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Thoughts from Trina

NEWSLETTER

## FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE BIBLE

When I took Old Testament in seminary, my professor wrote in the syllabus the goal of this class was to develop in each of us a “love affair” with the Bible. He wanted us to love reading the Bible—the characters, the storylines, and unexpected plot twists.

And then that professor modeled what he was talking about. He clearly loved the Book of Genesis. We spent the first 6 weeks of an 18 week semester studying the Genesis. And yes, I did fall in love with the first book in the Bible!

This month we will read and learn more about the early stories of Genesis—the creation stories, life in the garden, and Noah’s ark. We will look at the two creation stories, found in Genesis 1 and 2. Did you know our Bible holds two distinct creation accounts? The theory is the two stories come from two different writers.

Genesis 1 is written by the Priestly writer, who wrote in beautiful prose. The Priestly writer was concerned about order and time and spoke of a transcendent God. Each day, God created light, the sky, dry land, the sun and moon, fish and birds, animals and humans, and lastly the Sabbath. And at the end of each day of creation, God saw that it was good. This is one of the finest pieces of poetry ever written.

The second creation story begins with Genesis 2:4, in some kind of desert-like chaos. God

created Adam first from the dust of the ground, then the garden, then plants and animals, and lastly Eve. God walked in the garden and talked to the humans, an anthropomorphic God. The writer of this section is referred to as the Yahwehist writer. I like the narrative feel of the Yahwehist writer, it’s almost folkloric.

We will continue in the Garden of Eden, the story of the serpent tempting the woman and the woman tempting the man to eat the forbidden fruit. This was written by the Yahwehist writer. And our last story is of Noah and the flood, a Priestly story of punishment and blessings.

Join us to hear these wonderful stories from early Genesis retold throughout the month. Come, hear how in the world I am going to cover Noah’s Ark during my Children’s Time!

May we all fall more deeply in love with Scripture, maybe even develop our own love affair with the Bible!



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## SEPTEMBER 2016 SERMONS

|   |   |                 |
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| September 4                                   | Creation Story<br><i>To Live Alive</i><br>Special Music - <i>I Hope You Dance</i> , sung by Karlin Smith (UCO)  | Genesis 1:1-2:3 |
| September 11<br><b>Homecoming Celebration</b> | The Second Creation Story<br><i>Being Human</i><br>Invite a friend. Stay for a reception of cookies and lemonade after the 11:00 a.m. service on the portico. | Genesis 2:4-25  |
| September 18                                  | Expulsion from the Garden<br><i>The Drama of Desire</i>   | Genesis 3:1-13  |
| September 25                                  | Covenant with Noah<br><i>In Over Our Heads</i>  | Genesis 9:7-17  |

## 2016 APPORTIONMENTS



We are United Methodists, which means we are a part of a larger denomination. Through our conference, we support many important ministries. Some are local, some are worldwide. These ministries are supported by our church, in the same way leaves are supported by the life-giving tree.

Our church is asked to pay a portion of those financial commitments. This year our full apportionment is \$42,810. Crown Heights UMC pays about a thousand dollar monthly from our budget. Biannually, we send a letter to each member (Easter and Christmas), asking for donations and all those monies go straight to our apportionments. We also give people the opportunity to select a specific ministry to support.

Throughout the month of September, we will be providing lists of the ministries we are asked to support. Read it over, and give to a cause that you personally want to support. Please, use the memo line on your check to tell us where to apply your funds. (If we collect more money for an item than is required for us to pay, we may call you and ask to apply it to another expense.)

See the list below and consider giving to these ministries.

### Africa University – \$138.00

This Methodist private university helps African help themselves through quality higher education in schools of agriculture, theology, management, and business. It currently serves 784 students from 16 African countries.

### Black College Fund - \$577.00

Since 1865 United Methodists have been supporting 11 historically black colleges in the south central and southeastern parts of the U.S. This includes Langston University here in Oklahoma. Our support helps young people access higher education for their futures. All the colleges are now racially inclusive.

### Oklahoma City University - \$2,251.00

Our United Methodist University has helped educate thousands of clergy and lay persons who have become leaders of the church. This offering helps maintain high academic standards and supports student religious life.

### Cookson Hills Center - \$172.00

Meri Whitaker is the director of this mission, outpost caring for some of the poorest people in the state of Oklahoma, many of whom are Cherokee.

### Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries - \$632.00

CJAMM provides a holistic ministry to prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families. It includes Redemption Churches, New Day Camps, KAIROS Prison Ministry, John Wesley Charter School, and Exodus Houses.

### Campus Ministries – \$1,909.00

This offering supports our 17 United Methodist campus ministries across the state of Oklahoma. These centers provide students opportunities for fellowship, service, spiritual growth, worship, and counseling.

### Prevent/Recover Ministries - \$172.00

This ministry provides education relating to drug and dependency issues in local churches and through skill training for pastors and laypersons. It focuses on prevention as well as treatment.

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2016 Apportionments — continued

**Ministerial Education Fund - \$1,547.00**

Helps support the operating cost of United Methodist seminaries, provides scholarships to ministerial students, and supports programs for recruitment and professional development.

**St. Paul Seminary - \$618.00**

This is the new satellite program now being offered on OCU's campus for people who are feeling called into full-time ordained ministry.

**Jurisdictional Administration \$86.00**

Our own David Severe is now the Director for the South Central Jurisdictional Office and Programming ministries that reach across conference lines in our area of the country.

**Interdenominational Cooperation Fund - \$121.00**

United Methodists have always been committed to working in partnership with other denominations and faith-based groups across the country. These funds support those important joint efforts.

**General Administration - \$544.00**

All ministries require a certain amount of administration costs to help them happen—office staff, postage costs, printing and other expenses.

**Restore Hope - \$242.00**

Restore Hope Ministries in Tulsa, provides food, clothing, worship, and other support for people who are in need.

**OK Indian Missionary - \$345.00**

These churches are served by 45 full- and part-time pastors, representing 25 tribes from across the United States. Only three of the churches are self-supporting. Our apportionment dollars are used to help pay salaries for the other 42 pastors.



Pictured: Mobile Meals volunteers Susan, Sharon, Edna, Kitty, LuWayne, and Stephanie.

**Project Transformation - \$14.00**

The program is designed to connect children with responsible adults who will have a measurable impact on their reading levels, nutrition, cultural awareness, and the quality of their summer activities.

**World Service Fund - \$6,466.00**

The World Service Fund is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, under-writing Christian mission around the world. By giving to World Service we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts ... stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment ... encourage church growth and discipleship ... and help God's children everywhere.

**Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds - \$44.00**

This is our beautiful jurisdictional retreat center in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the site of many training events for laity and clergy.

**Lydia Patterson Institute - \$183.00**

Our United Methodist day school at El Paso provides Mexican youth with cross-cultural education and prepares them for college.

**Hispanic Ministries \$ 345.00**

This fund helps us minister to and with the rapidly growing Hispanic community in areas across our state.

**Camps and Conferences - \$705.00**

Fees from campers cover about 90% of the cost of operating our three conference camps, Canyon, Egan, and Cross Point. This fund helps make up the difference to keep camp fees as low as possible.

**Board of Ordained Ministry \$ 360.00**

The Board of Ordained Ministry is responsible for supporting persons who respond to God's call to professional ministry as an Elder, Deacon, Licensed Local Pastor, or other certified and licensed ministry options.

**Neighborhood Services Organization - \$52.00**

Provides emergency services for low-income people, including housing for the homeless, education for homeless children, and nutritional services.

**Equitable Compensation Fund - \$575.00**

Supplements of pastors of congregations so they will receive the established minimum salary of the conference.

**A BIG THANKS!**

We celebrate the service of Edna Niles and Kitty Ogburn for being Mobile Meals cooks for the last 35+ years. Our church began Mobile Meals in about 1970, and shortly thereafter Kitty and Edna began volunteering as monthly (or often twice a month) cooks. This past Monday (August 29) was their last time in the kitchen for Mobile Meals. But they both agree the real blessing is knowing others have stepped up and the work will continue. Thank you, ladies, for each meal, for your willing spirits, and for showing us what it means to serve.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

SPRC - We are pleased to introduce the congregation to Jay Williams. We are looking into hiring him as our Youth and Children's Director. Our hiring date is September 15. Jay is a freshman at OCU as a religion major. Please, look for Jay around the church and introduce yourself! Next meeting Sept 18, about noon.

Admin Council - Admin Council's executive committee will meet as the Nominations Committee on Sept 25, after 11am worship. Next full committee meeting is October 16, following 11am worship. Charge Conference is coming up on October 30, all committee chairs, please be aware that your paperwork needs to be in by our 10/16 meeting.

Trustee Meeting - As you can see, we are almost done with the tile roofing construction project. But there is more still to come. Next up, we will be looking to fix our flat roofs. Next meeting is Sept 11, after the Homecoming reception.

Finance Committee - Meets Wednesday September 14 at 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB**

by Jared Pickens

Special thanks to Sarah and Leo who for hosting the August Supper Club night! We enjoyed some of the best Mexican food around!

Mark your calendars now for our September Monday Night Supper Club outing. On Friday, September 23, we will be attending the "Greek Festival" at St. George Greek Orthodox Church at 2101 N.W. 145<sup>th</sup> (Pennsylvania). Our Greek Secretary, Stacy, has given us free entry tickets. So prepare yourself for a wide variety of Greek food, entertainment, and don't forget your dancing shoes. Opa!

Hope to see you all there.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Ann    | Katie   |
| Carol  | Mitchel |
| Carol  | Nathan  |
| Carter | Sandy   |
| Coca   | Sue     |
| Dolph  | Susie   |
| Jean   | Suzanne |
| John   |         |

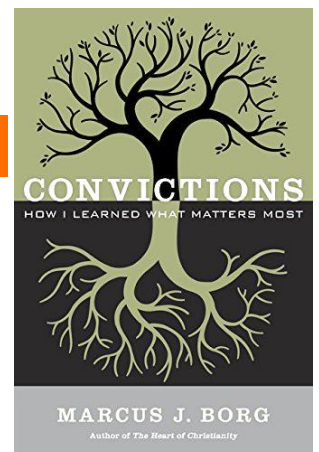
**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jim & Sally
- Tom & Carol



**SMALL GROUP UPDATES**

In September, the Pyramid Class will begin a new lesson series based on theologian and biblical scholar Marcus Borg's religious autobiography "Convictions: How I learned what matters most." Join us!



**ARTS ACADEMY CHANGES DAYS**

by Janet Basler

The Arts Academy will be meeting on Wednesdays this year from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

We will still...

- ...offer classes in art and music.
- ...have art and music students from area high schools teaching the classes.
- ...have lots of Putnam Heights Elementary students learning to play instruments, create art work, or singing and dancing each week.
- ...have church members transporting kids to and from the lessons. (and could use more if you have the time)
- ...watch children 'glow' as they see themselves learning and creating new things.

You can still be a part of all of this by recruiting art and music teachers, or helping transport kids, or by helping watch the hallways during the lessons to keep us all safe.

Call Janet if you'd like to be a part of this awesome ministry at our church.



**WHIZ KIDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST**

by Janet Basler

This is your chance to REALLY make a difference in a child's life, in a child's future, in this community!!! God calls us to many things, is this where God is calling you now?

We have 18 former Whiz Kids returning, and 5 new ones coming because 5 adults have committed to be Whiz Kids tutors this year. We have about 10 more kids on the Whiz Kids waiting list waiting for tutors. IS THAT YOU this year???

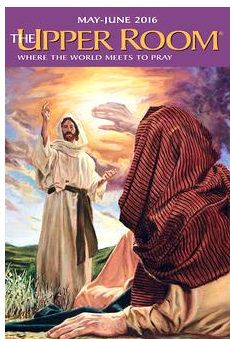
Please call Janet 229-3041 if you think you could:

- *read with an elementary age child for an hour,*
- *help transport him/her to the church and home,*
- *eat a snack and talk with that child, and*
- *talk with other adults to get ideas for working with that child.*



These are the 4 things a Whiz Kids tutor does each week.

We meet on Thursdays from 2:45-5:00 pm. Please call to become a Whiz Kids tutor.



**UPPER ROOM**

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

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



**MOVIE NIGHT**

by Elizabeth

In September, CHUM continues its brief survey of comedies surrounding political campaigns with...

**HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO (1944)**

starring Eddie Bracken and Ella Raines

Saturday, September 24 @ 6:00 p.m.



Woodrow Truesmith is discharged from the military and his hometown goes overboard welcoming him home. A wartime comedy written and directed by Preston Sturges just after THE MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK (our CHUM movie in Jan. 2015), HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO is similarly chaotic, intelligent and surprisingly subversive.

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. Semper Fidelis!

**VOICE**

By Trina Bose North

Voice is a coalition of congregations, non-profits, and schools that work for the common good. It is non-partisan and does not endorse candidates. Voice's mission is to get the candidates on record on issues that are important to the community (i.e. whether or not they support ALEC legislation) and to get them to promise to work with us if they are elected.

During the fall, several congregations are holding Candidate Accountability Sessions through Voice. Mayflower is hosting the Accountability Session for House District 85, where Crown Heights is located.



**Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m., Mayflower UCC  
HD 85 Accountability Session**

Candidates for HD 85 will go on the record about public ed, public safety, healthcare, local control, the budget, & ALEC.

Voice would like to come to Crown Heights UMC and educate us on important issues affecting HD 85. Also, we will hear about the candidates before the Accountability Session on 9/29 (where they will be invited to attend).

**Inviting all voters in House District 85 on Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Crown Heights UMC**

Come learn more about the Accountability Session at Mayflower (9/29).

Please, follow us on Twitter-@CrownHeightsUMC  
Please, like us on Facebook-Crown Heights United Methodist Church  
Anytime you are at church, feel free to check in!  
We're on the web! [www.crownheightsumc.org](http://www.crownheightsumc.org)

**YOUTH MEETINGS**

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

September 11 LuWayne and Wayna

September 25 Brigette and Lee

**YOUTH GET A SPLASH OF COLOR**

One August 21<sup>st</sup>, the youth went to Color Fest at Church of the Good Shepherd in Yukon. All 11 of our youth loved it!



**ACOLYTES TAKE TO TRAINING LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME**

On August 14th there was an Acolyte Training for our youth. We had 5 youth attend. So exciting to have our youth participating more in worship!



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| Mariann Searle                | Coordinator of Music Ministry |
| Katie Langer                  | Nursery Coordinator           |
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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                       |
|   |  |     |   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>5:00 pm Wedding      |
| 4<br><b>Sixteenth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b><br>8:30 am Worship Serv.<br>11:00 am Worship Serv.<br>No Journey Sunday School                                   | 5<br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Office will be Closed<br>9:00 am Mobile Meals<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting | 6   | 7<br>4:30 pm Arts Academy<br>11:30 am Bible Study   | 8<br>2:45 pm Whiz Kids<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting                          | 9   | 10                        |
| 11<br><b>Seventeenth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>HOMECOMING</b><br>8:30 am Worship Serv.<br>11:00 am Worship Serv.<br>Noon Lemonade & Cookies<br>4:15 pm Youth | 12<br>9:00 am Mobile Meals<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting   | 13  | 14<br>11:30 am Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Arts Academy<br>5:30 pm Finance Meeting                                     | 15<br>2:45 pm Whiz Kids<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting<br>6:30 pm Share Circle | 16  | 17                        |
| 18<br><b>Eighteenth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b><br>8:30 am Worship Serv.<br>11:00 am Worship Serv.   | 19<br>9:00 am Mobile Meals<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting   | 20  | 21<br>11:30 am Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Arts Academy  | 22<br>2:45 pm Whiz Kids<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting                         | 23<br>Supper Club goes to<br>Greek Festival | 24<br>6:00 pm Movie Night |
| 25<br><b>Nineteenth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b><br>8:30 am Worship Serv.<br>11:00 am Worship Serv.<br>Noon Admin Council                                       | 26<br>9:00 am Mobile Meals<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting   | 27  | 28<br>--- Trina is at a conference on September 28 through 30 ---<br>11:30 am Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Arts Academy | 29<br>2:45 pm Whiz Kids<br>6:30 pm NA Meeting                         | 30  |                           |