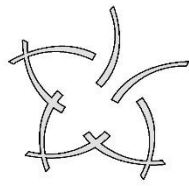


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Thoughts from Trina

NEWSLETTER

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?

Shall We Gather at the River?

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

Acts 16: 13

John the Baptist walked through the Judean wilderness, gathering a following of people. They heard his call to repent and follow Christ, and they wanted to know more about Jesus. John the Baptist led them down to the cool, refreshing Jordan River to wash them free of their sin, initiating them into the family of Christ.

Maybe 50 years later, Paul walked through cities on the Mediterranean Sea, sharing the Good News of the Christ Jesus. The Philippians, the Ephesians, the Corinthians listened and wanted to know more. There were no churches in which to gather, so Paul repeatedly called the people to gather at the river. They met on riverbanks, finding God next to life-giving water.

It was at the river where Paul met Lydia and her family. As told in Acts 16, Paul went to the river to pray, and he found Lydia. She already knew God, but there she met Christ. The Bible says, "The Lord opened her heart to respond" (Acts 16:14b). Maybe it was river, ever flowing and moving and calling her to join in.

Throughout the month of August, we will gather at the river, where we will hear stories of water and new life in the Bible and we will sing about what happens at the river. Join us each Sunday to be refreshed by God's presence.

Mariann Searle and I are selecting music to stir our souls as we gather at the river. We want this month's music to refresh, revitalize us. Come, ready to sing:

As I Go Down to The River to Pray
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Peace Is Flowing Like a River
Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore



On the Gangites River, about a half-mile north of the archaeological site of Philippi, there is a baptismal site commemorating Lydia's baptism.

AUGUST 2016 SERMONS

Gather at the River

August 7	Shall We Gather	Revelation 22: 1-5
August 14	Crossing Over to the Promised Land	Joshua 3
August 21	The Journey Isn't Over	Ezekiel 47
August 28	Remember Your Baptism	Luke 3: 1-14

“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs. I am haunted by waters.”

— Norman Maclean



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, 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 though GroupMe will still join us in prayer each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

PRAYING

Poem used in Prayer Station on July 24

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.”

-- Mary Oliver



A BIG THANKS!

By Trina Bose North

A Big Thanks!

Our church did a fantastic job of welcoming babies Klayer and William into the fold!

We supplied the one family with diapers and a stroller. And for the other family, we gave baby books and home cooked meals.

May God continue to bless these two babies and their families.

Thank you, Church.



CAMP

District Youth Camp was June 27 – July 1! CHUMC sent 5 youth.

Older Elementary Camp was July 18 – 20. CHUMC sent 2 campers.



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 or Skyline.

Thank you.



CALLING ALL ACOLYTES!

By Trina Bose North

Youth are invited to an acolyte training, following worship on Sunday August 14th. (Plan for about 30 minutes.)

There are some important ways our youth can participate in worship. We want to train them to assist the ushers and bring in the light of Christ. Please, have your youth join us and contribute to worship in this way.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Admin Council—Next meeting is August 21, following worship.


Trustee Committee—We continue to work on our roof. Early July, the roofers finished the sanctuary building, which meant we could remove the door scaffolding and have better access to our church. Work continues over the Youth Activity Building. Thank you all for your patience.

SPRC-- The SPRC thanks Philip Larson for working as our Youth Director for the past year. Effective July 31, 2016, we eliminated that position in order to hire a Children's and Youth Coordinator. We are accepting resumes for that position. If you are interested in applying, please contact Wayna Tyner or Trina Bose North to look over the job description.

Finance Committee—Next meeting is August 17 at 5:30pm.

NOTE FROM KITTY

Pastor Trina and Church Family,
Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concerns during my illness. Thanks also for your visits and food. I've missed being in Church and Sunday School.
God Bless You All!
Love Kitty



“Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.”

— Margaret Atwood, *The Penelopiad*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Adam
Anita
Bill
Colleen
Cory
Elizabeth
Katherine
Nancy
Paula
Robert
Taylor
Wayne



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

James & Rozz
Justin & Trina
Stan & Janet

YOUTH MEETINGS

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

August 7 LuWayne Irwin and Wayna Tyner
August 21 Brigitte Gean and Lee Endicott

ARTS ACADEMY – 8 YEARS

by Janet Basler



Beginning its 8th year of music, art, smiles, and learning!!!

The **Arts Academy** is an extraordinary program pairing young high school and college age musicians and artists as teachers for elementary age kids from an at-risk school to provide private or small group art and music lessons throughout the school year.

The **Arts Academy** teachers are mentored by their own art and music teachers in preparing for teaching their young students.

The **Arts Academy** provides the practice instruments when needed, and the arts supplies for all the lessons.

The **Arts Academy** provides a Bible Story each evening for all the students and teachers.

The **Arts Academy** will be meeting soon – September.

The **Arts Academy** is supported by prayers and volunteers from our church family at Crown Heights UMC.

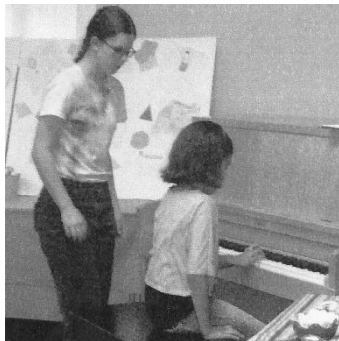
The **Arts Academy** needs caring adults to help supervise during the lessons, and to help transport some of the students to and from their classes.

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.

Are you available on Tuesday evenings to help drive or ride in the van to transport kids, or to help supervise the hallways during the lesson times?

Contact JANET BASLER
FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS



Piano Lessons



Portraits Before and After
Arts Academy Drawing lessons



Guitar Lessons



A LOOK INSIDE WHIZ KIDS

by Janet Basler

This could be one of OUR Crown Heights Whiz Kids – taken from <https://whizkidsok.org/>

Suzie goes to school in inner-city Oklahoma City. She's smart, but she's having trouble reading her assignments. She gets frustrated and doesn't feel confident.

Suzie's teacher wants to spend more time one-on-one with her, but there are 30 other kids in the class who need her attention, too.

Suzie's mom works two jobs to make ends meet. Her mom wants to be there to read with her, but she's exhausted by the time she gets home.

Suzie's teacher has seen this situation before and doesn't want Suzie to fall behind. She suggests Suzie join a club where kids get together one day a week after school for a couple hours to eat snacks, hang out, and read with a caring and attentive adult. She thinks it'll help her out in the long run, so before school is out, she gives Suzie a permission slip.

Before bed that night, Suzie hands her mom the Whiz Kids permission slip and asks if she can join the club. Her mom reads the slip, signs it and places it in Suzie's backpack. Mom kisses Suzie's forehead before turning out the light.

After school the following week, Suzie and a classmate named Carlos are standing outside the school. Carlos is excited because it's his weekly Whiz Kids day. Suzie is a little nervous, but Carlos tells her how much fun they have. A car pulls up with two women inside.

"Hi Carlos! You ready?" calls the gray-haired woman. Suzie's teacher brings Suzie to the car and introduces her to the other woman, Suzie's new Whiz Kids tutor, Jessica.

"C'mon Suzie, get in! You get to be a Whiz Kid now," says Carlos.

After a short ride they pull up to the big church a couple blocks from the school. Inside, Suzie sees some of her friends from school. They're all eating sandwiches served on colorful table settings. Suzie soon sees her teacher coming in the room. Her teacher waves and says, "I'm so glad you made it!"

After snacks, and a short opening with a celebration of the Star of the Week, and a fun activity to remember the rules of the Whiz Kids, Suzie and her tutor go to their tutoring space and begin to get to know each other. Later they go to find a book to read together.

"Let's start the book from the beginning," says Jessica.

Suzie starts reading, but stumbles with the bigger words. Jessica doesn't get frustrated. Instead, Jessica helps her sound out the words and praises her when she finishes each page.

After reading for about 30 minutes, Suzie joins other Whiz Kids in Club time where they hear a Bible story, and do an activity to help remember the story. She learns about how God has loved people since the beginning of time, and loves her now, no matter what. While Suzie is in Club time, Jessica joins the teacher and other tutors to learn how to better help Suzie learn to read.

After club time Suzie's teacher checks in to see how she and Jessica are doing and offer encouragement. Before they know it, their time together is over. Suzie feels proud because she finished several pages. She's excited to read what happens next! Jessica gives her a big hug.

"You did so great today! I can't wait to find out what happens!"

A few months later, after meeting with Jessica once each week at Whiz Kids, Suzie is feeling excited and more confident. Now, in her backpack is a book she has just checked out from the school library. She can't get enough of the mystery books. When she grows up, she wants to be a detective.

Before bed, Suzie now likes to read her mom a story. Her mom couldn't be more proud.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT
by Elizabeth

In an effort to laugh so we don't cry, between now and election day, CHUM Movie Night will relish some comedies surrounding political campaigns, beginning with...

THE COWBOY AND THE LADY (1938)
starring Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon

Saturday, August 20 @ 6:00pm

The more things change, the more they remain the same... The spotlight of a political campaign casts increased scrutiny on the candidate's family. Can they handle it? Though touched with Depression-era populist politics, this cute romance features far more comedy than commentary, as well as Walter Brennan, Patsy Kelly and cowboy crooner Fuzzy Knight.

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. Er-ru-ti-tu-ti and Oh, Boy!



MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB
by Jared Pickens

Special thanks to Trina and Justin for hosting the July Supper Club night! It was some really terrific Indian food - way to go Justin!

We are excited that Sarah and Leo have once again agreed to host us at their home for the August edition on Tuesday, August 16, at 7 PM. I am especially pumped, those of you who missed Leo's awesome Mexican dishes are in for a treat this time! Sarah and Leo will let us know what we need to bring closer to the event.

Mark your calendars now! Hope to see you all there.



MOBILE MEALS NEEDS YOU!

Crown Heights United Methodist Church has been involved with the Mobile Meals ministry as long as some of us can remember! Every Monday, come rain or shine, our wonderful cooks prepare meals for 20-25 people, which are then delivered to our neighbors in need. The vast majority of our meal recipients are elderly or are dealing with terminal health issues.

We need more cooks and drivers to keep this ministry alive!

Please call Stacy in the office if you can spare an hour or two on Monday mornings.



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