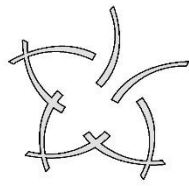


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Thoughts from Trina

NEWSLETTER

I have heard there are two emotions, love and fear. All our actions are motivated by one or the other emotion. Love is God's choice for us. Fear is our choice for ourselves. Too often we allow our fears to lead our lives.

The good news is this didn't start with us. There are many biblical stories of faithful people, who fear the wonders of living life with God. In the Bible, the phrase "Do not be afraid" is written 365 times, one for every day of the year. Most of times this sentence is spoken, it's by an angel sent by God to reassure and empower God's people to step into God's plan for their lives.

In the Christmas story, God sent an angel to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, telling all of them, "Do not be afraid." Be brave, step into God's plan for their lives. And because they were willing, Christmas came for them. Christ entered the world and turned everything upside down.

May it be the same for us. May we be brave and step into God's plan for our lives, for that is the only way for Christmas to come for us!

I close with a beautiful line from a funeral prayer from the UM Book of Worship. Let this be our prayer this Advent:

Comfort us in our loneliness, strengthen us in our weakness, and give us courage to face the future unafraid. Draw those of us who remain in this life closer to one another. Make us faithful to serve one another, and help us to know that peace and joy which is eternal life. Amen.

Luke 1: 12-13 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. **Luke 1: 29-31** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **Matthew 1: 20-21** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Luke 2: 8-11 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **Isaiah 43: 1** But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. **John 14: 26-27** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Do Not Be Afraid Advent 2016

Christmas Worship Service Times

Please mark your calendar with the following Worship Service times:

Christmas Eve, December 24	Candlelight Service	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, December 25	Christmas Day	11:00 a.m.
New Year's Day, January 1	New Years Day	8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SERMONS – DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 4, 2016
First Sunday of Advent
"Do Not Be Afraid, Mary"
Luke 1: 26-38

December 11, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent
"Do Not Be Afraid, Joseph"
Matthew 1: 18-25

The children will perform their Christmas Program during worship at the 11am service.

December 18, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent
"Do Not Be Afraid, Shepherds"
Special music, soloist
Luke 2: 8-14

December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve Service at 7pm
"Do Not Be Afraid!"
This is be a service of scripture, song, and candlelight.
Luke 2: 1-20

December 25, 2016
Christmas Day Service at 11am
"Do Not Be Afraid! Come, Walk in the Light!"
Kids are welcome to bring one toy to have blessed.
Isaiah 43: 1-7, John 14: 27

January 1, 2017
Wesley Covenant Service
Let us pray this prayer together:
"Check Out Their Commitment!"
Matthew 2: 1-12

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your
pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.
John Wesley

January 8, 2017
Baptism of Our Lord
"What Do You Need?"
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15, 2017
"Come and See"
John 1: 35-42

January 22, 2017
"Follow Me"
Matthew 4: 12-23

January 29, 2017
"Blessed Are Those"
Youth present the scripture at the 11am service.
Matthew 5: 1-12

Committee Updates

SPRC - We wish the staff a Merry Christmas and thank each of them for all the ways they give their gifts to the church. We are thankful Trina, for her passion and leadership. For the beautiful music of Mariann, the care Mario gives the building, the energy and quality Stacy adds to the office, the kindness Jay gives to our children, the attention to detail of Libby, and the good work from all our nursery workers, we are a grateful church!

Finance Committee - Our next meeting is Wednesday December 14th at 5:30pm.

Thank you goes out to everyone that has participated in our stewardship drive for Crown Heights United Methodist Church this past month. As a part of this congregation, all of us are asked to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Each of these areas is vitally important to our growth both as an individual and also as the church as a whole. At the current time, nearly everyone has let us know of their intentions for the coming year. We appreciate having new pledging individuals/families as well as others who continue to support us financially. For the coming year our total income appears to have grown overall by at least 3%. Thank you!

CHUM Finance Committee

Admin. Council - Our District Superintendent Rockford Johnson would like to meet with key leaders of the church on Sunday January 8, 2017 at noon. If you're interested in being a part, talk to Julie Williams. Next Council meeting will be January 15, 2012.

Trustee Committee - Our next meeting is Sunday December 4th, after the 11am service.

New Roof

Our new roof and corresponding insurance claim projects are close to completion. Goodman Construction has advised us that only final touches to the lightning protection system and flat roof repairs remain uncompleted. Goodman projects that they will finish within the next couple of weeks.

Church Workday - Special thanks to the following folks for helping on October 1, 2016!

Mary Brooks	Julie Williams	Ashley Pickens
Lane Neal	Carol Weaver	Charlene Jones

These UCO students were fantastic and helped us accomplish some interior painting and outdoor landscaping projects.

Upcoming Projects - The two largest potential new projects facing the Trustees right now are improving or replacing the sanctuary lighting and flat roof repairs not covered by our current insurance claim project. We hope to work with the Finance Committee to find funding solutions to begin work on both of these projects.

2017 Spring Church Workday - Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm for our next Church Workday! We anticipate hosting 50 OU students as they help us improve and revitalize our church building and grounds. We have a variety of projects including painting, staining, and landscaping that we hope to accomplish with your help!



Attention Van Drivers

Thank you for turning in your driving report, driver's license and MV report. Come January 1st we will need everyone driving the vans to turn in paperwork. This is for safety and the wellbeing of our children and church. For the form, please contact Stacy to have the form emailed to you. stacy@crownheightsumc.org

Mission Update

As our church collected bags of groceries for Thanksgiving meals for families in need, Rev. Debbie Ingram, the director of Skyline Urban Ministries, called and asked if we would have 100 bags collected. They had 100 turkeys donated and wanted to pair a turkey with a bag. I said, yes, no problem, 100 bags- we got that! At that point, we had about 30 bags in the Garden Room. We did have another Sunday of collecting. On Sunday, 30 more bags arrived, as did \$550 in cash to buy the rest. (Special thanks to the UMW for \$200.) Stephanie, Todd, and I shopped for 42 bags, filling the big church van! On the Tuesday, Skyline came and picked up 101 bags to distribute the next day. There were so many heart-warming parts to this endeavor - When the need for money became clear, so many members stepped up and filled the need.

We distributed our list on some of our neighboring streets, and we had about 4 neighborhood families stop by and contribute bags.

And we did it! Our church provided 101 meals for families who needed it!

Thank you, Church!



Evelyn Phyffer

After an Administrative Council meeting, where I presented the idea of Wednesday Mission Nights throughout the month of October, Evelyn Phyffer called me and told me the story of Crown Heights UMC collecting books for Liberia. It started out small—a little school there needed some reading materials, but it grew and grew. By the end, everyone in the church had a hand in shipping thousands of books to Africa. When Evelyn told me this story, I asked her, “Did you call me and tell me this so I would dream bigger for this church?” And she said, “Exactly!” Evelyn has a heart for mission, with pieces of her heart buried here and around the world. She encouraged mission in this church for all of her twenty years of membership.

At the end of January, Evelyn is moving to Las Vegas, NV to be near to her son and granddaughters. We will miss her dearly. In her honor, there will be a lunch after church in January and we will be collecting money to be used in missions by our church in Evelyn’s honor. She would like nothing more than that!



— Trina

UMW Event

by Charlotte Trobaugh

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, Share Circle is hosted our UMW Second Annual Egg Casserole making/baking event! It was held on Thursday, November 17th.

We met in the CHUM kitchen, grabbed a partner and prepare the egg casseroles (Sally purchased all of the ingredients, pans, etc. to the church). Refrigerated them.

Then we loaded up a couple of cars and went over to Iron Star to eat dinner, while we let the casseroles rest.

We returned to the Church... Put the casseroles in the oven to bake.....While they baked we had a short devotion, business meeting, fellowship and dessert.

The casseroles were finished baking by 8:45 and then refrigerated.

The casseroles were delivered to Skyline on Friday.



MOVIE NIGHT
by Elizabeth Anthony

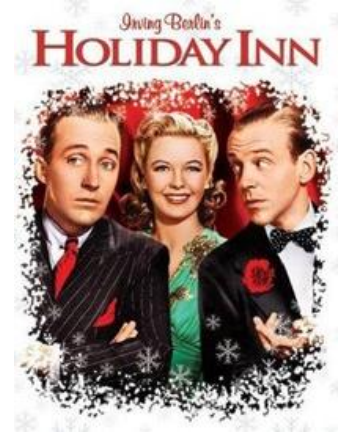
This December, CHUM Movie Night goes musical with...

HOLIDAY INN (1942)
 starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire
 Saturday, December 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

The inspiration for this season's new Broadway musical of the same name, HOLIDAY INN (1942) features Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire as entertainers constantly competing for the affections of their costars, not to mention a slew of songs by the legendary Irving Berlin. Nominated for three Academy Awards, today it's best remembered as the film that introduced the world to "White Christmas."

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. "If you're burdened down with trouble,
 If your nerves are wearing thin,
 Pack your load down the road
 And come to Holiday Inn!"



Dear Friends at Crown Heights UMC,

I send my gratitude and appreciation for the All Saints' candle lighting service, on November 6, 2016, in the Crown Heights sanctuary. It was a beautiful setting and I appreciated the liturgy and participation of the congregation responses in the order of worship. It felt like a home coming event for me.

The gracious offer of sharing words in the remembrance of Bill Henry was received as a blessing for his life in servant ministry. The joyful spirit of connecting with CHUM friends after a two year absence will long be a part of my memory reflections.

Thank you to your minister, Trina Bose North, for the hospitality arranged for this occasion and having clergy friends share in the service was another blessing. Elizabeth Anthony was my transportation escort to attend an All Saints' service at Chapel Hill UMC. Our special guests appreciated the worship service as well as the lovely Taco luncheon. It was a joy to mingle with Brigitte Jean's hosts and hostesses.

To the CHUM community, thank you for making this day very special by lifting up Bill's name.

Grace & Peace, Phyllis Henry



Congratulations to Mariann's daughter Tory and her new husband James. We celebrated the bride at a lunch on October 16th.

WHIZ KIDS FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER IS COMING!

by Janet Basler

December 8th is the day for our annual Whiz Kids Family Christmas Dinner!!!! The word 'Family' in the title means several things.

First, it means the 'Whiz Kids family' of tutors, kids, and coordinators who meet weekly to read together, hear Bible stories or get more training on how to best read together, and enjoy great fellowship. They enjoy this time to be with all their families, eat great food, and start their Christmas celebrations for the year.

Second, it means the families of the Whiz Kids and tutors. The parents, siblings, grandparents, and other significant people in our Whiz Kids' lives who come to support their 'kid', meet the tutors, see other families whose children are Whiz Kids, and eat a wonderful meal together.

The third 'family' is the congregational families of Crown Heights UMC and Mayflower Congregational Church. Those who are unable to be a weekly part of Whiz Kids, come to the dinner to serve the other families, meet the kids, tutors and families, and be a part of something so special during the Christmas season.

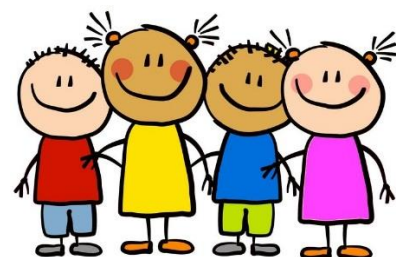
The fourth 'family' is the school family. Several teachers and the principal usually come to the dinner to show their support and see if this ministry is really for real. It does so much for 'their kids', that watching it in action is exciting, and wonderful to support.

And there is beginning to be a fifth 'family', the kitchen family. Brigitte and Glen Gean and a few others have been cooking the meal, decorating the tables, and cleaning up the meal for several years now. Listening to the laughter coming from the kitchen while food is being prepared, and working with them when all the other 'families' are gone is pure joy. The clean up time and the tradition of sitting together after everything is clean to share a spare piece of cake and marvel at what just happened for so many, is a special time for these wonderfully giving people.

This last family is continually growing and changing. They are open to new members, always. If you'd like to be a part of this family, please call the church office and get in touch with Brigitte Gean. She will welcome you into this family with open arms.

If you'd like to be a part of this Christmas Celebration this year - You can:

- * Bring a cake or cookies on Dec. 7th or 8th,
- * Help serve dinner on Dec. 8th 4:30-5:30 pm,
- * Help cook on Dec. 7th or 8th (contact Brigitte for specific times)
- * Help clean up on Dec. 8th 5:30-7 pm
- * Pray for all the 'families' to feel the Joy of being together at this special time of year.



Whiz Kids Christmas Dinner

by Brigitte Gean

Last year we served about 150 people. It takes everyone to make this dinner a success! PLEASE come and help for any of the following:



December 8th	12:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Food Preparation
	3:00 pm	Cut Cakes
	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Serve Food
	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Clean Up

Even if you only have an hour or two, come and help. It's fun and many hands make for light work!

Thank you!

ARTS ACADEMY HAVING A MIRACULOUS YEAR

by Janet Basler

The Arts Academy in its 10th year, is proving to be the year of miracles.

We began later than usual because we didn't have commitments from enough teachers. But as soon as we began, the teachers started coming in groups, 3 & 4 at a time. The high school students who were teaching started talking about it to their friends, and the friends 'wanted in on it'.

One night several teachers who were teaching 2 students at a time on the piano and guitar, asked if another teacher might be available as their students were not learning at the same rate. They were told we had no one, but would look. The next week, we not only those teachers, but several more asking to teach! We just let the other teachers know, and they recruit. That has never happened before in our 10 year history.

Our young students are showing up for their lessons this year more than ever before. Usually by Christmas we have about 20 students drop out. This year we have had only 1 student leave, and he left to attend El System, an orchestra program through St. Luke's. He is still involved in learning an instrument, only in a more concentrated way. It's also amazing how focused the students are during their lessons. They really want to learn, and are willing to work hard to make that happen.

This year we fill every available space but the kitchen and office workroom with classes. We teach 2 sculpting classes, 12 piano lessons, 6 guitar lessons, 3 violin lessons, a choir, one drummer, a photography class, and 2 drawing classes. The place is 'rocking' on Wednesday evenings when it all gets underway.

Usually the majority of our creative, wonderful teachers are students from Classen School of Advanced Studies, and that is still true. But this year more of our staff are students from other neighborhood schools. We have several students attending Harding Fine Arts High School, and Dove Academy teaching in the Arts Academy this year. And 8 McGuinness High School students are teaching, including Rendon who has been teaching with us for 2 years. We also have Olivia, our faithful UCO student, who has taught violin for us since she began as a Classen High School student. Two Adults, including Pastor Trina, round out our teaching staff this year. This is about 6 more teachers than we've normal for us!! Quite an exciting thing to see!

To top it all off a committed group of OU students is coming monthly to paint the classrooms upstairs in the youth building. Their leader is Alex Phua, Mr. Asian OU, a former Arts Academy teacher, and leader of the Asian Club at OU. They set the Arts Academy as their project for the year. Taffy Fellingham agreed to be our host for them each month.

Then let's not forget getting our Grant from the Oklahoma Methodist Foundation. It is for \$3000 per year for 3 years!!! More than we ever expected or even asked for!!!

A miraculous year, indeed, at the Arts Academy.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, we need a couple of adults to help ride in the vans, and walk around during the classes to insure the safety of all the students. Please call Janet to volunteer.

Children's Christmas Presentation

Our children will be presenting their Christmas program in worship on December the 11th at the 11:00 service. The kids are busy rehearsing their songs and parts all to remind us, Do Not Be Afraid. God is With Us!

December/January Youth Meetings

The Youth Group plans to meet the following dates:

- Sunday, December 4th at 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.
LuWayne Irwin and Wayna Tyner
- Sunday, December 18 for Christmas caroling
Brigette Gean and Lee Endicott
- Sunday, January 8th for Drama Practice
LuWayne Irwin and Wayna Tyner
- Sunday, January 22nd for Drama Practice
Brigette Gean and Lee Endicott

Sunday January 29th in Worship the Youth will present scripture.

Christmas 2016 Poinsettias

We are taking orders for the poinsettias that beautify our sanctuary each year. Purchase one or more to honor or remember relatives and friends. The plants are **\$12.00 each**. You may mail your checks (please mark it "poinsettias") or include them in the offering on Sunday (along with the form).

Deadline for placing orders is **Monday, December 12.**

Your dedication will be listed on the Christmas Eve and Christmas bulletins. The poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for services on Sunday, December 18, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We welcome you to take your flowers home with you following the Christmas Eve services.

If you would like to order Poinsettias, in honor or memory of any of your loved ones, contact Stacy in the Church office and let her know-524-8428.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3:30 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	2	3
2nd Sunday of Advent 4 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. 4:00 pm Youth Mtg.	5 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	6	7 6:30 pm NA Meeting	8 5:00 pm Whiz Kids Christmas 6:30 pm NA Meeting	9	10 6:00 pm Movie Night
3rd Sunday of Advent 11 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. Children's Play	12 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	13	14 6:00 pm Supper Club 6:30 pm NA Meeting	15 6:30 pm NA Meeting	16	17
4th Sunday of Advent 18 8:30 am Worship Serv. 11:00 am Worship Serv. 3:00 pm Caroling	19 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	20	21 6:30 pm NA Meeting 7:00 pm Wedding	22 6:30 pm NA Meeting	23	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Christmas Day 25 11:00 am Worship Serv.	26 Office Closed 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	27	28 Office Closed 6:30 pm NA Meeting	29 Office Closed 6:30 pm NA Meeting	30 Office Closed	