



# the trumpet



**CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church**

*Lead Pastor: Rev. Trina Bose North*

**May 2017**

**Vol. 13 Issue 4**

## "I AM" SERMON SERIES

Through the Month of May

Years ago, Mohamed Ali, the boxer, would say, "I am the greatest." He was an amazing boxer, and he wanted to be seen as exactly that. He wanted to impress and be lifted up in society.

But the one we worship is Jesus the Christ, who would never have said, "I am the greatest." He was worshipped because those around him saw his abilities and divine connection. The followers of Jesus understood him as the greatest without him having to declare it.

Instead Jesus described himself in very relatable ways. He said, "I am the Bread of Life" and "I am the Good Shepherd." And he said, "I am the Light of the World" and "I am the Vine and you are the Branches." He spoke in metaphors to help us understand him.

There are 7 "I am" statements spoken by Jesus in the Gospel of John. Each are rooted in the stuff of everyday life. For all the seekers, trying to find God in their lives, Jesus says I am right here with you. This is the same Jesus who made sacramental the waters of baptism and the bread and wine of communion.

These "I am" passages in John call us to find Jesus in our real lives, in our work and in our homes. Jesus says, "I am Way, the Truth, and the Life," so may we find our way to live closer to Christ.

### Marathon Weekend schedule:

Saturday Church 4:00 p.m. April 29

No church Sunday, April 30.

April 29 – Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Luke 24:13-31

"Walk to Emmaus"

Worship Following Order of Evening Prayer

### May 7

John 6: 24-35

I am the Bread of Life

### May 14 - Mother's Day

John 10:11-18

I am the Good Shepherd - Psalm 23

### May 21

John 15:1-8

I am the Vine, and You are the Branches

### May 28 - Memorial Weekend

John 14: 1-14

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Trina Bose North, Lead Pastor

Stacy Gilbert Coombe

Administrative Assistant

Libby Campbell

Accounting Secretary

Mario Estrada

Custodian

Mariann Searle

Coordinator of Music Ministry

Jay Williams

Youth/Children Minister

Katie Langer

Nursery Coordinator

Keaton Langer

Nursery Assistant

Phoebe Butts

Nursery Assistant

Elijah & Sofia

Nursery Assistants

THE TRUMPET (USPS 000-612) is published monthly by Crown Heights United Methodist Church at 1021 NW 37th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73118-7199.

Periodical postage paid at Oklahoma City, OK.

**Address Service Requested**

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Trumpet at the above address.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 7 Admin Council, noon
- 13 Saturday, UMW Tea Party at 4 p.m.  
with Linda Amick Dodson speaking
- 14 Mother's Day  
Bring books for Burkett and Pickens babies,  
Noisy Offering— Bring your spare change
- 19 Friday, Supper Club, Baby Showers
- 21 3 p.m. Memorial Service for Frances Zisman
- May 29 through June 1— Monday through Thursday,  
Annual Conference

*Memorial Service for  
Frances Zisman  
Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m.  
We will celebrate Frances' life  
with word and music.*

June

- 2 Friday, Dodger Game 7 p.m.
- 4 Trustee Meeting, noon
- 7 Wednesday, Finance Meeting
- June 19 through 22 - Monday through Thursday,  
Vacation Bible School
- June 26 through 30 - Monday through Friday,  
District Youth Camp

Join us for the  
Dodger Baseball Game  
Friday, June 2, 2017  
The Church has reserved 25 tickets,  
please talk to Trina or Stacy.  
Tickets are \$10.



## NOISY OFFERING

Bring your spare change to church the first Sundays in May (**May 7, 14, and 21**). We will be collecting a noisy offering for Mother's Day. The money will go to fixing up our nursery and contributing to our Children's Ministry programming.

Already this year, we are over budget for our Children's Ministries. We are so happy to be sending 7 youth to camp this summer, but we are short about \$260 to make it happen. We have hired a wonderful youth Sunday School teacher (Kalen Hancock), but we didn't budget for her position at the start of the year. And we are delighted to be welcoming more babies to our congregation, but our nursery needs some updating.

So please add your noisy donation to the offering each Sunday. Quiet donations are also welcome and appreciated!



## SUPPER CLUB

Baby Shower- May 19, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Ashely and Jared Pickens' baby boy and for Allie and Wesley Burkett's baby (not finding out gender) at Lane and Laura Neal's house.

**Church:** We are asking our Church members to bring baby books for the parents. We will bless the books in Church on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Who:** Children, age 3 - entering 5th graders  
**Dates:** Monday, June 19 – Thursday, June 22, 2017  
**Times:** 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Church office, call 524-8428



Throughout this week, we will learn about all the amazing things God has made in our world. Our kids will be creative and inventive as they discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

Vacation Bible School is under new management this year! Janet Basler has directed VBS faithfully and tirelessly for many years, but this year she is stepping back, and Ashley Pickens, Jay Williams, Trina Bose North are stepping forward. As this new team sat down to plan out VBS, some things are going to be different. Like, the schedule, starting right after dinner, we will rotate half the group into their story time, and half the group into crafts. After each group completes both rotations, they will switch off for science and games. We hope a lot will be the same, too. We want to maintain the joy and enthusiasm, the excitement over learning new Bible stories, and the kindness and love modeled by our adults.

We are busy recruiting for shifts in the Fun Factory. If you can give us a night or four, please talk to Ashley, Jay or Trina. Thank you.

## Calling All Shoppers:



### VBS Needs:

Some of these items you may have around your house, some items will probably need to be store bought. Would you please consider donating these items?

**Stickers — any kind**

**Little cans of little Pringles or nut cans — WITH LIDS, empty or filled**

**Round magnets — nickel sized**

**Polyester fiberfill — stuffing for stuffed animals**

**Aluminum cans — vegetable, soup, tuna cans, less than 15 ounces, empty**

**Buttons — any size or shape**

**Metal hardware — nuts, bolts, screws, or hinges**

**Dead/used 9 volt batteries**

**Pencils with easers, unsharpened**



♪ *Tale as old as time*  
*Song as old as rhyme*  
*Beauty and the Beast*

36 children and youth and 9 adults  
 at Tinseltown to see *Beauty and the Beast* on Sunday, April 23.







The Pickens Home

## DINNER FOR 8

April 19, 2017

As a church, we ate together on Wednesday April 19, just in five different houses! We gathered in homes to share a meal and complete a mission project. As stories come in, it seems the night was a success! Our goal was for our members to get to know each other better (or get to know each other for the first time). Sue Brown said, her table enjoyed hearing how each of the couple met. Bruce Pitts said, he had such an enjoyable time, he surprised himself getting home after 10:00 p.m.!



The North's Home

The mission projects assigned to the groups included: writing thank you notes for all of the Whiz Kid tutors, good-luck-on-finals cards for all our college students, cards for all our home-bound members, and cookies for our city hall and fire house.

Special thanks to our host families: the Balsers, the Hayes, the Norths, the Browns, and the Pickens. Each house provided the main course, and the guests each brought a side.



The Basler's Home



The Hayes' Home

## MOVIE NIGHT

In celebration of Mother's Day, this May CHUM Movie Night presents...

I REMEMBER MAMA (1948)  
starring Irene Dunne and Barbara Bel Geddes

**Saturday, May 20 @ 6:00pm**  
2750 NW 20th St. (between Villa and May)

Norwegian immigrant Irene Dunne guides the affairs of her husband and children in addition to managing the trials and tribulations of her extended family in turn-of-the-20th-Century San Francisco. Populated with marvelous performances from a host of amusing character actors, four of whom received Oscar nominations for their performances! - this "slice of life" film is simple, sentimental, episodic, endearing and an absolute delight.

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. Join us!



The Brown's Home

## WHIZ KIDS NEWS

by Janet Basler

Most of our Whiz Kids and their tutors spent their Saturday together at the Children's Theater last weekend. They were delighted to see the hilarious play, "Miss Nelson is Missing." Most had read the book, so were looking forward to seeing how it would look in person. They were not disappointed. We began with a special 'Charlene' snack to eat together, then the laughter began as they became involved with the play. All had a great time.



**Whiz Kids meet the Cast**



**Snack time while waiting for the play.**

## WHIZ KIDS ENDS WITH A CHALLENGE

Whiz Kids and their tutors have faced many challenges this year. They've tackled reading new words, finding meaning in those words, comprehending what the author is trying to say, and predicting what will follow each passage they read. They've also had to persevere when it got very hard, even boring at times. They had to find ways to motivate themselves to succeed when it didn't look possible sometimes.

BUT, they will face a different kind of challenge on May 11th, the last day of Whiz Kids this year. They are gearing up to challenge themselves to build something within 1 hour following specific instructions. Their tutors will be cheering them on, but not doing the challenge. The Whiz Kids have chosen their challenges. Some will be building a tall straw tower, some building a LEGO city, while others will tackle building a stick bridge that holds weight. Some are planning to build electric circuits that send a message, others will create an artistic mobile, and a few will craft a foil boat that holds weight without sinking. They have been so successful this year in reading, now they get to put that perseverance, and motivation to succeed into something that looks like 'playing'.



**Seated in the Theater just before the curtains open.**

## ARTS ACADEMY SPRING RECITAL/SHOWCASE

by Janet Basler

The Arts Academy celebrated their Annual Recital/Showcase on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Students and teachers finished out their year together. They shared their beautiful works of art, and the musicians showed what they had learned for the year.



Here's to another great year!



Crown Heights United Methodist Church  
1021 NW 37th St. ■ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118  
405-524-8428

PERIODICAL  
POSTAGE  
PAID

Office Hours: Mon-Wed-Fri mornings  
Tues - Thurs afternoons  
Facebook: Crown Heights United Methodist Church



**Address Service Requested**

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Trumpet at 1021 NW 37th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

## April Highlights



OU's The Big Event was Saturday, April 1, 2017. Our church was blessed by the students at OU who volunteered to work at our church. We had about 30 young men come out and paint, garden, move furniture, and move tiles. They lent our church some much needed muscle! *Thanks, Big Event!*

*By Jay Williams*

We were so blessed to have all these children join us in church today! We had an Easter egg hunt, used over 1,000 eggs, and gave our Easter baskets and prizes. I belong to such an amazing church which is fruitful and multiplying. Their top priority is our children and youth and it's so great to be a part of this ministry. Thank you to all of our volunteers that made this happen, you are all on the frontline of this ministry and honestly, it's been a joy. Christ Has Risen!



*By Katie Langer:*

Thank you for donating and helping out with the Easter Eggs and the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a blast with all the candy and surprises. The youth helped out by hiding the eggs. Thanks to Jamie Gross and Stephanie Coles for helping to fill the eggs with the candy.