youth Force worked here!

A big thank you to Youth Force for working on our building on Monday, June 6th. Kids from all over the Annual Conference were in Oklahoma City working on churches and homes, and we made the list! Our team of youth took down the drop ceiling in the children's classroom (by the nursery). It was coming down already and needed some help. They also moved a lot of furniture and bigger VBS items. Our building was blessed by their hard work and beautiful spirit. Thanks Team!



IKIGAI – JAPANESE WORD MEANING:

By Trina Bose North

Ikigai - Japanese word meaning:
for that which will get you out of bed

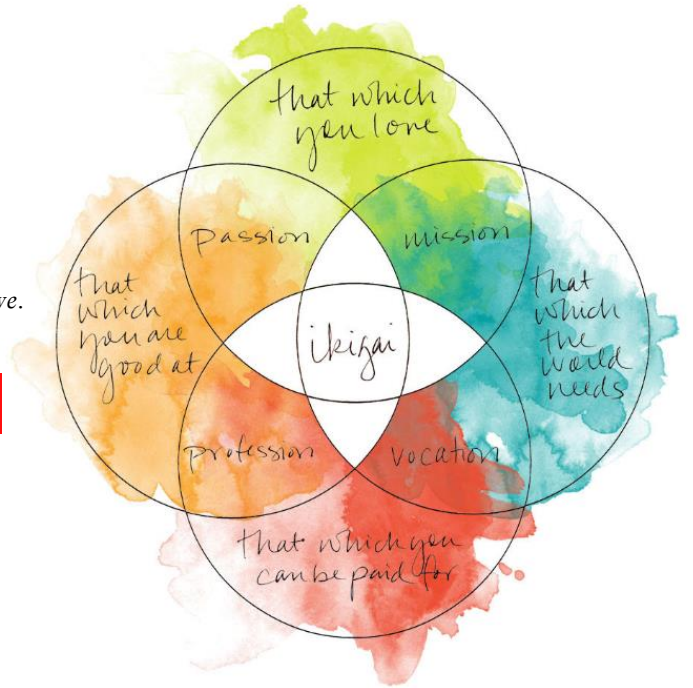
Throughout the month of June, I asked for us to consider what is our *ikigai*, what is our passion. I so appreciated reading the responses on the bulletin insert cards. What a wonderful way to learn about the people in this church!

I learned the people of our church are generous with their time, both inside and outside the church walls. Many people name our children’s ministries as a source of joy for them. And our congregation volunteers in some important ways outside the church— so many ways to make the world a better place.

My favorite responses were to the question: What is a need that touches your heart, makes you cry, or makes you want to get out of bed and do something?

Listen to a few of the responses:

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| <i>the needs of the disadvantaged</i> | <i>forgotten</i> |
| <i>imprisoned</i> | <i>our own families</i> |
| <i>Whiz Kids</i> | <i>Injustice</i> |
| <i>animal shelters</i> | <i>Mobile Meals</i> |
| <i>Scouting</i> | <i>health care equality</i> |
| <i>Twelve-Step work and recovery programs</i> | <i>and sharing God’s love.</i> |



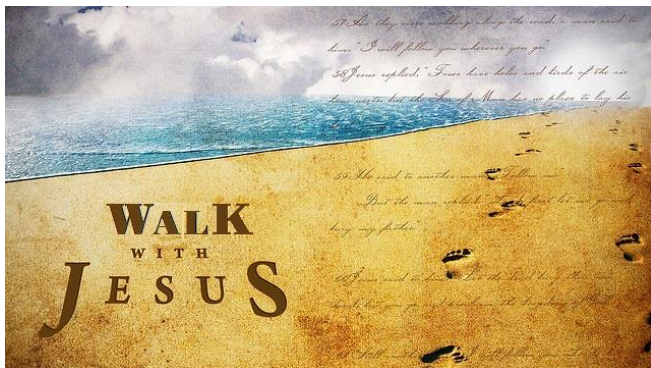
SUMMER TRAVELING?

Free shampoos!

It’s summer vacation time! As you are traveling this summer, keep in mind the complimentary toiletries from hotels can be useful to others. Please bring any unused toiletries items to the Garden Room. There is a box to collect any donations (right next to Skyline Eye Clinic donation box— hint! hint!). We will organize what we have into hygiene kits for NSO, sponsored by the UMW Mission U. (no dental items please)



Thank you.



Live your Dream and Follow Your Heart!

UMW MISSION U 2016

By Charlotte Trobaugh

Learning together for the transformation of the world. Everyone is welcome to participate in the following studies:

- Human Sexuality in the Bible
- Latin America; People of Faith
- Climate Justice

2 session of Study Week-end school Fri. – Sun.
July 22-24

1 1/2 day school Sunday night – Monday
July 24-25

More details and registration forms on the UMW Bulletin Board

JOURNEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There will be NO CLASS on July 3rd.

Beginning on July 10, we will gather to listen on audio and discuss *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by AJ Jacobs. We will begin right at 9:45.

AJ Jacob's words on his book: This book is about my quest to live the ultimate biblical life. I decided to dive in headfirst. To try to experience the Bible myself and find out what's good in it, and what's maybe not so relevant to the 21st century. The resulting year was fascinating, entertaining and informative. It was equal parts irreverent and reverent. It was filled with surprising insights almost every day. (I know it's not biblical to boast, so apologies for that).



NEW MEMBER

We are excited to announce that Spencer joined the Church on June 19th.

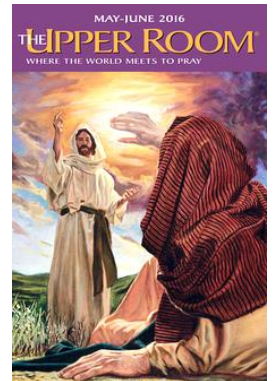
Spence transferred his membership to our Church from St. Stephens UMC in Broken Arrow.

Welcome Spencer!

UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room is a daily devotional. Come get your copy of the July-August Upper Room located in the Narthex.

If you would like us to drop it in the mail, please call the Church.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Betty
Evan
Evelyn
Hayley
Hilary
Janet
Jarryd
Mackenzie
Marion
Tom
Tory

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Chelsey
Lee & Beverly
Michael & Sue
Paul & Colleen
Scott & Julie
Steve & Carol

SPECIAL THANKS!

A special thanks to Janet Basler, our director. Her advanced planning, attention to detail, and personal care for volunteers and the children made the whole experience terrific.

And thanks to each adult, who gave their time in decorating, teaching, shepherding, and helping. The week ran smoothly because of you!

YOUTH MEETINGS

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

July 10 LuWayne and Wayna
July 24 Brigitte and Lee - Ice Cream Party

ARTS ACADEMY
by Janet Basler

**NOW RECRUITING
VOLUNTEER TEACHERS
From High School & College
Artists & Musicians**

Teach a small group drawing, sculpting, photography, drama, or singing lessons.

Teach private guitar, piano, violin, or drum lessons.

Students are 2nd-5th graders from an inner-city at-risk elementary school.

Teach 1 or 2 lessons on
Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 6:10 pm
and/or 6:30 - 7:10 pm.

Lessons begin in September.

Must commit to full year.

ALL LESSONS ARE GIVEN AT
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Contact JANET BASLER
FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

Do you know a talented young person who could share their gifts with a younger person? Have them call to see how they can impact a young life in wonderful ways.



Before and After Arts Academy lessons



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
by Elizabeth Anthony

It's amazing what progress dry, sunny weather can yield on a roofing project! June saw the completion of the majority of work on the Sanctuary, including installation of the new steeple, new copper flashing and the new tile. Some warped fascia boards were also replaced and the new lightning protection system installed. In short, the Sanctuary was presentable in time for a July 2 wedding, scheduled before we knew about the roof project, for which the bride and groom were most grateful.

Focus has now moved to the north and south slopes of the Children's Wing (north of the Sanctuary) and work should begin on the slopes of the Youth Activities Building before the month is out. After tiling is completed, we will begin making repairs to the flat roofs.

Also in the works for July is the installation of new AC units for the Whiz Kids/Vault/Bell Choir room and the Kindergarten Classrooms/Kitchen, replacing the old hail-damaged units that are on their last legs.

Note that although the Draper Garden and areas around the south Sanctuary entrance are accessible as long as no work is taking place overhead, the breezeway door, 37th Street porch and most of the back yard are still off limits. Additionally, doors that are currently accessible (like the western porch doors or office door) may be temporarily roped off when work is taking place nearby. Your continued respect for cones and caution tape is appreciated.

Note also that because some of our leaks originate from our flat roofs, and those will not be repaired until tiling is completed, the various buckets, bins and trash cans in place around the church to catch leaks and mitigate interior damage when it rains need to stay in place. If you simply have to move them, please put them back.



Teach Piano Lessons



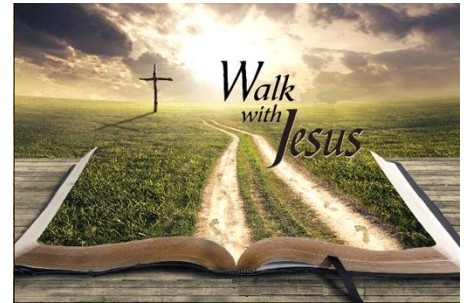
Teach Guitar Lessons

DISTRICT CAMP

Our four youth and pastor just returned from Camp Spark District Camp. A good experience for all. Dates 6/27 – 7/1. Growing in Grace is our older elementary camp. Trina Bose North, Adam Tyner and Nathan North will be at camp July 18 – 20.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

On the morning of July 4th is the Crown Heights Neighborhood Parade. People from our church are attending together. Let's meet at the church at 9:30am. Parade begins at 10:00 am. Everyone gathers at the park afterward for kids' games and dog contests.



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Our church is so pleased to welcome two babies into our midst.

Klayler was born on June 11, 2016, weighing 9 lbs, 4 ozs, measuring 21 1/2 inches. Proud parents are Tha Shee and Tam.

William Larry was born June 22, 2016, weighing 6 lbs, 11 ozs, measuring 17 inches. Proud parents are Lane and Laura.

If you would like to deliver a meal to the Neal's, please schedule with Trina or Stacy. We will be delivering meals on Tuesdays and Saturdays for the next few weeks. Thanks.



THINK ABOUT THESE STATISTICS

by Janet Basler

Child Poverty

While Oklahoma City has seen substantial growth in the past decade, 1 in 3 children are living in poverty or extreme poverty.

Low Literacy Levels

Approximately 73% of fourth grade students in Oklahoma read below proficiency level, and percentages are even higher in schools in high-poverty neighborhoods.

Low Education Spending

Oklahoma ranks 49th among states in per pupil expenditures. Only two other states spend less than Oklahoma on education.

WHIZ KIDS STEPS INTO THE HIGH-POVERTY AREAS TO FIGHT LOW LITERACY LEVELS

From mentors to teachers to coordinators, Whiz Kids enlists the support of over 1,000 volunteers throughout OKC and its suburbs.

Over 800 kids are involved in the Whiz Kids program at sites all around Oklahoma City. It only takes that one person to believe in you to make a difference in life.

You can be that one person for a child who lives near our church. Call Janet to become a Whiz Kids tutor.

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

by Jared Pickens

I am pleased to announce that Trina and Justin have agreed to host us at their home for our July edition on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 7:00 PM at their home. Thanks to both of you! This is not an adult only event so please bring your kids if you would like too.

Please get this date on your calendar so that the "invasion of the supper clubbers" can be successful. See you there!

MOVIE NIGHT

This July, CHUM Movie Night wraps up its tour of British cinema with a modern classic...

CHARIOTS OF FIRE (1981)
starring Ben Cross and Ian Charleson

Saturday, July 9 @ 6:00pm

The uplifting story of British athletes preparing for the 1924 Olympic Games, CHARIOTS OF FIRE examines the methods, motivations and moral dilemmas of young men striving to be the world's best. Winner of four Oscars, including the Academy Award for the Best Picture of 1981, sports aside, the human drama of this film is inspiring and just the thing to get you in the mood for the Rio games this August.

As usual, this screening will feature an introduction by me and is appropriate for ages 12+. Drinks and popcorn are provided. Other pot-luck movie snacks are welcome.

RSVPs are helpful, but not required. Don't walk. Run!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HUGE SUCCESS
by Janet Basler

With over 80 children, served by over 35 adults, Bible School couldn't have been more HUGE.

Using different Bible stories involving water we surfed our way through a fabulous week. We sang and danced. We played games (several with water to cool us down). We made colorful crafts, and engaged in exciting science experiments. All of this to reinforce the ideas that God Creates, God Helps, God Loves, God Calms, and God Sends Us.

We ate wonderful meals prepared by the folks from Wesley UMC each evening. Our Youth became missionaries as they visited and worked at several ministry including Disaster Relief, Community Garden, Skyline Urban Ministries, and Redemption Church.

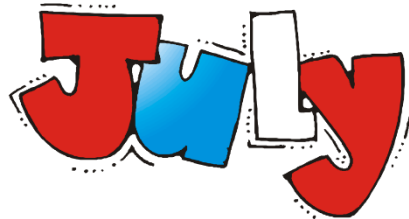
Among the prayer requests that our on-site prayers were privileged to pray for were these: Thank you for the wonderful hugs and hearts you give me. Thank you for keeping me safe. (And asked by many of our kids) I ask you to keep me, my family, and my friends safe.

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. Noon Trustee Meeting 10	9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting 11	7:00 pm Supper Club 12	13	6:30 pm NA Meeting 14	15	16
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. 17	- - CAMP - Older Elementary - - 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting 18	19	20	6:30 pm NA Meeting 6:30 pm Share Circle 21	22	23
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. 24	Mission U-UMW 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting 25	26	27	6:30 pm NA Meeting 28	29	30
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